

# Ssc Cgl Tier II Previous Year Question Paper Overview

Here, you can solve all the questions asked in Ssc Cgl Tier II Previous Year Question Paper on 2018-02-17 in the Morning exam. The detailed solutions are also provided for every previous year question and some of these questions can be asked again in your Ssc Cgl Tier II exam. There are 200 questions in the exam and 120 minutes are provided for the Ssc Cgl Tier II exam. The Cutoff of the exam was 150 marks hence you should try to score at least 160 marks.

## Ssc Cgl Tier II Previous Year Question Paper : Questions and Solutions

### Question 1 :

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 48 Seconds

### Options :

1. His behaviour is embarrassing for me.
2. I am embarrassed by his behaviour.
3. I am myself embarrassed by his behaviour.
4. Embarrassing of myself is done by his behaviour.

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. I am embarrassed by his behaviour.

- Whenever the verb is expressed in it's continuous form we are required to use the past tense in the passive voice to indicate similar sense. So, this option accurately uses '**embarrassed**' as a past form of the verb. The subject and object has also been relocated as per the rules of voice change. These features make this option wholly accurate.

### Question 2 :

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 62 Seconds



## Options :

1. In the kitchen mother needs help by yourself.
2. Your helping is needed by mother in the kitchen.
3. Your help is needed by mother in the kitchen.
4. Needing of your help is done by mother in the kitchen.

## Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. **Your help is needed by mother in the kitchen.**

- Since the given question implies an action/verb in its present indicative form, '**needs**' the answer will have to use its corresponding past tense to imply the same sense as that made by the question. However, the overall sense still remains in the present form as we still use '**is**' over here. The subject and object has been relocated as per the rules of voice change. All these features make this option wholly accurate.

## Question 3 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. You are making your life more difficult.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 70 Seconds

## Options :

1. Your life is being made more difficult by you.
2. You yourself make your life more difficult.
3. Your life had been made more difficult by you yourself.
4. Making of your life more difficult has been done by yourself.

## Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. **Your life is being made more difficult by you.**

- The subject and object has been relocated accurately as suggested by the rules of voice change. The tense portrayed in both the instances is also similar, which is in the present tense. These features make this option wholly accurate.

## Question 4 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. You need to offer them a better deal.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 59 Seconds

**Options :**

1. They are in need of being offered a better deal by yourself.
2. They need to be offered a better deal by you.
3. A better deal is needed by them and you have to offer it.
4. The offering of a better deal has to be done by you for their need.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. They need to be offered a better deal by you.

- This option uses the corresponding past form of the verb that occurred in present tense in the given sentence. It implies similar sense as that in the question because the main tense is still implied in the present tense because of the usage of 'to be'. The subject and object has been relocated as per the rules of voice change. All of these features make this option liably accurate.

**Question 5 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: There was once a time when people looked forward to the lazy evenings. Q: They had a simple choice of programmes on Doordarshan. R: It was entirely up to them- to watch or not to watch the selected presentation. S: Today, the satellite and Cable Television have stormed the media world of information and entertainment.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 83 Seconds

**Options :**

1. PSQR
2. RQPS
3. PQRS
4. QPRS

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. PQRS.

1. Sentence P introduces readers to the context of the passage, which is about the behaviour of people during conventional times.
2. Sentence Q adds more information by talking about the specific programmes available on television. This also highlights the timeline of the passage's narrative.
3. Sentence R again talks about the people. As an addition of information it shall appear as the third statement.



Sentence S concludes with the addition of information that is a bit different from what was going on previously. It talks about how modern day TV has stormed the world of media and entertainment.

This arrangement follows a sequential narrative, where information gets added without losing any sense/meaning and fluency of narration as the passage progresses ahead.

**Question 6 :**

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. The B109 funds are intended to offset the loss of wages due to TB, and to help with (both travelling and nutrition).

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 69 Seconds****Options :**

1. both traveled and nutrition
2. both travelling and nutritional
3. both travel and nutrition
4. No improvement

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. both travel and nutrition.

- Travel indicates itself as a noun, so using '**travelling**' becomes incorrect as it changes the meaning to a verb. We get to know that '**travel**' (the noun form) is appropriate here because the latter half of the sentence uses '**nutrition**', which is also in its noun form.

**Question 7 :**

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. It also indicates the caveats and failure modes in the model need to be improved before (been used independently).

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 52 Seconds****Options :**

1. been using independently
2. being used independently
3. been independently
4. No improvement

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. being used independently.

- The given sentence denotes it's main action in the present tense, which is why it is necessary to use the present form '**being**' to correct the error.

**Question 8 :**

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. The duo's network was (made to learn identify) true signals using previously vetted signals; they then studied the weaker signals.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 45 Seconds

**Options :**

1. made to learn to identify
2. made to learning to identify
3. made learning to identify
4. No improvement

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. made to learn to identify.

- The phrase '**made to learn identify**' is incomplete as it is unable to use both the verbs together in a meaningful way. It lacks a preposition to indicate the second action/verb (**identify**) of the sentence. Which is why it is necessary to add the preposition '**to**' before the verb to complete it's meaning.

**Question 9 :**

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. The Centre would reconsider its draft and limit its scope to just providing relief to women, (instead of creating a new regulative).

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 56 Seconds

**Options :**

1. instead of creating a new regulatory
2. instead of making a new regulator
3. instead of creating a new regulation
4. No improvement

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. instead of creating a new regulation.



The given sentence talks about new rules/policies. The government is said to limit its action on creating new laws/rules. So, this option becomes correct because the noun '**regulation**' means a rule or directive made and maintained by an authority. The rest of the options do not portray itself as a noun or bears a different meaning.

**Question 10 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: Biographies of great men can also help us in learning good manners. Q: Courtesy and politeness is the key to good manners. R: No doubt these are little words but if they are spoken at the right moment and in a soft and sweet voice, they are bound to work wonders. S: The use of polite words like "Sorry", "Please", "Thank you", "Beg your pardon", "Sir" etc. creates a healthy impact on the minds of others.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 80 Seconds

**Options :**

1. PRSQ
2. RPSQ
3. QPSR
4. SPQR

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. QPSR.

1. Sentence Q introduces the readers to the context of the passage, that is about the obtainance of good manners.
2. Sentence P adds more information on how to inherit/learn good manners. So, it shall follow as the next statement.
3. Sentence S goes on to talk specifically about how to impact the minds of others by uttering certain words of courtesy. This addition of specific information makes this sentence liable for third place.
4. Sentence R shall follow up next because it provides a continuation to the point emphasized by the previous statement. This is evident from the fact that the '**words**' have been referred to again.

This arrangement provides a sequential manner of narration where all the information/details are added, fluency is also maintained as the story progresses and one event (detail) is perfectly intertwined with the other.

**Question 11 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: No partner is expected to air the views of a particular group in public. Q: The only requirement is that the coalition partners have to stick to a code of conduct. R: Every coalition party has to own the responsibility for all government policies or actions. S: Experience has now shown that a coalition government can run as smoothly as any single party government.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 91 Seconds

Options :

1. QRPS
2. RQPS
3. SQRP
4. PQSR

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. SQRP.

1. Sentence S begins with an introduction to the passage, so that readers may understand it's regarding a coalition government.
2. Sentence Q talks about only one requirement for such a government. This can be treated as the following point as it adds extra information to the on-going narrative.
3. Sentence R adjoins details to the information provided by the previous statement, which is why it shall appear at third place.
4. Sentence P talks about a restriction in this allied form of government. This can be treated as a conclusion because it starts a new point altogether, adding information as the narration progresses.

This arrangement provides a sequential order where the whole narrative proceeds with meaningful sense and the fluency of speech is maintained till the end.

Question 12 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. No matter what Ashoka did in his earlier years, in the ending he proved to be uncommonly virtuous and wise.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 77 Seconds

Options :

1. No matter what Ashoka did in his earlier
2. years, in the ending he proved to be uncommonly
3. virtuous and wise.
4. No error

Solution :

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The correct answer is option 2, i.e. years, in the ending he proved to be uncommonly.

- 'Ending' means a termination or conclusion whereas 'end' specifically means the final point of something or some journey. The given sentence talks about the final point of Ashoka's life, which is why it is appropriate to use 'end' instead of 'ending' in the sentence.

**Question 13 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 55 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Sip
2. Imbibe
3. Starve
4. Release

**Solution :**

The correct answer is **option 2**, i.e. **Imbibe**.

**The meaning of the given words is:**

- **Guzzle:** prevent or obstruct (an anticipated event or action) by taking advance action.
- **Sip:** to drink something by taking small mouthfuls.
- **Imbibe:** to absorb or assimilate.
- **Starve:** to feel very hungry.
- **Release:** to allow or enable to escape from confinement.

The most appropriate synonym for '**Guzzle**' is '**Imbibe**'.

**Question 14 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 62 Seconds

**Options :**





Critic

2. Migrate

3. Beagle

4. Variable

### Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3**, i.e. **Beagle**.

### The meaning of the given words is:

- **Hound:** a dog of a breed used for hunting, especially one able to track by scent.
- **Critic:** a person who expresses an unfavorable opinion of something.
- **Migrate:** to move from one region or habitat to another.
- **Beagle:** a small **hound** of a breed with a short coat, used for hunting hares.
- **Variable:** means liable to change.

The most appropriate synonym for '**Hound**' is '**Beagle**'.

### Question 15 :

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 66 Seconds

### Options :

1. Barrier
2. Prescribe
3. Comfort
4. Justify

### Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1**, i.e. **Barrier**.

1. **Barrier** means a fence or other obstacle that prevents movement or access.



**Prescribe** means to advise and authorize the use of (a medicine or treatment) for someone, especially in writing.

3. **Comfort** means a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint.
4. **Justify** means show or prove to be right or reasonable.

The given word '**embargo**' means an official ban on trade or other commercial activity with a particular country. '**Barrier**' also implies the prevention/ban of movement or access to someplace. Since both of these words imply the same sense that is the restriction of movement, the correct answer is option 1.

**Question 16 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 68 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Insert
2. Dupe
3. Ample
4. **Honesty**

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. **Honesty**.

- '**Swindle**' means **using** deception or **deceitful** means to deprive someone of money or possessions. Whereas '**honesty**' means to be **free** of **deceit**. Since '**honesty**' bears a meaning that is opposite to that of '**swindle**' this option becomes the correct answer.

**Question 17 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 49 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Confront
2. Contour
3. **Blindness**



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### Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. **Blindness**.

- The given word '**vista**' means a pleasing view. Whereas '**blindness**' means the state or condition of being unable to see. Since '**blindness**' refers to a state of being unable to view/see, it bears a meaning that is opposite to that of '**vista**', therefore becoming the correct answer to our question.

### Question 18 :

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 49 Seconds

### Options :

1. Stress
2. Toil
3. Calm
4. Examine

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. **Calm**.

- The given word, '**tempestuous**' is characterized by strong and turbulent or conflicting/strong emotion. Whereas '**calm**' means not showing or feeling strong emotions; being pleasantly free from wind. '**Calm**' represents a state that is completely opposite in meaning to that of '**tempestuous**', hence becoming the correct answer.

### Question 19 :

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 49 Seconds

### Options :

1. Be continually reminded of an unpleasant topic
2. Enjoying in a noisy way, usually in a group
3. Be totally ignorant or incompetent



Used as an exhortation to overcome or be rid of something

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Enjoying in a noisy way, usually in a group.

- 'Whoop it up' means to **enjoy yourself in a noisy** and excited way.

**Question 20 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 50 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. A complete disaster
2. Having similar views or attitude to something
3. To look out for something without particular attention
4. Used to emphasize the degree to which somethings occurs

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. Used to emphasize the degree to which somethings occurs.

- 'With a vengeance' is used to emphasize the degree to which something occurs or is true.

**Question 21 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 49 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. To take care of themselves and their own interests and safety
2. In a disorderly fashion
3. In an inextricable situation
4. Performing well in a difficult or competitive situation

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. In an inextricable situation.



'Up against the wall' means to be in a **very bad position** or **situation**. 'Inextricable situation' means a situation that's **impossible to escape from**, likely to be **bad**. So, judging from the similarity in meaning this option becomes accurate.

**Question 22 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 55 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Providing that other factors or circumstance remain the same
2. Suffer negative consequences as a result of one's actions
3. An indication that something is accepted or regarded favourably
4. Believing that moderation is more satisfying than excess

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. **Suffer negative consequences as a result of one's actions**.

- 'Reap the whirlwind' means to **suffer** serious or **negative consequences as a result of one's actions**.

**Question 23 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 52 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Become Popular
2. Change for the better
3. Confused and lost
4. Of the best quality

**Solution :**

The correct answer is **Option 4 i.e. Of the best quality**.

- 'Of the first water' means to be **of the finest quality; having the utmost skill or value**.
- An allusion to the old system of grading diamonds, the most brilliant of which were deemed "of the first water."

**Question 24 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 53 Seconds****Options :**

1. To disperse / dissolve
2. A source of quarrel
3. Survive a period of difficulty
4. To aggravate the situation

**Solution :**

The correct answer is **Option 3 i.e. Survive a period of difficulty.**

- 'Weather the storm' means to **reach the end of a very difficult situation** without too much harm or damage.

**Question 25 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 45 Seconds****Options :**

1. Set an activity in motion
2. Waste your time or efforts
3. A firmly held belief
4. With great affection or enthusiasm

**Solution :**

The correct answer is **option 2, i.e. Waste your time or efforts.**

- 'Spin your wheels' means to **waste one's time or efforts.**

**Question 26 :**

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



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 47 Seconds

Options :

1. To do something for someone as an act of kindness
2. Suffer unrequited love
3. Cause someone to be very frightened
4. Producing a lavish celebrating feast

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Suffer unrequited love.

- 'Wear the green willow' means to grieve for lost or unrequited love.

Question 27 :

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 45 Seconds

Options :

1. Uncouth in appearance or behaviour
2. Either too much of something or too little
3. Near to perfection
4. Ignoring all obligations

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Uncouth in appearance or behaviour.

- 'Wild and woolly' means to be uncouth in appearance or behaviour.

Question 28 :

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 44 Seconds

Options :





- To be engaged in cheating
- 2. To completely destroy something
- 3. Attach or criticize someone
- 4. To try out something

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. To try out something.

- 'Give it a whirl' means to give something a try.

**Question 29 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 42 Seconds

**Options :**

- 1. Mariticide
- 2. Vaticide
- 3. patricide
- 4. Sororicide

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Vaticide.

- 1. **Mariticide** means the murder of one's spouse, but has become most associated with the murder of a husband.
- 2. **Vaticide** means the **murder of a prophet**.
- 3. **Patricide** means the killing of one's father.
- 4. **Sororicide** means the killing of one's sister.

Option 2 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer.

**Question 30 :**

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase. A person who preserves skin of animals

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 56 Seconds



## Options :

1. **Biloquist**
2. **Philologist**
3. **Taxidermist**
4. **Oculist**

## Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. Taxidermist.

1. **Biloquist** means A person having the ability to speak in two different voices, especially as a ventriloquist.
2. **Philologist** is someone who studies language in oral and written historical sources; it is the intersection of textual criticism, literary criticism, history, and linguistics.
3. Taxidermist is someone who's into **preserving**, arranging, and displaying **animal** bodies/skin so they can be hung on hunters' walls or set up in natural history museums.
4. **Oculist** means is osmeone who deals with with eye disorders. This is now considered as an old-fashioned term.

Option 3 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer.

## Question 31 :

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase. A government by the military class

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 68 Seconds

## Options :

1. **Kratocracy**
2. **Pantisocracy**
3. **Stratocracy**
4. **Mobocracy**

## Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. Stratocracy.

1. **Kratocracy** means a government that's established by seizure utilizing force or deceit with rule maintained by strength.

**Pantisocracy** means a form of utopian social organization in which all are equal in social position and responsibility.

3. **Stratocracy** means **government** formed **by military** forces.
4. **Mobocracy** means rule or domination by the masses.

Option 3 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer.

**Question 32 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 58 Seconds

**Options :**

1. **Ethnomania**
2. **Oenomania**
3. **Egomania**
4. **Idolomania**

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. **Oenomania**.

1. **Ethnomania** means a fanaticism favoring ethnic or racial autonomy.
2. **Oenomania** means having a morbid **desire for wine**.
3. **Egomania** means obsessive egotism or self-centredness.
4. **Idolomania** means a devotion to idols.

Option 2 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer.

**Question 33 :**

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase. A  
person's last performance

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 53 Seconds

**Options :**

1. **Prognosis**

Elegy

3. Memoir

4. Swan song

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. Swan song.

1. **Prognosis** means the likely course of a medical condition.
2. **Elegy** means a poem of serious reflection, typically a lament for the dead.
3. **Memoir** means a historical account or biography written from personal knowledge.
4. **Swan song** means the **final performance** or activity of a person's career.

Option 4 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer.

**Question 34 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 57 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. Equivorous
2. Limivorous
3. Calcivorous
4. Fructivorous

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Limivorous.

1. **Equivorous** means something that feeds on horseflesh.
2. **Limivorous** means **eating mud** or earth for the organic matter in it, as earthworms do.
3. **Calcivorous** means eroding, or eating into limestone.
4. **Fructivorous** means fruit-eating species.

Option 2 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the answer.

**Question 35 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 53 Seconds****Options :**

1. **Herbicide**
2. **Avicide**
3. **Vulpicide**
4. **Matricide**

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. **Avicide**.

1. **Herbicide** means a substance that is toxic to plants, used to destroy unwanted vegetation.
2. **Avicide** means any substance (normally, a chemical) which can be used to **kill birds**.
3. **Vulpicide** means the act of killing a fox other than by hunting it with hounds.
4. **Matricide** means the killing of one's mother.

Option 2 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer.

**Question 36 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 56 Seconds****Options :**

1. **Paedophilia**
2. **Sinophile**
3. **Canophilia**
4. **Zoophilia**

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. **Canophilia**

1. **Paedophilia** means sexual feelings directed towards children.



**Sinophile** means a person who admires or has a strong liking for China, the Chinese, or their culture.

3. **Canophilia** means the **love of dogs**.

4. **Zoophilia** means a paraphilia involving cross-species sexual activity between human and non-human animals or a fixation on such practice.

Option 3 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer.

**Question 37 :**

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase. Lack of civic-mindedness or of patriotism

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 58 Seconds

**Options :**

1. **Iconomachy**
2. **Incivism**
3. **Shag**
4. **Clergy**

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. **Incivism**.

1. **Iconomachy** means hostility to images as objects of worship.
2. **Incivism** means **lack of civism or patriotism**; unfriendliness to one's state or government.
3. **Shag** means a carpet or rug with a long, rough pile.
4. **Clergy** means the body of all people ordained for religious duties, especially in the Christian Church.

Option 2 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the answer.

**Question 38 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 58 Seconds

**Options :**



Philology

2. Phrenology

3. Ophilology

4. Upology

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 3, i.e. Ophilology.**

1. **Philology** means the branch of knowledge that deals with the structure, historical development, and relationships of a language or languages.
2. **Phrenology** means the detailed study of the shape and size of the cranium as a supposed indication of character and mental abilities.
3. **Ophilology** means a branch of herpetology concerned with the **study of snakes**.
4. **Upology** means the branch of medicine dealing with the urogenital or urinary system and its diseases.

Option 3 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer. **Question 39 :**

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

Preferring or attracted to sunlight

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 66 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. Lithophilous
2. Heliophilous
3. Topophilia
4. Homophile

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Heliophilous**

1. **Lithophilous** means growing or living in stony places.
2. **Heliophilous** means **attracted** by or adapted **to sunlight**.
3. **Topophilia** means a strong sense of place, which often becomes mixed with the sense of cultural identity among certain people and a love of certain aspects of such a place.
4. **Homophile** means relating to homosexuals.





Option 2 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer.

**Question 40 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 58 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Soliloquy
2. Obloquy
3. Colloquy
4. Eloquence

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. Colloquy.

1. **Soliloquy** means an act of speaking one's thoughts aloud when by oneself or regardless of any hearers, especially by a character in a play.
2. **Obloquy** means strong public condemnation.
3. **Colloquy** means a conversation.
4. **Eloquence** means fluent or persuasive speaking or writing.

Option 3 expresses the meaning of the given words and hence becomes the correct answer. A **conversation** happens over **mutual discourse**. So, the sense made is similar between the option and given question.

**Question 41 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 61 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Declension
2. Labyrinth
3. Quintessence



### Pandemonioun

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. Pandemonioun.

- The correct spelling is **pandemonium** .

**Question 42 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 35 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Irrepresible
2. Irrefutable
3. Irrevocable
4. Irresistible

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Irrepresible.

- The correct spelling is **irrepressible**.

**Question 43 :**

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 35 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Acquaintance
2. Ascendance
3. Claervoyance
4. Countenance

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. Claervoyance.



The correct spelling is **clairvoyance**.

**Question 44 :**

In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option. Lateral thinking method is \_\_\_\_\_ with creation of new ideas that is a procedure and readiness to look at things in a diverse approach.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 44 Seconds

**Options :**

1. regressive
2. neoconservative
3. aggressive
4. apprehensive

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. apprehensive.

1. **Regressive** means returning to a former or less developed state.
2. **Neoconservative** means relating to or denoting a return to a modified form of a traditional viewpoint, in particular a political ideology characterized by an emphasis on free-market capitalism and an interventionist foreign policy.
3. **Aggressive** means behaving or done in a determined and forceful way.
4. **Apprehensive** means anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen.

Option 4 expresses a meaning that completes the sense that the sentence is trying to make. It hence becomes the correct fill for the blank.

**Question 45 :**

In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option. Time perception raises a number of \_\_\_\_\_ puzzles, including what it means to say we perceive time.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 69 Seconds

**Options :**

1. discriminating
2. intriguing
3. boring

befooling

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. intriguing.**

- **Discriminating** means having or showing refined taste or good judgement.
- **Intriguing** means fascinating or arousing one's curiosity/interest.
- **Boring** means not interesting.
- **Befooling** means to make a fool of.

The perception of time is an universal concept that is applied for humans. So, option 2 provides a meaning that completes the sense made by the sentence. The rest of the options carry a negative sense, hence creating a different meaning for the given sentence.

**Question 46 :**

In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option. The theoretical framework is finished by identifying indicators to be used in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the success of such policies.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 68 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. **evaluation**
2. **completion**
3. **formation**
4. **rotation**

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 1, i.e. evaluation.**

1. **Evaluation** means the making of a judgement about the amount, number, or value of something; assessment.
2. **Completion** means the action or process of completing or finishing something.
3. **Formation** means the action of forming or process of being formed.
4. **Rotation** means the action of rotating about an axis or centre.

'**Evaluation**' expresses a meaning that completes the sense that the given sentence is trying to make. The rest of the options cannot be applied before the adjective (success) in the given context as it portrays different meanings.

**Question 47 :**

In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option. Many national surveys \_\_\_\_\_ that malnutrition is common in developed countries.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 67 Seconds

**Options :**

1. wheal
2. reveal
3. sheal
4. vineal

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. reveal.

1. **Wheal** means a red, swollen mark left on flesh by a blow or pressure.
2. **Reveal** means make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others.
3. **Sheal** means to take the husks or pods off from a shell or pod.
4. **Vineal** is something relating to grapes or grapevines.

**Surveys** depict/present information (statistical in form too) that's supposed to be either **revealed** or preserved. So, this option is correct because it talks about making the fact about malnutrition known to others. The rest of the given options portray different meanings and will altogether make the statement sound absurd.

**Question 48 :**

In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option. Operant conditioning can be described as a learning \_\_\_\_\_ that is used to modify or change a person's behaviour through experiences and consequences.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 74 Seconds

**Options :**

1. method
2. object
3. goal



suspect

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 1, i.e. method.**

1. **Method** means a particular procedure for accomplishing or approaching something, especially a systematic or established one.
2. **Object** means a material thing that can be seen and touched.
3. **Goal** means the object of a person's ambition or effort; an aim or desired result.
4. **Suspect** means to doubt the genuineness or truth of.

**Learning** can be identified as a process or **method** (and none of the other given options) that can be **used** to modify or change a person's behaviour through experiences and consequences.

**Question 49 :**

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. Many firms fail because when they begin exporting, they have not research the target markets or have not planned enough.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 73 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. Many firms fail because when they begin
2. exporting, they have not research the
3. target markets or have not planned enough.
4. No error

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. exporting, they have not research the.**

- **'Have not research'** is grammatically incorrect because when using **'have'** or **'have not'** it is necessary to use the past form of the verb to imply accurate sense. So, the correct form would be **'have not researched'**.

**Question 50 :**

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. Part of what a man learns will measurable as specific knowledge and skills, while another part involves changes.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 60 Seconds

Options :

1. Part of what a man learns will measurable
2. as specific knowledge and skills, while
3. another part involves changes.
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Part of what a man learns will measurable.

- 'Will measurable' is grammatically incorrect. The phrase is incomplete as it is unable to make perfect sense. The tense is not being portrayed, but by using a verb like 'be' it is able to establish a tense-form (in the present tense).

Question 51 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'. He explained that the pillars of tribalism that humans rely on for security would always counter any significant culture or social change.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 61 Seconds

Options :

1. He explained that the pillars of tribalism
2. that humans rely on for security would always
3. counter any significant culture or social change.
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. counter any significant culture or social change.

- The word 'culture' is used in its incorrect form. It has been used as a **noun** and fails to complete the sense made by the statement. But, by using an **adjective**-form 'cultural' we can efficiently complete the sense of the statement with whole accuracy because it bears a slightly different meaning.

Question 52 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. There is a barrier among the egghead and the hoipolloi and it would be lazy idealism to ignore it.





Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 65 Seconds

Options :

1. There is a barrier among the egghead and
2. the hoipolloi and it would be lazy
3. idealism to ignore it.
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. There is a barrier among the egghead and.

- Using the word among implies being a member or members of a larger set. But the sentence implies that the barrier is something that exists in the middle of two separated groups. So, the correct preposition to be used here is '**between**' as it's meaning is able to complete the sense made by the given statement.

Question 53 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'. Credit when used responsibly, can achieve a great number of positive things in our lives, such as financing and paying of our dream hybrid or college tuition fees.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 67 Seconds

Options :

1. Credit when used responsibly, can achieve a great number
2. of positive things in our lives, such as
3. financing and paying of our dream hybrid or college tuition fees.
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. financing and paying of our dream hybrid or college tuition fees.

- '**Paying of our**' contains the grammatical error. Here the verb '**paying**' is an action that's supposed to be done regarding some cause. '**Of**' does not regard any cause/reason/to the uttermost, but expresses the relationship between a part and a whole. So, the correct form would be '**paying for our**'.

Question 54 :

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



like those who sleep all day in the zoo, and some were industrious.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 68 Seconds

Options :

1. As with people, some monkeys are lazy,
2. like those who sleep all day in the zoo,
3. and some were industrious.
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. and some were industrious.

- Since the sentence talks in the present tense by using 'are' it is necessary to use the same tense in it's latter half based on the given context. So, the correct form would be '**and some are industrious**'.

Question 55 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'. The postman travelled by the cycle, often wading through swamps or passed through jungles in order to reach the villages

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 59 Seconds

Options :

1. The postman travelled by the cycle, often wading through
2. swamps or passed through jungles
3. in order to reach the villages
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. swamps or passed through jungles.

- The usage of '**passed**' is incorrect as it indicates the past tense, whereas the former part of the sentence uses present tense '**wading**'. Since, the overall sense is indicated in the present tense the correct form should also be in the same tense, that is '**passing through jungles**'.

Question 56 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and



select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'. Modern medicines has scored significant victories against both infection and trauma - the major causes of ill health and death.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 63 Seconds

Options :

1. Modern medicines has scored significant victories
2. against both infection and trauma -
3. the major causes of ill health and death.
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Modern medicines has scored significant victories.

- 'Have' can only be used after plural nouns. We use 'has' only after nouns in their singular form. In this case 'medicines' is plural.

Question 57 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. If life existed on Mars, it is most likely to be in the form of bacteria buried deep in the planet's permafrost or lichens.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 58 Seconds

Options :

1. If life existed on Mars, it is most likely to be in
2. the form of bacteria buried deep in
3. the planet's permafrost or lichens.
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. If life existed on Mars, it is most likely to be in.

- The usage of 'to be' is incorrect as it does not add any extra sense to the statement and only makes the sentence sound confusing. The correct form would be, 'most likely in'.

Question 58 :



In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. Can India make it to a leadership position or will it be retained the 'fast train-going-slow' image it always had?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 63 Seconds

Options :

1. Can India make it to a leadership position
2. or will it be retained the 'fast train-going-slow'
3. image it always had?
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. or will it be retained the 'fast train-going-slow'

- The sentence tries to make a comparison with the phrase 'fast train-going-slow', which is why it is necessary to use a conjunction that compares, like 'as'. Without this addition the sentence sounds incomplete.

Question 59 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. The priest class took upon itself the monopoly of scriptural knowledge and interpretation of the same to its own advantage.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 61 Seconds

Options :

1. The priest class took upon itself the monopoly
2. of scriptural knowledge and interpretation
3. of the same to its own advantage.
4. No error

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. The priest class took upon itself the monopoly.

- The usage of 'priest class' is grammatically incorrect. The proper form of writing would be 'class of priest' as it accurately describes the collective form/noun of priests.

Question 60 :



In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. He said that he thought off politics right when he was studying Intermediate and that he had no fear of politics.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 58 Seconds

Options :

1. He said that he thought off politics right when
2. he was studying Intermediate and that
3. he had no fear of politics.
4. No error.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. He said that he thought off politics right when.

- 'Off' means apart or away from something. However, the given sentence talks **about** a topic '**politics**'. So, using the word '**off**' over here is grammatically incorrect. The accurate form would be '**thought of politics**'.

Question 61 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. While provisions on equality and non-discrimination would promote equal opportunity, in the process, reservation at jobs should not be denied.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 61 Seconds

Options :

1. While provisions on equality and non-discrimination
2. would promote equal opportunity,
3. in the process, reservation at jobs should not be denied.
4. No error.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. in the process, reservation at jobs should not be denied.

- '**Reservation at jobs**' is grammatically incorrect. '**At**' expresses a location whereas '**jobs**' do not imply itself as a location in this sentence. The correct form would be '**reservation of jobs**' because '**of**' expresses the relationship between **reservation** and **jobs** accurately.

Question 62 :



In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. Government has reportedly made its displeasure known, particularly on the speed and stealth with which the negotiations are completed.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 64 Seconds

Options :

1. Government has reportedly made its displeasure known,
2. particularly on the speed and stealth with which
3. the negotiations are completed.
4. No error.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. the negotiations are completed.

- The overall meaning of the sentence is expressed in the past form. This is evident from the usage of the word 'made'. So, to portray accurate sense the latter part of the sentence is also required to use the past tense. Hence, instead of the word 'are' we replace it with 'were'.

Question 63 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. This will explains the decision taken to impose a blockade on the country in the midst of a crisis.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 63 Seconds

Options :

1. This will explains the decision taken
2. to impose a blockade on the country in
3. the midst of a crisis.
4. No error.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. This will explains the decision taken.

- The usage of 'this will' denotes simple-present tense, whereas 'explains' lays special emphasis and cannot be used with the simple form of tenses. Hence, the correct form would be 'this will explain'.

Question 64 :



In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'. He built the theatre as a tribute to his rootings and the thought of it outlasting him, would surely have given him the greatest joy.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 60 Seconds

Options :

1. He built the theatre as a tribute to his rootings
2. and the thought of it outlasting him,
3. would surely have given him the greatest joy.
4. No error.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. He built the theatre as a tribute to his rootings.

- The usage of '**rootings**' is incorrect here because the plural form is unnecessary under the context of the statement. The singular form '**rooting**' would have been correct.

Question 65 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. As several studies shows over the years, the annual data is useful in reviewing trends of extreme events.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 59 Seconds

Options :

1. As several studies shows over
2. the years, the annual data is useful in
3. reviewing trends of extreme events.
4. No error.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. As several studies shows over.

- The usage of '**shows**' is incorrect because plural form of verbs can only appear after singular nouns. The vice-versa happens for the same as well.

Question 66 :





In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'. The most effective measure to keep our roads safe is enforcement of rules with zero tolerance to any violate rule.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 55 Seconds

Options :

1. The most effective measure to keep
2. our roads safe is enforcement of rules
3. with zero tolerance to any violate rule.
4. No error.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. with zero tolerance to any violate rule.

- **Tolerance towards** any noun has been mentioned in the sentence, whereas '**violate rule**' denotes itself as a verb. So, the accurate form to denote a noun would be '**violation of rules**'.

Question 67 :

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error. Service providers cannot stand in the way of a consumer's access to content, it should have being provided without any hindrance.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 59 Seconds

Options :

1. Service providers cannot stand in the way of a
2. consumer's access to content, it should have being provided
3. without any hindrance.
4. No error.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. consumer's access to content, it should have being provided.

- '**Have being**' contains the grammatical error. It doesn't make any relevant sense and the correct form would be to use '**have been**', as it is able to indicate the accurate tense (present perfect tense).

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. The entry of foreign media has to be \_\_\_\_\_ by strict rules. Any intention to \_\_\_\_\_ the country politically or economically or any attempt at cultural \_\_\_\_\_ in order to make the country a slave to the designs of international powers would not be \_\_\_\_\_. If the foreign media is keen on making a presence on the Indian soil, respect for the country's unity and \_\_\_\_\_ is essential.

**Question 68 :**

The entry of foreign media has to be \_\_\_\_\_ by strict rules.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 76 Seconds

**Options :**

1. governed
2. rejected
3. dejected
4. retained

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. governed.

1. **Governed** means conduct the policy, actions, and affairs of (a state, organization, or people) with authority.
2. **rejected** means dismiss as inadequate, unacceptable, or faulty.
3. **dejected** means sad and depressed; dispirited.
4. **retained** means continue to have (something); keep possession of.

The given sentence talks about some means to apply certain **actions/policies**. Judging from the meanings of all the options provided the correct answer would be '**governed**'.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. The entry of foreign media has to be \_\_\_\_\_ by strict rules. Any intention to \_\_\_\_\_ the country politically or economically or any attempt at cultural \_\_\_\_\_ in order to make the country a slave to the designs of international powers would not be \_\_\_\_\_. If the foreign media is keen on making a presence on the Indian soil, respect for the country's unity and \_\_\_\_\_ is essential.

**Question 69 :**

Any intention to \_\_\_\_\_ the country politically.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 78 Seconds

**Options :**

1. grapple
2. cripple
3. scruple
4. stripple

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. cripple.

1. **Grapple** means engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons; wrestle.
2. **Cripple** means cause someone/something to become unable to walk or move properly.
3. **Scruple** means a feeling of doubt or hesitation with regard to the morality or propriety of a course of action.
4. **Strippel** means marking a surface with numerous small dots or specks.

The sentence talks about any sort of intention that seeks to manipulate/influence the happenings of the country. In this sense '**cripple**' is correct as the word indicates certain influences or manipulations regarding movement.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. The entry of foreign media has to be \_\_\_\_\_ by strict rules. Any intention to \_\_\_\_\_ the country politically or economically or any attempt at cultural \_\_\_\_\_ in order to make the country a slave to the designs of international powers would not be \_\_\_\_\_. If the foreign media is keen on making a presence on the Indian soil, respect for the country's unity and \_\_\_\_\_ is essential.

**Question 70 :**

cultural \_\_\_\_\_ in order to make the country.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 86 Seconds

**Options :**

1. absenteeism
2. clonism
3. imperialism
4. dogmatism

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. imperialism.

1. **Absenteeism** means the practice of regularly staying away from work or school without good reason.
2. **Clonism** means a state or condition in which the muscles undergo clonus, or rapid flexion and extension.
3. **Imperialism** means a policy of extending a country's power and influence through colonization, use of military force, or other means.
4. **Dogmatism** means the tendency to lay down principles as undeniably true, without consideration of evidence or the opinions of others.

The sentence talks about any sort of manipulation upon **culture** that may turn the nation into a **slave** to western influences. In this regard and judging from the meaning of the given options, the correct answer would be '**imperialism**'.

### Comprehension :

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. The entry of foreign media has to be \_\_\_\_\_ by strict rules. Any intention to \_\_\_\_\_ the country politically or economically or any attempt at cultural \_\_\_\_\_ in order to make the country a slave to the designs of international powers would not be \_\_\_\_\_. If the foreign media is keen on making a presence on the Indian soil, respect for the country's unity and \_\_\_\_\_ is essential.

### Question 71 :

would not be \_\_\_\_\_ If the foreign media.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 91 Seconds

### Options :

1. abated
2. confiscated
3. assimilated
4. tolerated

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. tolerated.

1. **Abated** means becoming less intense or widespread.
2. **Confiscated** means taken or seized with authority.
3. **Assimilated** means taking in knowledge/ideas and understand fully.
4. **Tolerated** means allowing the existence, occurrence, or practice of (something that one dislikes or disagrees with) without interference.

The sentence tries to talk about a condition of the nation if any manipulations on native culture and heritage take place due



to foreign interventions. Such a thing would inevitably not be allowed in the long-run, that is the intervention of foreign powers (in the country's native context). So, the correct answer is '**tolerated**'.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. The entry of foreign media has to be \_\_\_\_\_ by strict rules. Any intention to \_\_\_\_\_ the country politically or economically or any attempt at cultural \_\_\_\_\_ in order to make the country a slave to the designs of international powers would not be \_\_\_\_\_. If the foreign media is keen on making a presence on the Indian soil, respect for the country's unity and \_\_\_\_\_ is essential.

**Question 72 :**

country's unity and \_\_\_\_\_ is essential.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 86 Seconds

**Options :**

1. accountability
2. responsibility
3. integrity
4. vulnerability

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. integrity.

1. **Accountability** means the fact or condition of being responsible.
2. **Responsibility** means the state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone.
3. **Integrity** means the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
4. **Vulnerability** means the quality or state of being exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

The sentence uses '**unity**' and tries to add another word that is most relatable to the former noun. As '**unity**' implies a sense of rigidity and togetherness, '**integrity**' would become the appropriate fill for the blank because its meaning can be juxtaposed with that of '**unity**', altogether making complete sense under the context of the given statement.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Our reputation and image is most definitely determined by our \_\_\_\_\_. Also our \_\_\_\_\_ tend to be habit forming, in that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ to act in a particular manner. Hence most people are \_\_\_\_\_ by their deeds and seem to have little control over their actions. We usually act according to or in response to our surroundings-our circumstances and the environment which to a great extent \_\_\_\_\_ our priorities and objectives.

**Question 73 :**

is most definitely determined by our \_\_\_\_\_.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 94 Seconds

**Options :**

1. deeds
2. needs
3. creed
4. breed

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. deeds.

1. **Deeds** means an action that is performed intentionally or consciously.
2. **Needs** means of necessity.
3. **Creed** means a system of religious belief.
4. **Breed** means to mate and then produce offspring.

The given sentence tries to imply a sense similar to that of the expression '*what you do defines who you are*'. '**Deeds**' will be the appropriate fill for the blank because it talks about how something determines the reputation of a being, which inevitably is an action that is performed intentionally.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Our reputation and image is most definitely determined by our \_\_\_\_\_. Also our \_\_\_\_\_ tend to be habit forming, in that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ to act in a particular manner. Hence most people are \_\_\_\_\_ by their deeds and seem to have little control over their actions. We usually act according to or in response to our surroundings-our circumstances and the environment which to a great extent \_\_\_\_\_ our priorities and objectives.

**Question 74 :**

Also our \_\_\_\_\_ tend to be habit.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 85 Seconds

**Options :**

1. actings

avocations

3. bisections

4. predispositions

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. predispositions.

1. **Actings** means taking on duties temporarily.
2. **Avocations** means hobby or minor occupation.
3. **Bisections** means the division of something into two equal or congruent parts, usually by a line, which is then called a bisector.
4. **Predispositions** means a liability or tendency to suffer from a particular condition, hold a particular attitude, or act in a particular way.

The given sentence tries to talk about something that develops into a habit. In such an instance we can only use '**predispositions**' because it expresses a meaning or condition that can develop overtime as a habit. The rest of the options might portray accurate meanings but doesn't convey similar sense based on the context of the given statement.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Our reputation and image is most definitely determined by our \_\_\_\_\_. Also our \_\_\_\_\_ tend to be habit forming, in that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ to act in a particular manner. Hence most people are \_\_\_\_\_ by their deeds and seem to have little control over their actions. We usually act according to or in response to our surroundings-our circumstances and the environment which to a great extent \_\_\_\_\_ our priorities and objectives.

**Question 75 :**

we have a \_\_\_\_\_ to act in a particular manner.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 92 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. immensity
2. propensity
3. viscosity
4. virtuously

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. propensity.



**Immensity** means the extremely large size, scale, or extent of something.

2. **Propensity** means an **inclination** or natural **tendency** to **behave in a particular way**.
3. **Viscosity** means the state of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency, due to internal friction.
4. **Virtuously** means conforming to moral and ethical principles.

The sentence talks about something to act in a **particular manner**. Judging from the meaning of all the given options, '**propensity**' would be the appropriate fill in the blank because it also means an inclination to **act in a particular way/manner**.

**Question 76 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: Those who say death should be the punishment in some cases, agree that it is to be in special cases alone, the most heinous and gravest of crimes. Q: They feel that it is only fear of severe punishment that will deter the criminal and reduce the occurrence of heinous crimes. R: The advocates and the abolitionists of capital punishment have their own arguments in support of their stand. S: The most prominent argument put forth by the advocates of the death penalty is that of deterrence.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 90 Seconds

**Options :**

1. RPSQ
2. PQSR
3. SQPR
4. QPSR

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. RPSQ.

1. Sentence R provides readers the introduction of the context, that is of capital punishment.
2. Sentence P adds more information regarding people who share an opinion about the death sentence or capital punishment. So, this will follow as the second statement.
3. Sentence S adjoins specific information to that provided by the previous statement, that is a prominent argument as well. So, it shall appear at third place.
4. Sentence Q can be treated as a conclusion as it tries to wrap up the narrative with a solution that may help in the reduction of crimes, that is through the fear of capital punishment.

This arrangement provides a sequential narrative where all sorts of information gets added without losing any sense/meaning in the passage. It also doesn't lose its fluency of narration as the passage progresses.

**Comprehension :**





In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Our reputation and image is most definitely determined by our \_\_\_\_\_. Also our \_\_\_\_\_ tend to be habit forming, in that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ to act in a particular manner. Hence most people are \_\_\_\_\_ by their deeds and seem to have little control over their actions. We usually act according to or in response to our surroundings-our circumstances and the environment which to a great extent \_\_\_\_\_ our priorities and objectives.

**Question 77 :**

people are \_\_\_\_\_ by their deeds and seem.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 94 Seconds****Options :**

1. born
2. alive
3. shaped
4. killed

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. shaped.

1. **Born** means existing as a result of birth.
2. **Alive** means living, not dead.
3. **Shaped** means having a defined external form or outline.
4. **Killed** means cause the death of a person, animal or other living thing.

The given sentence tries to talk about how deeds portray an individual. In this case, it is appropriate to use '**shaped**' because it implies that deeds create an outline or external form for recognition of the individual.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Our reputation and image is most definitely determined by our \_\_\_\_\_. Also our \_\_\_\_\_ tend to be habit forming, in that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ to act in a particular manner. Hence most people are \_\_\_\_\_ by their deeds and seem to have little control over their actions. We usually act according to or in response to our surroundings-our circumstances and the environment which to a great extent \_\_\_\_\_ our priorities and objectives.

**Question 78 :**

environment which to a great extent \_\_\_\_\_ our priorities.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 82 Seconds

Options :

1. questions
2. clarify
3. petrify
4. modifies

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. modifies.

1. **Questions** means a matter requiring resolution or discussion..
2. **Clarify** means make a statement or situation less confused and more comprehensible.
3. **Petrify** means make someone so frightened that they are unable to move.
4. **Modifies** means to make partial or minor **changes** to something.

The given sentence talks about how deeds are influenced by the environment one lives in. The influence that the surroundings have tends to manipulate/**change** the actions or priority of actions of an individual. For this instance, the appropriate fill for the blank is '**modifies**'.

Comprehension :

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Violence takes a heavy toll and affects public life \_\_\_\_\_. High or low, known or unknown, rich or poor, popular or unpopular, no one is safe or secure today. It appears that one can harm anybody at any time and at \_\_\_\_\_. A mad and sad rat race is on to make money and \_\_\_\_\_ power at any cost and by any means. The result is that no political party or group can now \_\_\_\_\_ into claim to total innocence in so far as \_\_\_\_\_ of violence against innocent person for personal or political gains is concerned. Violent demonstrations, rallies, hartals have become the order of the day.

Question 79 :

Violence takes a heavy toll and affects public life \_\_\_\_\_.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 97 Seconds

Options :

1. adversely



moderately

3. relatively

4. ultimately

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. adversely.

1. **Adversely** means in a way that prevents success or development; harmfully or unfavourably.
2. **Moderately** means to a certain extent; quite; fairly.
3. **Relatively** means in relation, comparison, or proportion to something else.
4. **Ultimately** means finally; in the end.

The given sentence tries to talk about the ill effects of violence. Since the implication is denoted in a negative sense and 'adversely' portrays a similar meaning as well, option 1 becomes the accurate fill for the blank.

### Comprehension :

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Violence takes a heavy toll and affects public life \_\_\_\_\_. High or low, known or unknown, rich or poor, popular or unpopular, no one is safe or secure today. It appears that one can harm anybody at any time and at \_\_\_\_\_. A mad and sad rat race is on to make money and \_\_\_\_\_ power at any cost and by any means. The result is that no political party or group can now \_\_\_\_\_ into claim to total innocence in so far as \_\_\_\_\_ of violence against innocent person for personal or political gains is concerned. Violent demonstrations, rallies, hartals have become the order of the day.

### Question 80 :

It appears that one can harm anybody at any time and at \_\_\_\_\_.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 93 Seconds

### Options :

1. wish
2. will
3. drill
4. still

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. will.

1. **Wish** means to feel or express a strong desire or hope for something that cannot or probably will not happen.
2. **Will** means expressing inevitable events.
3. **Drill** means a tool or machine with a rotating cutting tip or reciprocating hammer or chisel, used for making holes.
4. **Still** means not moving or making a sound.

The given sentence tries to talk about the inevitability of people becoming victims of violence, anywhere and by anyone. Based on this context and judging from the meanings of all the given options, the correct answer would be 'will'.

### Comprehension :

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Violence takes a heavy toll and affects public life \_\_\_\_\_. High or low, known or unknown, rich or poor, popular or unpopular, no one is safe or secure today. It appears that one can harm anybody at any time and at \_\_\_\_\_. A mad and sad rat race is on to make money and \_\_\_\_\_ power at any cost and by any means. The result is that no political party or group can now \_\_\_\_\_ into claim to total innocence in so far as \_\_\_\_\_ of violence against innocent person for personal or political gains is concerned. Violent demonstrations, rallies, hartals have become the order of the day.

### Question 81 :

make money and \_\_\_\_\_ power at any cost.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 94 Seconds

### Options :

1. retain
2. sustain
3. gain
4. maintain

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. gain.

1. **Retain** means to keep possession of.
2. **Sustain** means strengthen or support physically or mentally.
3. **Gain** means obtain or secure something **wanted** or **desirable**.
4. **Maintain** means cause or enable a condition/situation to continue.



Power is a quality or status that can be maintained throughout one's life. The other options become incorrect because their meanings aren't appropriate to express the quality of power. It (power) is not a situation or possession, but is a wanted desire amongst people.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Violence takes a heavy toll and affects public life \_\_\_\_\_. High or low, known or unknown, rich or poor, popular or unpopular, no one is safe or secure today. It appears that one can harm anybody at any time and at \_\_\_\_\_. A mad and sad rat race is on to make money and \_\_\_\_\_ power at any cost and by any means. The result is that no political party or group can now \_\_\_\_\_ into claim to total innocence in so far as \_\_\_\_\_ of violence against innocent person for personal or political gains is concerned. Violent demonstrations, rallies, hartals have become the order of the day.

**Question 82 :**

no political party or group can now \_\_\_\_\_ into claim.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 94 Seconds****Options :**

1. lie
2. laid
3. lain
4. lay

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. lay.

1. **Lie** means to be, remain, or be kept in a specified state.
2. **Laid** means having kept something down gently or carefully.
3. **Lain** is the past participle of lie and it means the same except for the timing.
4. **Lay** means to keep something down gently or carefully.

The given sentence talks about putting down any sort of claim by political parties. The indication is in the present tense, which is why 'lay' becomes the correct answer.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. Violence takes a heavy toll and affects public life \_\_\_\_\_. High or low, known or unknown, rich or poor, popular or unpopular, no one is safe or secure today. It appears that one can harm anybody at any time and at \_\_\_\_\_. A mad and sad rat race is on to make money and \_\_\_\_\_ power at any cost and by



any means. The result is that no political party or group can now \_\_\_\_\_ into claim to total innocence in so far as \_\_\_\_\_ of violence against innocent person for personal or political gains is concerned. Violent demonstrations, rallies, hartals have become the order of the day.

**Question 83 :**

so far as \_\_\_\_\_ of violence against innocent person.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 90 Seconds****Options :**

1. penetration
2. precipitation
3. perpetration
4. interpretation

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. **perpetration**.

1. **Penetration** means the action or process of penetrating something.
2. **Precipitation** means the action or process of precipitating a substance from a solution.
3. **Perpetration** means to bring about or carry out something, such as a crime or deception.
4. **Interpretation** means the action of explaining the meaning of something.

The given sentence reels in the entire context, which is about violence and crime against innocent people. Judging from all the given options, only '**perpetration**' expresses a meaning that makes sense with the context of the passage (violence/crime), hence becoming the accurate fill for the blank.

**Question 84 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: We may see alcohol and tobacco advertisements everywhere, on television, in newspaper, on street ads card etc. Q: But we know the truth is alcohol and cigarette are harmful for people's health and sometimes it may bring bad effects to self-impression. R: Alcohol ads usually create several feints to tell people that alcohol is good for people and induce people to drink. S: On the other hand, the malign influence of advertisements shows smoking as something "cool".

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 86 Seconds****Options :**

1. PRSQ

PSQR

3. QRSP

4. RSPQ

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 1, i.e. PRSQ.**

1. Sentence P provides an introduction of the context, that is the advertisements on alcohol and tobacco.
2. Sentence R shall follow because it adjoins details on alcohol and how such advertisements influence human psychology.
3. Sentence S shall appear at third place as it adds extra information (sort of a twist in plot) for the given passage.
4. Sentence Q will be the final statement because it provides a point (truth) about the dire consequences of such items even if the advertisements tend to normalize their consumption. This point can be treated as a conclusive one for the passage.

This arrangement follows a sequential manner, where the information/detail gets added without losing fluency or any sense/meaning in the narration.

**Question 85 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: If the intention is just to consume whatever comes from the West, then it is harmful. Q: Some of its effects are really helping and positive as it increases initiative and entrepreneurship qualities provided taken in that spirit. R: At the same time state's strategic intervention is essential because more than 40% of people live below poverty line. S: The impact of economic reforms are mixed.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 86 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. SRQP
2. SQPR
3. RQPS
4. QPSR

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. SQPR.**

1. Sentence S provides an introduction to the passage by giving us the context, which is on the **mixed nature of economic reforms** in the country.





- Sentence Q adjoins more information to the details provided by the previous statement. This is evident from the usage of the pronoun 'it' to indicate '**economic reforms**' as mentioned earlier. It also states a **positive** outcome.
- Sentence P will appear next as it adds a **negative** outcome which can be treated as a point to follow the merit addressed in the previous statement.
  - Sentence R adds another point about the nation's position on such reforms and the condition of people as well. This statistical note can be treated as a conclusion for this passage.

This arrangement follows a sequential order where the events get narrated one after the other without losing fluency or any sense/meaning in the whole passage.

**Question 86 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: The political awakening cannot be an isolated phenomenon; it requires some changes in social structure so that woman can enjoy as important a place as man occupies. Q: Unfortunately our customs and traditions conspired with her economic dependence to make her unimportant in our society. R: Democracy in India can be a success only when the Indian women are politically awakened. S: Moreover they should be free to express their opinion, to act as they like and to assert themselves in all departments of life.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 101 Seconds****Options :**

1. PSQR
2. SQPR
3. PRSQ
4. RPSQ

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 4, i.e. RPSQ.**

1. Sentence R Starts the passage with its context based on Indian democracy and the critical role of women's political awakening.
2. Sentence P provides a direct continuation to the previous statement. This is evident from the repetition of the phrase '**political awakening**'.
3. Sentence S adjoins more details to the information presented by the previous point. It gets joined directly through the usage of the word '**moreover**'.
4. Sentence Q can be treated as a conclusion because the previous lines were talking somewhat idealistically, whereas this current statement offers a different side to the on-going narrative, that is talking realistically within an Indian context about the conditions of women.



This arrangement is correct because it follows a sequential narrative where all the details/information gets added without losing the fluency in narration or any sense/meaning in the whole passage.

**Question 87 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: One has to work hard to establish, develop and maintain deep and lasting bonds with those who matter in one's life. Q: As "Man is not an island entire of itself", he cannot be happy in isolation. R: Humans live out their life in the company of their family, friends, colleagues, superiors, even total strangers in buses and lifts. S: And, brick by brick, they must build their relationship with each one, to lay a secure foundation for their road to happiness.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 98 Seconds****Options :**

1. SPRQ
2. RQSP
3. QSPR
4. QRSP

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 4, i.e. QRSP.**

1. Sentence Q provides an introduction to the passage with a philosophy on human nature. This also gives readers the basic context of the passage.
2. Sentence R goes on to add more details to the human way of life, which is not particularly in isolation. This addition of details to the on-going narrative makes this sentence liable for second place.
3. Sentence S appears at third place because it mentions how gradual the process of building relationships are for humans. It refers to the relationships mentioned in the previous statement.
4. Sentence P is a direct addition to the emphasis made by the previous statement as it again talks about how difficult it can be to maintain or construct human relationships.

This arrangement follows a sequential mode of narration. Every detail/information has been added without losing the fluency and sense as the story/narrative progresses.

**Question 88 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: Superstitions mean an irrational belief in or notion of the ominous significance of a particular thing, circumstance, or the like. Q: This is a universal phenomenon cutting across caste, communal, and even national boundaries. R: All over the globe, people have superstitions, although



the superstitions may vary from country to country or from region to region. S: Nor does education drives away superstitions completely.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 92 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. PQRS
2. SQRP
3. QRPS
4. RPSQ

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 1, i.e. PQRS.**

1. Sentence P introduces us to the main theme of this passage, that is about **superstition**.
2. Sentence Q adds details about superstition being an universal phenomenon. This addition of details to the main theme of the passage makes this statement liable for second place.
3. Sentence R adds more points but in a newer light, such as how it may vary between cultures and countries. The information's slowly getting specific, which is why it shall appear at third place.
4. Sentence S can be treated as a conclusive point as it adds the second or underlying subject '**education**' in the passage and talks about how even this (education) can't get rid of superstitions.

This arrangement is correct because the passage progresses in a sequential manner, the events/information/details are added one after another maintaining complete sense and the fluency of narration is maintained up until the concluding line is finished.

**Question 89 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: A certain moral code of conduct is ultimately necessary to ensure that the society does not fall prey to degeneration of values, which would lead to rampant sufferings and ultimately chaos. Q: Society's concerns are our concerns: anything capable of causing a detrimental impact on it in the short term or in course of time is ultimately bound to affect us and our children. R: When we talk about social morality of any kind, what comes into play is our ability to feel for the well-being of our society. S: It is a concern to help the society by safeguarding it from unwanted ills and malaise and ensuring its well-being that is at the root of social morality.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 110 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. PSQR



RPSQ

3. QPSR

4. QPRS

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. RPSQ.**

1. Sentence R gives readers an introduction to the context of the passage, which is about social morality. Hence, it will appear as the first sentence.
2. Sentence P adds more information by talking about a moral code of conduct. As it specifies more information about the things mentioned by the previous sentence it shall follow as the second statement.
3. Sentence S talks about the importance of holding such values. In other words, it provides a justification for the context presented, which is why it shall follow as the third statement.
4. Sentence Q eventually wraps up the ongoing narrative by giving a bottom-line on the collective consciousness of social concerns. This can be treated as a conclusive point in this passage.

This arrangement follows a sequential narrative where information gets added without losing its sense/meaning and the fluency of narration is maintained as the passage progresses.

**Question 90 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: Superstitions exist throughout the world despite scientific advances. Q: One cannot heed anybody's sneezes if one has to be punctual on duty or 'cannot miss a flight. R: But the spread of science and education among the masses has certainly given rise to a significant number of persons who do not believe in these superstitions. S: The compulsions of modern life have also caused some of the superstitions to fade out.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 95 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. RPSQ

2. SQRP

3. SRQP

4. PRSQ

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 4, i.e. PRSQ.**



- Sentence P introduces us to the main theme of the passage that is **superstition** and how it still exists in the age of scientific advancement.
2. Sentence R shall follow up next because it adds more detail about **science**, which was already mentioned by the previous line.
  3. Sentence S provides more details about the fall of superstitions. Emphasis of this point was laid down by the previous sentence and this one is adding more information to the same sense.
  4. Sentence Q can be treated as a conclusion because it provides a statement that seemingly criticizes the thing about superstitious beliefs.

This arrangement is correct because the narration occurs in a sequential manner, where the fluency and sense/meaning of the passage doesn't get hampered as it progresses.

**Question 91 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: All these ensure that the world we live in grows a new skin every few years. Q: These influences do, of course, work on humankind but they have the greatest impact on that section of society which is on the threshold of discovery-discovery of the self, of life and of living. R: The life and times of two generations cannot be identical or even similar, thanks to modern research, progress in science, faster and easier communications and even distasteful things like inflation and population explosion. S: These changes in due course affect our thinking and influence our attitudes, expectations, behavioural patterns and values.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 99 Seconds****Options :**

1. PSQR
2. RPSQ
3. QSPR
4. QPSR

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. RPSQ.**

1. Sentence R gives readers the main theme of the passage, which is the eternally transitional phase of life along with the passing of generations.
2. Sentence P adds a metaphor to the sense made by the previous statement. So, as an addition or extension of detail this statement shall appear at second place.
3. Sentence S again talks about the changes/transitions, but with greater detail, So, it will appear at third place.
4. Sentence Q talks about the overall influences that work on human-life. This point can be treated as a conclusive one and hence make this statement liable to appear at fourth place.



This arrangement provides a sequential flow of narration. The information/details get added or included till the end without losing any sense of meaning or the fluency of narration as it progresses.

**Question 92 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. My father said to me, "Don't talk to your mother like that."

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 77 Seconds****Options :**

1. My father warns me not to talk to my mother like that.
2. My father warned me not to talk to my mother like that.
3. My father warned me not to have talked to my mother like that.
4. My father warns me not to have talked to my mother like that.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. My father warned me not to talk to my mother like that.

- The tense of the statement has been changed to its corresponding past form in this option using '**warned**'. This makes it accurate as it works accordingly with the rules of narration. Also, the person has been changed to the third person perspective.

**Question 93 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. The old man said to me, "Life has taught me some hard lessons."

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 67 Seconds****Options :**

1. The old man tells me that life has taught him some hard lessons.
2. The old man told me this that life has had taught him some hard lessons.
3. The old man tells me that life is teaching him some hard lessons.
4. The old man told me that life had taught him some hard lessons.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. The old man told me that life had taught him some hard lessons.



This option changes the person to the third person perspective by using '**him**'. It also changes the tense to it's corresponding past form using '**taught**'. These features make this sentence accurate as it works accordingly with the rules of narration.

**Question 94 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. He said to the doctor, "How soon will I be able to walk again?"

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 68 Seconds

**Options :**

1. He asks the doctor how soon would I be able to walk again.
2. He asked the doctor how soon would he be able to walk again.
3. He is asking the doctor how soon would I be able to walk again.
4. He asks the doctor how soon will he be able to walk again.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. He asked the doctor how soon would he be able to walk again.

- The sentence firstly uses the third person perspective '**he**'. Secondly, the corresponding past form is indicated by using '**would**'. Lastly, since the given sentence is interrogatory it is important to imply the same sense, which is why this sentence correctly uses '**asked**'. Hence, this option is correct as it works accordingly with the rules of narration.

**Question 95 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. The groom said to the bride, "I will take good care of you."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 72 Seconds

**Options :**

1. The groom promised the bride that he would take good care of her.
2. The groom has promised the bride that he will be taking good care of her.
3. The groom had promised the bride that he would have taken good care of her.
4. The groom promises the bride that he would take good care of her.

**Solution :**



The correct answer is option 1, i.e. The groom promised the bride that he would take good care of her.

- The tense of the given sentence has been changed to its corresponding past tense using 'would' and 'promised'. The person has also been changed to the third-person perspective. This works accordingly with the rules of narration and hence makes this option the correct answer.

**Question 96 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. He said to his partner, "I will not be responsible if the project fails."

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 73 Seconds****Options :**

1. He has told his partner that he will not be responsible if the project fails.
2. He told his partner that he would not be responsible if the project failed.
3. He tells his partner that he would not be responsible if the project fails.
4. He told his partner that I will not be responsible if the project failed.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. He told his partner that he would not be responsible if the project failed.

- The rules of narration state that it is necessary to change the present tense in direct speech to its corresponding past tense in indirect speech. The same has been done to this sentence where this option changes the tense to its past form by using 'would' and 'told'. Secondly, the rules also state that direct speech uses first and second person perspectives, whereas indirect speech uses the third person. This option also uses the third person 'he', making it wholly accurate.

**Question 97 :**

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. "An interview after the campaign ends (is the normal) for every candidate and every campaigner in every election," he said.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 76 Seconds****Options :**

1. is the norm
2. is the normally
3. is continuity





No improvement

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. is the norm.

- **'Normal'** means conforming to a standard. This makes the overall sense of the statement sound absurd. Whereas by using **'norm'** we mean something that is usual, typical, or the standard itself. It doesn't have anything to do with conforming to standards. This meaning is able to make complete sense for the given statement and hence becomes the correct answer.

**Question 98 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. The jeweller said to us, "These diamonds are polished here."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 58 Seconds

**Options :**

1. The jeweller informed us that these diamonds were polished there.
2. The jeweller informed us that those diamonds were polished there.
3. The jeweller informed us that those diamonds were polished here.
4. The jeweller informed us that these diamonds were polished here.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. The jeweller informed us that those diamonds were polished there.

- The sentence uses the corresponding past tense of the action **'were polished'** and changes the person to the third person perspective by using **'those'**. These features make this option accurate because it works accordingly with the rules of narration.

**Question 99 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: He wanted to do something to deliver the humanity from all such misery. He reflected on this problem for long. Q: Siddhartha was greatly touched as he saw an old man, a sick man and a dead body. R: At last on hearing some words from the mouth of a hermit which encouraged him to renounce the world, he decided to leave the palace and go into the forest for meditation. S: Before going, he had a lasting glance on his beloved wife Yashodhra and son, Rahul, who were enjoying a sound sleep at midnight.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 84 Seconds



**Options :**

1. PRSQ
2. RPQS
3. PQRS
4. QPRS

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. QPRS.

1. Sentence Q introduces us to the main character, 'Siddhartha' and his sense of motivation.
2. Sentence P adds more information to the main character's sense of motivation. So, it shall appear as the second statement.
3. Sentence R goes on to talk about what made him delve into a course of action after having been motivated previously. As this sentence provides a thrust for the narrative to move forward it shall appear at third place.
4. Sentence S talks about what he did before going into action. This can be used as the last statement as it provides the emotion of the story, since Siddhartha is about to move on to leave everyone for his quest.

This arrangement provides a sequential manner of narration, where details are added without losing the story's primary sense/meaning and the fluency of narration is maintained as it progresses ahead.

**Question 100 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: The main manifestations of violence in recent times have been extremism, terrorism, assassination by bombs and bullets. Q: In the modern world, violence has taken many forms, each signifying the evil side of man and his design to destroy the principle of equity, justice and truth. R: Another related activity is the hijacking of aircrafts, vehicles etc. S: A new dimension to the cult of violence has been added by the cult of kidnapping of innocent person and subsequent black mail.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 97 Seconds****Options :**

1. QPSR
2. PSRQ
3. PRQS
4. SRPQ

**Solution :**



The correct answer is option 1, i.e. QPSR.

1. Sentence Q begins with an introduction to the main theme of the passage, that is of violence.
2. Sentence P appears at second place because it specifies more information regarding the act of violence.
3. Sentence S adds more information, that is newer forms/cults of violence. Since it specifies examples of violent acts it shall appear at third place.
4. Sentence R will appear next as it adds 'another' example of violent acts.

This arrangement provides a sequential narrative where information gets added without losing the fluency in narration, neither does it lose the main sense/meaning of the given passage.

**Question 101 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: Children with poor phonological skills progress more poorly. Q: The consensus concerns the causal role of phonological skills in young children's reading progress. R: Studies of the factors governing reading development in young children have achieved a remarkable degree of consensus over the past two decades. S: Children who have good phonological skills, or good phonological awareness become good readers and good spellers.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 81 Seconds

**Options :**

1. QSPR
2. SPQR
3. RQSP
4. PQRS

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. RQSP.

1. Sentence R introduces readers to the main context/theme of the passage, that is about the factors regarding the reading development skills in young children.
2. Sentence Q talks about the importance of phonological skills that determines the reading skill of a child. This adds specific information to the main theme and hence will appear at second place.
3. Sentence S talks about the character of children having poor phonological skills. As it becomes an example to the previously added information it shall appear at third place.
4. Sentence P adjoins information to that given by the previous statement, that is regarding the character of children having better phonological skills. Since it provides a different perspective of the same opinion it shall follow as the next statement.



This arrangement follows a sequential narrative where one detail gets added over another and it altogether doesn't make the sense/meaning sound jumbled. It also doesn't lose the fluency of narration as the passage progresses ahead.

**Question 102 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: Then the liberalisation process became inevitable. Q: It encourages initiative, entrepreneurship and competition which is very vital for growth of the economy. R: In due course of time our institutions became stagnant, corrupt and inefficient due to permit raj and centralized control. S: Liberalisation enhances economic activities.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 93 Seconds****Options :**

1. PQSR
2. RPSQ
3. QPRS
4. RSQP

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. RPSQ.**

1. Sentence R introduces the passage with the talk about corruption within institutions.
2. Sentence P follows up next as it presents the theme of the passage, '**liberalisation**'. It moves the narrative ahead, which is why it shall follow as the second statement.
3. Sentence S adds more information to liberalisation, hence will follow as the next statement.
4. Sentence Q will conclude at the end because it talks about how liberalisation influences certain actors and the economy as a whole.

This arrangement provides a sequential order of narration. The various sorts of information gets added without making the passage lose its sense/meaning as it progresses.

**Question 103 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: As a result, they are more able to live in harmony with themselves and with the world that surrounds them. Q: Stabilizing meditation is catalogued as one of the hardest techniques of meditation because followers must keep their minds under total control for long period of time. R: The benefits of this meditation, according to the followers, is that meditators can experience full understanding of their thoughts and ideas. S: This consists of maintaining full attention to their role object focus.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 87 Seconds

Options :

1. QSRP
2. PQRS
3. QPSR
4. PRQS

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. QSRP.

1. Sentence Q introduces the main context/theme of the passage, that is of stabilized meditation.
2. Sentence S specifies more information regarding the aforementioned theme, which is why it shall follow at second place.
3. Sentence R adds information regarding the benefits of such a practice. As addition of further information this statement shall appear at third place.
4. Sentence P talks about a result of such practices. This can be treated as a conclusive point and hence shall appear at the fourth place.

This arrangement provides a sequential order of narrating events, where the fluency isn't lost and the sense/meaning gets maintained till the end.

**Question 104 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: They feel that during their time, young boys and girls were better behaved, more obedient, and had greater respect for their elders. Q: Young people on the other hand, feel that they are capable enough to learn on their own rather than lean heavily on the older generation for any guidance. R: The people belonging to the older generation always wonder as to what has gone wrong with the new generation. S: They feel that a lack of respect for the old will ruin and spell disaster for the young.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 89 Seconds

Options :

1. PRSQ
2. SPQR
3. PRQS
4. RPSQ

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. RPSQ.

1. Sentence R provides the main theme/context of the passage, that is regarding the generational gap between old and young aged people.
2. Sentence P gives the perspective of the older generation. As it moves the narrative ahead it shall appear at second place.
3. Sentence S goes on to talk about the concerns of the older generation. As an addition of information to the previous statement it shall follow up next.
4. Sentence Q moves on to talk about the perspective of the younger generation. As a shift in perspective this sentence shall follow up at next place.

This arrangement provides a sequential manner of narration , where the information gets added without losing the major sense/meaning of the passage as it progresses.

**Question 105 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P: About 30 new hydro projects are now under execution with an installed capacity of 5,600 MW. Q: However, with the rapid increase in demand for power, higher priority was given to the pithead super thermal power stations as their gestation period was smaller than that of the hydel schemes. R: Many projects were taken up for execution after independence and at one time (1962-63), the capacity contribution from hydro schemes was equal to thermal schemes. S: The first hydro generating unit in India was commissioned in Darjeeling (W.Bengal) in 1897.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 93 Seconds

**Options :**

1. RQPS
2. SRQP
3. QPSR
4. PQRS

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. SRQP.

1. Sentence S introduces the main theme of the passage, which is regarding hydro-electric projects in India.
2. Sentence R moves the narrative ahead by talking about various hydro-electric projects that have been taken into consideration post-independence.
3. Sentence Q adds specific information to that provided by the previous statement, which is why it shall follow up at



next place.

- Sentence P can be treated as a conclusive point for this passage as it specifies a number for the hydro-electric projects that are now under execution.

This arrangement provides a sequential manner of narration, where information gets added without losing the overall sense/meaning of the given passage. The fluency of narration is also maintained till the end through this sequence.

**Question 106 :**

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options. P. Farmers could no longer pay their loans and some banks were closed down. Q. Prices dropped due to increased supply, which was followed by a drought. R. The country was well advanced in technology and farmers increased their production levels. S. The Great Depression in America began with overproduction and low prices in the agricultural sector.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 83 Seconds

**Options :**

- RQPS
- QPSR
- PSRQ
- SRQP

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. SRQP.

- Sentence S talks about the Great Depression of America. This is the main theme of the passage and hence will become the first statement.
- Sentence R begins the story/event with an utopian sense where farmers were doing well. As it progresses the narrative this statement shall appear at second place.
- Sentence Q begins the dystopian perspective when the prices stopped dropping and the situation worsened. As a twist in plot, this will appear as the third statement.
- Sentence P adds more information to this event by further detailing the dystopian perspective presented by the previous statement. So, it shall appear as the following statement.

This arrangement follows a sequential manner where the information/details get added without losing any primary sense/meaning as the passage progresses ahead.

**Question 107 :**

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. Internet providers would not block content because it would (not to be make economic sense) and consumers would not stand for it.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 71 Seconds

Options :

1. not be making economical sense
2. not be make economical sense
3. not make economic sense
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. not make economic sense.

- The usage of '**not to be make**' in the given sentence creates an error as it fails to imply significant sense. By replacing it with this option we are able to imply the tense accurately and make accurate sense of the statement.

Question 108 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. The tribunal noted that the driver of the (offend) truck did not lead any evidence in rebuttal of the claims.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 50 Seconds

Options :

1. offending
2. offending
3. offence
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. offending.

- The main tense of the statement by the subject (**tribunal**) is portrayed in the past tense. So, to make accurate sense it is important that we use the continuous form of the verb (**offend**) by the object (**truck driver**) of the sentence. The other options either imply itself as a noun (**offence**) or is incorrect in it's form (**offencing**).

Question 109 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. We have made progress in our development journey, and people (came) out in large numbers to vote for development.





Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 53 Seconds

Options :

1. had come
2. coming
3. will come
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. will come.

- The given sentence implies it's tense in the present perfect tense by using '**have made**'. So, it is evident that the latter half of the sentence also portrays it's meaning in the present tense by using '**will come**'.

Question 110 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. (It has been seen) as a "prestige battle" for the PM and a litmus test for the president of the opposition party.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 49 Seconds

Options :

1. It have been seen
2. It is being seen
3. It had being seen
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. It is being seen.

- The sense made in the given sentence is denoted in the present tense, and since the determiner '**is**' has been used it is necessary to apply the continuous form of a verb to denote accurate sense. So, the correct form would be as given in the option.

Question 111 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. The company hopes to eventually provide Singapore with the second-biggest electric car-sharing service in the world, (second to Paris only).





Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 51 Seconds

Options :

1. second only to Paris
2. second to only Paris
3. only second to Paris
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. second only to Paris.

- Adverbs such as 'only' cannot be applied after a noun, unless we use a noun and add more information to the sentence. It is appropriate to use such adverbs before any noun to denote it's (noun's) sole existence.

Question 112 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. While two judges in the majority said the practice was arbitrary and, therefore, unconstitutional, the third judge called it (legally).

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 49 Seconds

Options :

1. illegally
2. illegal
3. legality
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. illegal.

- The words 'legality' and 'illegally' are nouns and adverbs respectively. Whereas, judging from the sense made by the sentence the judges' remarks are in the form of **adjectives**. So, it is only appropriate to use an adjective in this case, that is 'illegal'.

Question 113 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. But understanding what constitutes such (a miracle diet), and making sure that patients get it, isn't as straightforward as it seems.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 49 Seconds

Options :

1. a miraculous diet
2. a miracling diet
3. an miracling diet
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. a miraculous diet.

- The noun '**diet**' requires an adjective to add more towards it's meaning. Whereas the word used here is '**miracle**', which denotes itself as a noun. So, the correct word should be '**miraculous**' as it is an adjective that means being of the nature of a miracle or having the power to work miracles.

Question 114 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. The Centre's bid to dispel the pall of gloom over the economy (have been helped) in recent weeks by a rating.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 54 Seconds

Options :

1. had been help
2. has been helped
3. have been helping
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. has been helped.

- It is accurate to use '**has**' in this sentence because firstly the indication of tense is in the present form and secondly **Centre** is in it's singular form. We use '**has**' after singular form of words and '**have**' after plural forms.

Question 115 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. Expensive oil could hit consumption and public investment and dent private investment (what is not a path) to a sustained revival.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 51 Seconds

Options :

1. who is not a path
2. whom is not a path
3. which is not a path
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. which is not a path.

- 'Which' is used if the meaning of the subordinate clause is not essential to the whole meaning of the sentence. If the clause was important/mandatory for completing the meaning of the sentence we are required to use 'that'.

Question 116 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. Without any exaggeration, the provision will ensure that legislators (keep a voice) in finalizing the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 51 Seconds

Options :

1. have a voice
2. head a voice
3. lost a voice
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. have a voice.

- This option is accurate because 'have' means to possess something. The rest of the options portray meanings that go against the sense the given sentence tries to establish, that is to give legislators a voice according to the respective provision.

Question 117 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. (As soon after the players arrived) in decorated cars, the ceremony began with traditional African drummers and dancers blowing conch shells.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 49 Seconds

Options :

1. Soon after the players arrive
2. Soon after the players arrived
3. As soon as the players arrived after
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. **Soon after the players arrived.**

- The given sentence denotes it's tense in the past form. So, it is accurate to use the word '**arrived**' because it also implies it's meaning in the past tense. Furthermore, the question uses '**as soon after the players**' which is incorrect. This is because the word '**as**' isn't required since it doesn't add any extra meaning/sense to the phrase.

Question 118 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. (They have hold), it is in the fitness of things that the legislature should be taken into confidence on Brexit.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 58 Seconds

Options :

1. They have holding
2. They have held
3. They has held
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. **They have held.**

- The sentence expresses it's meaning in the present tense by using '**should be**'. So, it is evident that the accurate answer is to use '**they have held**' as it is in it's present perfect form of tense.

Question 119 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. Whatever said and done, (not less vital) is the future of the border separating Northern Ireland from the Irish Republic.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 49 Seconds

Options :

1. any less vital
2. more less vital
3. no less vital
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. no less vital.

- Using 'no' is accurate because it acts as a determiner that determines the quantity of vitality of the mentioned country's situation. 'Not' is an adverb and this phrase does not have any apparent verb after it to add any meaning towards, hence cannot be used in this context.

Question 120 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. It nuances the larger debate on whether such votes should override the will of the legislature, (or guided it further).

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 51 Seconds

Options :

1. or guide it further
2. or guide it to farther
3. or guidance further
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. or guide it further.

- The given sentence expresses it's meaning in the present tense by using 'should override'. So, it is evident that the latter part of the sentence also uses the present tense 'guide' to complete the meaning of the statement.

Question 121 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. A new chapter (may been put forth) that India gained Independence only in the last one year and not in 1947.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 50 Seconds

Options :

1. may have been putted forth
2. may be put forth
3. may be left forth
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. may be put forth.

- 'May be put forth' is correct as it expresses the present tense and completes the meaning of the sentence accurately. The rest of the options aren't able to correctly portray the tense.

Question 122 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. According to an official spokesperson, polling was held amid tight security arrangements in 29 municipal councils and panchayats (over the State).

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 48 Seconds

Options :

1. besides the State
2. behind the State
3. across the State
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. across the State.

- 'Over the state' is incorrect because 'state' here means a territory considered as an organized political community under one government. So, one cannot place anything such as tight-security 'over' a territory but can be deployed 'across' its whole area. Over is used when we physically place something upon surfaces.

Question 123 :

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence. Election was an 'opinion minus democracy' in which the innocent and helpless (people were pitted among) government's muscle power State machinery.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 54 Seconds

Options :

1. people were pitted against
2. people are pitted against
3. people would pitted against
4. No improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. people were pitted against.

- The given sentence implies it's sense in the past tense, which is why it is important to use the past form of the action, that is '**were pitted**'. Also, the meaning that the sentence tries to establish here is that the innocent people were differentiated by the State machinery. In this instance, to indicate the same meaning it is accurate to use '**against**' instead of '**among**'.

Comprehension :

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. The conclusion of World Trade Organization's 11th biennial ministerial conference at Buenos Aires was worrisome. From an Indian standpoint, there was no loss as status quo continues in the most important issue: the right to continue the food security programme by using support prices. But the inability of the negotiators to reach even one substantive outcome suggests that WTO's efficacy is under question. As a 164-country multilateral organisation dedicated to crafting rules of trade through consensus, WTO represents the optimal bet for developing countries such as India. Strengthening WTO is in India's best interest. Perhaps the biggest threat to WTO's efficacy today is the attitude of the US. The world's largest economy appears to have lost faith in the organisation and has begun to undermine one of its most successful segments, the dispute redressal mechanism. This is significant as the US has been directly involved in nearly half of all cases brought to WTO. Separately, large groups of countries decided to pursue negotiations on e-commerce, investment facilitation and removal of trade obstacles for medium and small scale industries. By itself this should not weaken WTO. But it comes at a time when there is growing frustration with gridlock at WTO. India did well to defend its position on its food security programme. The envisaged reform package which will see a greater use of direct cash transfers to beneficiaries will be in sync with what developed countries do. But it's important for India to enhance its efforts to reinvigorate WTO. In this context, India's plan to organise a meeting of some countries early next year is a step in the right direction. WTO represents the best available platform to accommodate interests of a diverse set of nations. Therefore, India should be at the forefront of moves to fortify it.

Question 124 :

Why was the WTO's 11th biennial ministerial conference worrisome?



**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 141 Seconds****Options :**

1. Denial of states quo.
2. Inability of negotiators to reach to substantive outcome for the problems.
3. Rift in the policies suggested by WTO on IPR.
4. Non-cooperation from Indian government on various matters.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Inability of negotiators to reach to substantive outcome for the problems.

- It has been mentioned in the third line of the passage that **the inability of the negotiators to reach even one substantive outcome suggests that WTO's efficacy is under question**. This made the **WTO's 11th biennial ministerial conference worrisome** as indicated by the first sentence.

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. The conclusion of World Trade Organization's 11th biennial ministerial conference at Buenos Aires was worrisome. From an Indian standpoint, there was no loss as status quo continues in the most important issue: the right to continue the food security programme by using support prices. But the inability of the negotiators to reach even one substantive outcome suggests that WTO's efficacy is under question. As a 164-country multilateral organisation dedicated to crafting rules of trade through consensus, WTO represents the optimal bet for developing countries such as India. Strengthening WTO is in India's best interest. Perhaps the biggest threat to WTO's efficacy today is the attitude of the US. The world's largest economy appears to have lost faith in the organisation and has begun to undermine one of its most successful segments, the dispute redressal mechanism. This is significant as the US has been directly involved in nearly half of all cases brought to WTO. Separately, large groups of countries decided to pursue negotiations on e-commerce, investment facilitation and removal of trade obstacles for medium and small scale industries. By itself this should not weaken WTO. But it comes at a time when there is growing frustration with gridlock at WTO. India did well to defend its position on its food security programme. The envisaged reform package which will see a greater use of direct cash transfers to beneficiaries will be in sync with what developed countries do. But it's important for India to enhance its efforts to reinvigorate WTO. In this context, India's plan to organise a meeting of some countries early next year is a step in the right direction. WTO represents the best available platform to accommodate interests of a diverse set of nations. Therefore, India should be at the forefront of moves to fortify it.

**Question 125 :**

What is the biggest threat to WTO's efficacy today?

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 142 Seconds**

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**Options :**

1. India being not working in its best interest.
2. Lost of faith in WTO by US.
3. Negotiators of WTO are not decision takers.
4. WTO's lame attitude towards global trade.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Lost of faith in WTO by US.

- It has been mentioned in the first two lines of the second paragraph **that the biggest threat to WTO's efficacy today is the attitude of the US. The world's largest economy appears to have lost faith in the organisation, that is WTO.**

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. The conclusion of World Trade Organization's 11th biennial ministerial conference at Buenos Aires was worrisome. From an Indian standpoint, there was no loss as status quo continues in the most important issue: the right to continue the food security programme by using support prices. But the inability of the negotiators to reach even one substantive outcome suggests that WTO's efficacy is under question. As a 164-country multilateral organisation dedicated to crafting rules of trade through consensus, WTO represents the optimal bet for developing countries such as India. Strengthening WTO is in India's best interest. Perhaps the biggest threat to WTO's efficacy today is the attitude of the US. The world's largest economy appears to have lost faith in the organisation and has begun to undermine one of its most successful segments, the dispute redressal mechanism. This is significant as the US has been directly involved in nearly half of all cases brought to WTO. Separately, large groups of countries decided to pursue negotiations on e-commerce, investment facilitation and removal of trade obstacles for medium and small scale industries. By itself this should not weaken WTO. But it comes at a time when there is growing frustration with gridlock at WTO. India did well to defend its position on its food security programme. The envisaged reform package which will see a greater use of direct cash transfers to beneficiaries will be in sync with what developed countries do. But it's important for India to enhance its efforts to reinvigorate WTO. In this context, India's plan to organise a meeting of some countries early next year is a step in the right direction. WTO represents the best available platform to accommodate interests of a diverse set of nations. Therefore, India should be at the forefront of moves to fortify it.

**Question 126 :**

Which of the following nation is keen to fortify its interest on WTO platform?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 140 Seconds

**Options :**



USA

2. Japan

3. Russia

4. India

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. India.

- The third paragraph makes it clear about India's position on its fortification on WTO's platform. This is evident from the last two lines of the passage, "WTO represents the best available platform to accommodate interests of a diverse set of nations. Therefore, India should be at the forefront of moves to fortify it."

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. The conclusion of World Trade Organization's 11th biennial ministerial conference at Buenos Aires was worrisome. From an Indian standpoint, there was no loss as status quo continues in the most important issue: the right to continue the food security programme by using support prices. But the inability of the negotiators to reach even one substantive outcome suggests that WTO's efficacy is under question. As a 164-country multilateral organisation dedicated to crafting rules of trade through consensus, WTO represents the optimal bet for developing countries such as India. Strengthening WTO is in India's best interest. Perhaps the biggest threat to WTO's efficacy today is the attitude of the US. The world's largest economy appears to have lost faith in the organisation and has begun to undermine one of its most successful segments, the dispute redressal mechanism. This is significant as the US has been directly involved in nearly half of all cases brought to WTO. Separately, large groups of countries decided to pursue negotiations on e-commerce, investment facilitation and removal of trade obstacles for medium and small scale industries. By itself this should not weaken WTO. But it comes at a time when there is growing frustration with gridlock at WTO. India did well to defend its position on its food security programme. The envisaged reform package which will see a greater use of direct cash transfers to beneficiaries will be in sync with what developed countries do. But it's important for India to enhance its efforts to reinvigorate WTO. In this context, India's plan to organise a meeting of some countries early next year is a step in the right direction. WTO represents the best available platform to accommodate interests of a diverse set of nations. Therefore, India should be at the forefront of moves to fortify it.

**Question 127 :**

Which of the following is the most successful segments of the WTO mentioned in the passage?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 135 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Dispute redressal mechanism



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3. Reviewer of government's trade policies.
4. Agreement on trade in services.

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Dispute redressal mechanism.

- It is mentioned in the latter half of the second line of the second passage, "one of its most **successful segments, the dispute redressal mechanism.**"

### Comprehension :

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. The conclusion of World Trade Organization's 11th biennial ministerial conference at Buenos Aires was worrisome. From an Indian standpoint, there was no loss as status quo continues in the most important issue: the right to continue the food security programme by using support prices. But the inability of the negotiators to reach even one substantive outcome suggests that WTO's efficacy is under question. As a 164-country multilateral organisation dedicated to crafting rules of trade through consensus, WTO represents the optimal bet for developing countries such as India. Strengthening WTO is in India's best interest. Perhaps the biggest threat to WTO's efficacy today is the attitude of the US. The world's largest economy appears to have lost faith in the organisation and has begun to undermine one of its most successful segments, the dispute redressal mechanism. This is significant as the US has been directly involved in nearly half of all cases brought to WTO. Separately, large groups of countries decided to pursue negotiations on e-commerce, investment facilitation and removal of trade obstacles for medium and small scale industries. By itself this should not weaken WTO. But it comes at a time when there is growing frustration with gridlock at WTO. India did well to defend its position on its food security programme. The envisaged reform package which will see a greater use of direct cash transfers to beneficiaries will be in sync with what developed countries do. But it's important for India to enhance its efforts to reinvigorate WTO. In this context, India's plan to organise a meeting of some countries early next year is a step in the right direction. WTO represents the best available platform to accommodate interests of a diverse set of nations. Therefore, India should be at the forefront of moves to fortify it.

### Question 128 :

According to the passage, which of the following statement is NOT true?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 130 Seconds

### Options :

1. 11th WTO conference was held at Nairobi.
2. India's take on food security programme in the WTO conference was positive.
3. US is termed as the world's largest economy.

US is involved directly in half of the cases brought to WTO

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 1, i.e. 11th WTO conference was held at Nairobi.**

- It has been mentioned in the first line of the passage that the World Trade Organization's 11th biennial ministerial conference was held at **Buenos Aires, not Nairobi.**

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. One should consciously engage in activities that will nourish your soul. Just as we nourish the body, we need to nurture the soul to connect to the creative power of the universe and to manifest joy in our lives. Often, we forget to address the soul, lost as we are in a jungle of material and sensual pleasures. But the more you embrace what feeds your soul, the happier you become. So if you want to enjoy the abundance of life, engage in what enriches your soul. Nurturing the soul is all about finding calm amidst chaos. There are a number of practices that empower people towards this end including silent contemplation, various forms of meditation, yoga and tai chi. However, the rigor and discipline involved in the pursuit of such practices often seems to discourage people. Add to this, the temptations of the material world that leave little time and motivation for anyone to pursue the spiritual path. Poet Walt Whitman declared: "Whatever satisfies the soul is truth". The good news is that simple, everyday activities can also nourish the soul — like spending time in the midst of nature, dancing in the rain or just putting thoughts on paper. Do whatever is calming and pleases you. Creative pursuits are particularly appealing as inside each one of us, there is an artist craving for release and awaiting an opportunity for expression. One of the ways to indulge the artist within is to get started with the practice of any one or more of the creative art forms such as music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction or essay writing. When you engage in such soul nourishing activities, all thought and energy gets focused toward goal accomplishment. At this point, you will find that even unknown forces of the universe are conspiring to assist you in your amateurish but sincere attempts. As you progress, you are motivated to do better. You touch and access a faculty, a part of you that you never knew existed. Your inner artist is unleashed, baring the beauty of your soul that has found a fond medium of expression. For instance, a sculptor's soul is seen in his artwork; a musician's in his compositions; an actor's in his acting, a painter's in his paintings and so on. It is immaterial whether your effort is an immaculate artwork or just a clumsy attempt by a layperson. The idea is to try, be inspired and to create giving free rein to the mind. As Michelangelo remarked: "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free"!

**Question 129 :**

According to the passage, what makes us really happy?

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 173 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. A soulful music.



A soulful sculptures art.

3. Freeing our mind.

4. Embracing what feeds our soul.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. Embracing what feeds our soul.

- It is mentioned in the fourth line of the passage that **the more we embrace what feeds our soul, the happier we become.**

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. One should consciously engage in activities that will nourish your soul. Just as we nourish the body, we need to nurture the soul to connect to the creative power of the universe and to manifest joy in our lives. Often, we forget to address the soul, lost as we are in a jungle of material and sensual pleasures. But the more you embrace what feeds your soul, the happier you become. So if you want to enjoy the abundance of life, engage in what enriches your soul. Nurturing the soul is all about finding calm amidst chaos. There are a number of practices that empower people towards this end including silent contemplation, various forms of meditation, yoga and tai chi. However, the rigor and discipline involved in the pursuit of such practices often seems to discourage people. Add to this, the temptations of the material world that leave little time and motivation for anyone to pursue the spiritual path. Poet Walt Whitman declared: "Whatever satisfies the soul is truth". The good news is that simple, everyday activities can also nourish the soul — like spending time in the midst of nature, dancing in the rain or just putting thoughts on paper. Do whatever is calming and pleases you. Creative pursuits are particularly appealing as inside each one of us, there is an artist craving for release and awaiting an opportunity for expression. One of the ways to indulge the artist within is to get started with the practice of any one or more of the creative art forms such as music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction or essay writing. When you engage in such soul nourishing activities, all thought and energy gets focused toward goal accomplishment. At this point, you will find that even unknown forces of the universe are conspiring to assist you in your amateurish but sincere attempts. As you progress, you are motivated to do better. You touch and access a faculty, a part of you that you never knew existed. Your inner artist is unleashed, baring the beauty of your soul that has found a fond medium of expression. For instance, a sculptor's soul is seen in his artwork; a musician's in his compositions; an actor's in his acting, a painter's in his paintings and so on. It is immaterial whether your effort is an immaculate artwork or just a clumsy attempt by a layperson. The idea is to try, be inspired and to create giving free rein to the mind. As Michelangelo remarked: "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free!"

**Question 130 :**

According to the passage, why even our amateurish attempts motivate us?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 164 Seconds

Options :

Because even unknown forces of the universe are assisting us in them.

2. Because we never knew that this part ever existed inside us.
3. Because these amateur attempts of ours are insincere ones.
4. Because they still are clumsy and need improvement.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Because even unknown forces of the universe are assisting us in them.

- It has been mentioned in the second line of the second paragraph that **even unknown forces of the universe are conniving to assist us in our amateurish but sincere attempts.**

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. One should consciously engage in activities that will nourish your soul. Just as we nourish the body, we need to nurture the soul to connect to the creative power of the universe and to manifest joy in our lives. Often, we forget to address the soul, lost as we are in a jungle of material and sensual pleasures. But the more you embrace what feeds your soul, the happier you become. So if you want to enjoy the abundance of life, engage in what enriches your soul. Nurturing the soul is all about finding calm amidst chaos. There are a number of practices that empower people towards this end including silent contemplation, various forms of meditation, yoga and tai chi. However, the rigor and discipline involved in the pursuit of such practices often seems to discourage people. Add to this, the temptations of the material world that leave little time and motivation for anyone to pursue the spiritual path. Poet Walt Whitman declared: "Whatever satisfies the soul is truth". The good news is that simple, everyday activities can also nourish the soul — like spending time in the midst of nature, dancing in the rain or just putting thoughts on paper. Do whatever is calming and pleases you. Creative pursuits are particularly appealing as inside each one of us, there is an artist craving for release and awaiting an opportunity for expression. One of the ways to indulge the artist within is to get started with the practice of any one or more of the creative art forms such as music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction or essay writing. When you engage in such soul nourishing activities, all thought and energy gets focused toward goal accomplishment. At this point, you will find that even unknown forces of the universe are conniving to assist you in your amateurish but sincere attempts. As you progress, you are motivated to do better. You touch and access a faculty, a part of you that you never knew existed. Your inner artist is unleashed, baring the beauty of your soul that has found a fond medium of expression. For instance, a sculptor's soul is seen in his artwork; a musician's in his compositions; an actor's in his acting, a painter's in his paintings and so on. It is immaterial whether your effort is an immaculate artwork or just a clumsy attempt by a layperson. The idea is to try, be inspired and to create giving free rein to the mind. As Michelangelo remarked: "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free!"

**Question 131 :**

What activities can nourish soul?



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 172 Seconds

Options :

1. Creative activities that needs your involvement.
2. Any activity that doesn't touch the soul.
3. Peaceful and calming activities.
4. Immaculate artwork.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. Peaceful and calming activities.

- It has been mentioned in the sixth line that **nurturing the soul is all about finding calm amidst chaos**. This implies that **peaceful and calming activities** such as yoga and tai chi can nutrify the soul.

Comprehension :

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. One should consciously engage in activities that will nourish your soul. Just as we nourish the body, we need to nurture the soul to connect to the creative power of the universe and to manifest joy in our lives. Often, we forget to address the soul, lost as we are in a jungle of material and sensual pleasures. But the more you embrace what feeds your soul, the happier you become. So if you want to enjoy the abundance of life, engage in what enriches your soul. Nurturing the soul is all about finding calm amidst chaos. There are a number of practices that empower people towards this end including silent contemplation, various forms of meditation, yoga and tai chi. However, the rigor and discipline involved in the pursuit of such practices often seems to discourage people. Add to this, the temptations of the material world that leave little time and motivation for anyone to pursue the spiritual path. Poet Walt Whitman declared: "Whatever satisfies the soul is truth". The good news is that simple, everyday activities can also nutrify the soul — like spending time in the midst of nature, dancing in the rain or just putting thoughts on paper. Do whatever is calming and pleases you. Creative pursuits are particularly appealing as inside each one of us, there is an artist craving for release and awaiting an opportunity for expression. One of the ways to indulge the artist within is to get started with the practice of any one or more of the creative art forms such as music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction or essay writing. When you engage in such soul nourishing activities, all thought and energy gets focused toward goal accomplishment. At this point, you will find that even unknown forces of the universe are conniving to assist you in your amateurish but sincere attempts. As you progress, you are motivated to do better. You touch and access a faculty, a part of you that you never knew existed. Your inner artist is unleashed, baring the beauty of your soul that has found a fond medium of expression. For instance, a sculptor's soul is seen in his artwork; a musician's in his compositions; an actor's in his acting, a painter's in his paintings and so on. It is immaterial whether your effort is an immaculate artwork or just a clumsy attempt by a layperson. The idea is to try, be inspired and to create giving free rein to the mind. As Michelangelo remarked: "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free!"

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What can you infer from Michelangelo's statement - "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free"?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 173 Seconds

Options :

1. Michelangelo's soul probably wanted to free the angel and hence his artwork portrayed the same.
2. Michelangelo didn't like the angel and hence wanted to do away with it
3. Michelangelo wanted his artwork to look as close to real as possible.
4. Michelangelo's mind felt free after setting the angel free in his artwork.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Michelangelo's soul probably wanted to free the angel and hence his artwork portrayed the same.

- It is clearly put in the statement, "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free" that Michelangelo wanted to set the angel free. He was able to envision the angel at the marble canvas that he used and hence his artwork turned out to be something that portrayed the liberation of the angel.

Comprehension :

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. One should consciously engage in activities that will nourish your soul. Just as we nourish the body, we need to nurture the soul to connect to the creative power of the universe and to manifest joy in our lives. Often, we forget to address the soul, lost as we are in a jungle of material and sensual pleasures. But the more you embrace what feeds your soul, the happier you become. So if you want to enjoy the abundance of life, engage in what enriches your soul. Nurturing the soul is all about finding calm amidst chaos. There are a number of practices that empower people towards this end including silent contemplation, various forms of meditation, yoga and tai chi. However, the rigor and discipline involved in the pursuit of such practices often seems to discourage people. Add to this, the temptations of the material world that leave little time and motivation for anyone to pursue the spiritual path. Poet Walt Whitman declared: "Whatever satisfies the soul is truth". The good news is that simple, everyday activities can also nuture the soul — like spending time in the midst of nature, dancing in the rain or just putting thoughts on paper. Do whatever is calming and pleases you. Creative pursuits are particularly appealing as inside each one of us, there is an artist craving for release and awaiting an opportunity for expression. One of the ways to indulge the artist within is to get started with the practice of any one or more of the creative art forms such as music, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry, fiction or essay writing. When you engage in such soul nourishing activities, all thought and energy gets focused toward goal accomplishment. At this point, you will find that even unknown forces of the universe are conniving to assist you in your amateurish but sincere attempts. As you progress, you are motivated to do better. You touch and access a faculty, a part of you that you never knew existed. Your inner artist is unleashed, baring the beauty of your soul that has found a fond medium of expression. For instance, a sculptor's soul is seen in his artwork; a musician's in his compositions; an actor's in his acting, a painter's in his

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**Question 133 :**

Why do creative pursuits appeal us?

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 186 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. They nutrify our souls.
2. Inside each one of us, is an artist craving to come out.
3. They identify beauty of our body.
4. They are not simple activities.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. **Inside each one of us, is an artist craving to come out.**

- It has been mentioned in the last second line of the first paragraph that **creative pursuits are particularly appealing as inside each one of us, there is an artist craving for release and awaiting an opportunity for expression.**

**Comprehension :**

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. The saddest part of life lies not in the act of dying, but in failing to truly live while we are alive. Too many of us play small with our lives, never letting the fullness of our humanity see the light of day. I've learned that what really counts in life, in the end, is not how many toys we have collected or how much money we've accumulated, but how many of our talents we have liberated and used for a purpose that adds value to this world. What truly matters most are the lives we have touched and the legacy that we have left. Tolstoy put it so well when he wrote: "We live for ourselves only when we live for others." It took me forty years to discover this simple point of wisdom. Forty long years to discover that success cannot really be pursued. Success ensues and flows into your life as the unintended yet inevitable byproduct of a life spent enriching the lives of other people. When you shift your daily focus from a compulsion to survive towards a lifelong commitment to serve, your existence cannot help but explode into success. I still can't believe that I had to wait until the "half-time" of my life to figure out that true fulfillment as a human being comes not from achieving those grand gestures that put us on the front pages of the newspapers and business magazines, but instead from those basic and incremental acts of decency that each one of us has the privilege to practice each and every day if we simply make the choice to do so. Mother Teresa, a great leader of human hearts if ever there was one, said it best: "There are no great acts, only small acts done with great love." I learned this the hard way in my life. Until recently, I had been so busy striving, I had missed out on living. I was so busy chasing life's big pleasures that I had missed out on the little ones, those



micro joys that weave themselves in and out of our lives on a daily basis but often go unnoticed. My days were overscheduled, my mind was overworked and my spirit was underfed.

### Question 134 :

According to the passage, what does "failing to truly live while we are alive means."?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 162 Seconds

### Options :

1. End up thinking of death all our lives.
2. Never letting the fullness of our humanity see the light of day.
3. Focus on basic and incremental acts of decency.
4. Over scheduling our days and over paying ourselves.

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Never letting the fullness of our humanity see the light of day.

- It has been mentioned in the second line of the passage that **too many of us play small with our lives, never letting the fullness of our humanity see the light of day.** This is what **failing to truly live while we are alive** means, as the aforementioned line occurs right after the latter line has been talked about in this passage.

### Comprehension :

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my mind was overworked and my spirit was underfed.

**Question 135 :**

Suggest a suitable title for the passage?

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 168 Seconds****Options :**

1. True happiness as experienced by Mother Teresa
2. Forty years of discovery Tolstoy
3. Living truly
4. Learning it the hard way

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. Living truly.

- The given passage in its entirety emphasizes on living life to the fullest and truly. It merely refers to Mother Teresa's and Tolstoy's statements in between as examples to emphasize on the same theme that we just mentioned, which is why the appropriate title would be 'living truly'.

**Comprehension :**

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**Question 136 :**

According to the passage, what took Tolstoy forty years to discover?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 159 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Simple point of happiness.
2. That we live for ourselves only when we live for others.
3. That his spirit was undeterred.
4. That he was a great leader of human hearts.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. That we live for ourselves only when we live for others..

- It has been mentioned in the 5-6th lines, "**We live for ourselves only when we live for others. It took me forty years to discover this simple point of wisdom**".

**Comprehension :**

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. The saddest part of life lies not in the act of dying, but in failing to truly live while we are alive. Too many of us play small with our lives, never letting the fullness of our humanity see the light of day. I've learned that what really counts in life, in the end, is not how many toys we have collected or how much money we've accumulated, but how many of our talents we have liberated and used for a purpose that adds value to this world. What truly matters most are the lives we have touched and the legacy that we have left. Tolstoy put it so well when he wrote: "We live for ourselves only when we live for others." It took me forty years to discover this simple point of wisdom. Forty long years to discover that success cannot really be pursued. Success ensues and flows into your life as the unintended yet inevitable byproduct of a life spent enriching the lives of other people. When you shift your daily focus from a compulsion to survive towards a lifelong commitment to serve, your existence cannot help but explode into success. I still can't believe that I had to wait until the "half-time" of my life to figure out that true fulfillment as a human being comes not from achieving those grand gestures that put us on the front pages of the newspapers and business magazines, but instead from those basic and incremental acts of decency that each one of us has the privilege to practice each and every day if we simply make the choice to do so. Mother Teresa, a great leader of human hearts if ever there was one, said it best: "There are no great acts, only small acts done with great love." I learned this the hard way in my life. Until recently, I had been so busy striving, I had missed out on living. I was so busy chasing life's big pleasures that I had missed out on the little ones, those micro joys that weave themselves in and out of our lives on a daily basis but often go unnoticed. My days were overscheduled, my mind was overworked and my spirit was underfed.

**Question 137 :**

What according to the passage is success?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 158 Seconds

Options :

1. Success cannot be pursued.
2. Success is an unintended yet inevitable byproduct of a life spent enriching the lives of others.
3. Success is true fulfillment.
4. Success is incremental act of decency.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Success is an unintended yet inevitable byproduct of a life spent enriching the lives of others.

- It has been mentioned in the eight line of the passage that **success ensues and flows into our life as the unintended yet inevitable byproduct of a life spent enriching the lives of other people.**

Comprehension :

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. The saddest part of life lies not in the act of dying, but in failing to truly live while we are alive. Too many of us play small with our lives, never letting the fullness of our humanity see the light of day. I've learned that what really counts in life, in the end, is not how many toys we have collected or how much money we've accumulated, but how many of our talents we have liberated and used for a purpose that adds value to this world. What truly matters most are the lives we have touched and the legacy that we have left. Tolstoy put it so well when he wrote: "We live for ourselves only when we live for others." It took me forty years to discover this simple point of wisdom. Forty long years to discover that success cannot really be pursued. Success ensues and flows into your life as the unintended yet inevitable byproduct of a life spent enriching the lives of other people. When you shift your daily focus from a compulsion to survive towards a lifelong commitment to serve, your existence cannot help but explode into success. I still can't believe that I had to wait until the "half-time" of my life to figure out that true fulfillment as a human being comes not from achieving those grand gestures that put us on the front pages of the newspapers and business magazines, but instead from those basic and incremental acts of decency that each one of us has the privilege to practice each and every day if we simply make the choice to do so. Mother Teresa, a great leader of human hearts if ever there was one, said it best: "There are no great acts, only small acts done with great love." I learned this the hard way in my life. Until recently, I had been so busy striving, I had missed out on living. I was so busy chasing life's big pleasures that I had missed out on the little ones, those micro joys that weave themselves in and out of our lives on a daily basis but often go unnoticed. My days were overscheduled, my mind was overworked and my spirit was underfed.

Question 138 :

According to the passage, what did Mother Teresa learned the hard way in her life?



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 162 Seconds

Options :

1. That there are no great acts, only small acts are done with great love.
2. That she had been so busy striving that she had missed out on living.
3. That her days were over scheduled and her mind was over worked.
4. That she was so busy chasing life's big pleasures that she had missed out on the little one's.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. That there are no great acts, only small acts are done with great love.

- It has been mentioned in the first two lines of the second paragraph that "**Mother Teresa, a great leader of human hearts if ever there was one, said it best: 'There are no great acts, only small acts done with great love.' I learned this the hard way in my life.**"

Comprehension :

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. Teaching about compassion and empathy in schools can help deal with problems of climate change and environmental degradation," says Barbara Maas, secretary, Standing Committee for Environment and Conservation, International Buddhist Confederation (IBC). She was in New Delhi to participate in the IBC's governing council meeting, December 10-11, 2017. "We started an awareness campaign in the year 2005-2006 with H H The Dalai Lama when we learnt that tiger skins were being traded in China and Tibet. At that time, I was not a Buddhist; I wrote to the Dalai Lama asking him to say that 'this is harmful' and he wrote back to say, "We will stop this." He used very strong words during the Kalachakra in 2006, when he said, 'If he sees people wearing fur and skins, he doesn't feel like living. 'This sent huge shock waves in the Himalayan community. Within six months, in Lhasa, people ripped the fur trim of their tubba, the traditional Tibetan dress. The messenger was ideal and the audience was receptive," says Maas who is a conservationist. She has studied the battered fox's behavioral ecology in Serengeti, Africa. She heads the endangered species conservation at the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) International Foundation for Nature, Berlin. "I met Samdhong Rinpoche, The Karmapa, HH the Dalai Lama and Geshe Lhakdor and I thought, if by being a Buddhist, you become like this, I am going for it," says Maas, who led the IBC initiative for including the Buddhist perspective to the global discourse on climate change by presenting the statement, 'The Time to Act is Now: a Buddhist Declaration on Climate Change,' at COP21 in Paris. "It was for the first time in the history of Buddhism that leaders of different sanghas came together to take a stand on anything! The statement lists a couple of important things: the first is that we amass things that we don't need; there is overpopulation; we need to live with contentment and deal with each other and the environment with love and compassion," elaborates Maas. She is an ardent advocate of a vegan diet because "consuming meat and milk globally contributes more to climate change than all "transport in the world." Turning vegetarian or vegan usually requires complete change of perspective before one gives up eating their favorite food. What are the Buddhist ways to bring about this kind of change at the individual level? "To change our behavior, Buddhism is an



ideal vehicle; it made me a more contented person,” says Maas, who grew up in Germany, as a sausage chomping, meat-loving individual. She says, “If I can change, so can anybody”.

**Question 139 :**

According to the passage, how can studying compassion and empathy in schools help?

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 196 Seconds****Options :**

1. It can help us understand and connect Buddhism.
2. It can help deal with problems of climate change and environmental degradation.
3. It can change our behaviours and make us more content person.
4. It can help us in turning vegetarian.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. It can help deal with problems of climate change and environmental degradation.

- It has been mentioned in the very first statement of the passage that **teaching about compassion and empathy in schools can help deal with problems of climate change and environmental degradation**

**Comprehension :**

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. Teaching about compassion and empathy in schools can help deal with problems of climate change and environmental degradation,” says Barbara Maas, secretary, Standing Committee for Environment and Conservation, International Buddhist Confederation (IBC). She was in New Delhi to participate in the IBC’s governing council meeting, December 10-11, 2017. “We started an awareness campaign in the year 2005-2006 with H H The Dalai Lama when we learnt that tiger skins were being traded in China and Tibet. At that time, I was not a Buddhist; I wrote to the Dalai Lama asking him to say that ‘this is harmful’ and he wrote back to say, “We will stop this.” He used very strong words during the Kalachakra in 2006, when he said, ‘If he sees people wearing fur and skins, he doesn’t feel like living. ‘This sent huge shock waves in the Himalayan community. Within six months, in Lhasa, people ripped the fur trim of their tubba, the traditional Tibetan dress. The messenger was ideal and the audience was receptive,” says Maas who is a conservationist. She has studied the battered fox’s behavioral ecology in Serengeti, Africa. She heads the endangered species conservation at the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) International Foundation for Nature, Berlin. “I met Samdhong Rinpoche, The Karmapa, HH the Dalai Lama and Geshe Lhakdor and I thought, if by being a Buddhist, you become like this, I am going for it, “says Maas, who led the IBC initiative for including the Buddhist perspective to the global discourse on climate change by presenting the statement, ‘The Time to Act is Now: a Buddhist Declaration on Climate Change,’ at COP21 in Paris. “It was for the first time in the history of Buddhism that leaders of different sanghas came together to take a stand on anything! The statement lists a couple of important things: the first is

that we amass things that we don't need; there is overpopulation; we need to live with contentment and deal with each other and the environment with love and compassion," elaborates Maas. She is an ardent advocate of a vegan diet because "consuming meat and milk globally contributes more to climate change than all transport in the world." Turning vegetarian or vegan usually requires complete change of perspective before one gives up eating their favorite food. What are the Buddhist ways to bring about this kind of change at the individual level? "To change our behavior, Buddhism is an ideal vehicle; it made me a more contented person," says Maas, who grew up in Germany, as a sausage chomping, meat-loving individual. She says, "If I can change, so can anybody".

**Question 140 :**

Why is Ms. Barbara an ardent follower of vegan diet?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 182 Seconds

**Options :**

1. She believes that "consuming meat and milk contributes more to climate change than all transport in the world".
2. She believes that "turning vegan gives your skin an unmatched glow and helps you stay away from diseases".
3. She believes that "all living beings should be treated with love and compassion".
4. She believes that "abstinence helps you win major battles of life".

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. She believes that "consuming meat and milk contributes more to climate change than all transport in the world".

- It has been mentioned in the last line of the third paragraph that **Ms. Barbara is an ardent advocate of a vegan diet because consuming meat and milk globally contributes more to climate change than all transport in the world.**

**Comprehension :**

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. Teaching about compassion and empathy in schools can help deal with problems of climate change and environmental degradation," says Barbara Maas, secretary, Standing Committee for Environment and Conservation, International Buddhist Confederation (IBC). She was in New Delhi to participate in the IBC's governing council meeting, December 10-11, 2017. "We started an awareness campaign in the year 2005-2006 with H H The Dalai Lama when we learnt that tiger skins were being traded in China and Tibet. At that time, I was not a Buddhist; I wrote to the Dalai Lama asking him to say that 'this is harmful' and he wrote back to say, "We will stop this." He used very strong words during the Kalachakra in 2006, when he said, 'If he sees people wearing fur and skins, he doesn't feel like living. 'This sent huge shock waves in the Himalayan community. Within six months, in Lhasa, people ripped the fur trim of their tubba, the traditional Tibetan dress. The messenger was ideal and the audience was receptive," says Maas who is a conservationist. She has studied the battered fox's behavioral ecology in Serengeti, Africa. She heads the endangered



species conservation at the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) International Foundation for Nature, Berlin. "I met Samdhong Rinpoche, The Karmapa, HH the Dalai Lama and Geshe Lhakdor and I thought, if by being a Buddhist, you become like this, I am going for it," says Maas, who led the IBC initiative for including the Buddhist perspective to the global discourse on climate change by presenting the statement, 'The Time to Act is Now: a Buddhist Declaration on Climate Change,' at COP21 in Paris. "It was for the first time in the history of Buddhism that leaders of different sanghas came together to take a stand on anything! The statement lists a couple of important things: the first is that we amass things that we don't need; there is overpopulation; we need to live with contentment and deal with each other and the environment with love and compassion," elaborates Maas. She is an ardent advocate of a vegan diet because "consuming meat and milk globally contributes more to climate change than all "transport in the world." Turning vegetarian or vegan usually requires complete change of perspective before one gives up eating their favorite food. What are the Buddhist ways to bring about this kind of change at the individual level? "To change our behavior, Buddhism is an ideal vehicle; it made me a more contented person," says Maas, who grew up in Germany, as a sausage chomping, meat-loving individual. She says, "If I can change, so can anybody".

### Question 141 :

What did HH Dalai Lama said to his followers which came as a blow to them?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 195 Seconds

### Options :

1. He said "we need to live with contentment and deal with each other and the environment with love and compassion.
2. He said that if he sees people wearing fur and skins, he doesn't feel like living.
3. He said Buddhism is an ideal vehicles it makes people more contented.
4. He said "we need to live with contentment and deal with each other and the environment with love and compassion".

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. He said that if he sees people wearing fur and skins, he doesn't feel like living.

- It has been mentioned in the last second line of the first paragraph that if he (HH Dalai Lama) **sees people wearing fur and skins, he doesn't feel like living. This sent huge shock waves in the Himalayan community.**

### Comprehension :

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives. Teaching about compassion and empathy in schools can help deal with problems of climate change and environmental degradation," says Barbara Maas, secretary, Standing Committee for Environment and Conservation, International Buddhist Confederation (IBC). She was in New Delhi to participate in the IBC's governing council meeting, December 10-11, 2017. "We started an awareness campaign in the year 2005-2006 with H H The Dalai Lama when we learnt that tiger skins were being traded in China and Tibet. At that time, I was not a Buddhist; I wrote to the Dalai Lama asking him to say that 'this is harmful' and he wrote back to say, "We will stop this." He used very strong

words during the Kalachakra in 2006, when he said, 'If he sees people wearing fur and skins, he doesn't feel like living. 'This sent huge shock waves in the Himalayan community. Within six months, in Lhasa, people ripped the fur trim of their tubba, the traditional Tibetan dress. The messenger was ideal and the audience was receptive,' says Maas who is a conservationist. She has studied the battered fox's behavioral ecology in Serengeti, Africa. She heads the endangered species conservation at the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) International Foundation for Nature, Berlin. "I met Samdhong Rinpoche, The Karmapa, HH the Dalai Lama and Geshe Lhakdor and I thought, if by being a Buddhist, you become like this, I am going for it," says Maas, who led the IBC initiative for including the Buddhist perspective to the global discourse on climate change by presenting the statement, 'The Time to Act is Now: a Buddhist Declaration on Climate Change,' at COP21 in Paris. "It was for the first time in the history of Buddhism that leaders of different sanghas came together to take a stand on anything! The statement lists a couple of important things: the first is that we amass things that we don't need; there is overpopulation; we need to live with contentment and deal with each other and the environment with love and compassion," elaborates Maas. She is an ardent advocate of a vegan diet because "consuming meat and milk globally contributes more to climate change than all "transport in the world." Turning vegetarian or vegan usually requires complete change of perspective before one gives up eating their favorite food. What are the Buddhist ways to bring about this kind of change at the individual level? "To change our behavior, Buddhism is an ideal vehicle; it made me a more contented person," says Maas, who grew up in Germany, as a sausage chomping, meat-loving individual. She says, "If I can change, so can anybody".

### Question 142 :

According to the passage, what do you infer from "The messenger was ideal and the audience was receptive"?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 198 Seconds

### Options :

1. It means that the audience found the messenger attractive and that they wanted to listen to him more and more.
2. It means that audience's reaction goes hand in hand with the speaker's effectiveness.
3. It means that HH Dalai Lama was a perfect choice of messenger for the message to be received by the audience.
4. It means that messenger was tested and was working properly.

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. It means that HH Dalai Lama was a perfect choice of messenger for the message to be received by the audience.

- Being a **receptive** audience means that the audience was **willing to consider or accept new suggestions and ideas**. Being **ideal** means to be **very/most suitable**. By combining the meaning of these words and making sense through the given statement we can clearly see that the given sentence means that **HH Dalai Lama was a perfect choice of messenger for the message to be received by the audience**.

### Comprehension :



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**Question 143 :**

Why did Ms. Barbara Mass say “If I can change, so can anybody”?

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 205 Seconds****Options :**

1. She never wanted to change but she still did, so anyone else can.
2. She was a complete vegan but still turned non vegetarian.
3. She did not believe in Buddhism but the religion attracted her.
4. She grew up eating non vegetarian but turned vegan.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. She grew up eating non vegetarian but turned vegan.

It is mentioned in the last line of the whole passage that **Maas, who grew up in Germany, as a sausage chomping, meat-loving individual says, "If I can change, so can anybody"**. This apparently means that she grew up eating non vegetarian food but eventually turned vegan.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. \_\_\_\_\_ the course of the development of different life-forms heredity—which, in plain English, is unconscious memory generated in the first life-form and \_\_\_\_\_ through all the different species—is the sole factor in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent properties; while adaptation to surrounding conditions and circumstances, natural selection in the struggle \_\_\_\_\_ existence, and partner selection in the struggle of the males for \_\_\_\_\_ are the principal factors in the differentiation of species.

**Question 144 :**

\_\_\_\_\_ the course of the development of different life-forms heredity

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 84 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Into
2. In
3. Inside
4. Onto

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. In.

- 'In' is correct because the word '**course**' means the route or direction that's followed to achieve something or reach some place. For this instance, we can use '**in**' because it denotes that something is highlighted **within** the course of development. The other options create too much emphasis, such as '**into**' denoting that something is submerged inside something. The meanings of the other options portray a different sense from that of the given statement.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. \_\_\_\_\_ the course of the development of different life-forms heredity—which, in plain English, is unconscious memory generated in the first life-form and \_\_\_\_\_ through all the different species—is the sole factor in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent properties; while adaptation to surrounding conditions and circumstances, natural selection in the struggle \_\_\_\_\_ existence, and partner selection in the struggle of the males for \_\_\_\_\_ are the principal factors in the differentiation of species.

**Question 145 :**





in the first life-form and \_\_\_\_\_ through all the

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 80 Seconds

Options :

1. transmit
2. transmitting
3. to transmit
4. transmitted

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. transmitted.

- The given statement implies it's tense in the past form. This is evident from the usage of the word '**generated**'. So, it would be accurate to use the past form of the verb, which in this case is '**transmitted**'.

Comprehension :

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. \_\_\_\_\_ the course of the development of different life-forms heredity—which, in plain English, is unconscious memory generated in the first life-form and \_\_\_\_\_ through all the different species—is the sole factor in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent properties; while adaptation to surrounding conditions and circumstances, natural selection in the struggle \_\_\_\_\_ existence, and partner selection in the struggle of the males for \_\_\_\_\_ are the principal factors in the differentiation of species.

Question 146 :

sole factor in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent properties

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 70 Seconds

Options :

1. preserve
2. preservable
3. preservation
4. preserving

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. preservation.

Since the given statement uses 'of' it indicates a relationship between a part and a whole. So, it is evident that the blank will constitute a noun because a noun will signify itself as a part of the whole that is '**parent properties**'. For this instance, the correct answer is preservation since it is a noun. The rest of the options imply itself as verbs and hence becomes incorrect.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. \_\_\_\_\_ the course of the development of different life-forms heredity—which, in plain English, is unconscious memory generated in the first life-form and \_\_\_\_\_ through all the different species—is the sole factor in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent properties; while adaptation to surrounding conditions and circumstances, natural selection in the struggle \_\_\_\_\_ existence, and partner selection in the struggle of the males for \_\_\_\_\_ are the principal factors in the differentiation of species.

**Question 147 :**

natural selection in the struggle \_\_\_\_\_ existence, and partner selection

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 77 Seconds****Options :**

1. for
2. from
3. form
4. off

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. for.

- '**Struggle**' is used to indicate an action and '**existence**' represents a time-period. Since the action is denoted in a certain period of time we need to use '**for**'. Using '**for**' helps in indicating the action during the particular moment of time that has been mentioned.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. \_\_\_\_\_ the course of the development of different life-forms heredity—which, in plain English, is unconscious memory generated in the first life-form and \_\_\_\_\_ through all the different species—is the sole factor in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the parent properties; while adaptation to surrounding conditions and circumstances, natural selection in the struggle \_\_\_\_\_ existence, and partner selection in the struggle of the males for \_\_\_\_\_ are the principal factors in the differentiation of species.

**Question 148 :**

the struggle of the males for \_\_\_\_\_ are the principal factors

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 72 Seconds

Options :

1. females
2. feminity
3. feminine
4. woman

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. females.

- The sentence, '**partner selection in the struggle of the males for**' indicates that the males are indulged in selecting partners. Since, the plural form '**males**' has been used it is important to apply the plural feminine form as well, which in this case is '**females**'.

Comprehension :

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. It is a delight \_\_\_\_\_ the illuminating thoughts which came to the minds of these men; and, on the other hand, it is amusing to see how \_\_\_\_\_ they launched \_\_\_\_\_ on boundless seas when they were unprovided with chart and compass. They were \_\_\_\_\_ brilliant children, who know little of the dangers of the great world, but are ready to undertake anything. These philosophers regarded all knowledge as their province, and did \_\_\_\_\_ despair of governing so great a realm.

Question 149 :

It is a delight \_\_\_\_\_ the illuminating thoughts

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 72 Seconds

Options :

1. discover
2. discovery
3. rediscover
4. to discover

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. to discover.



'To discover' is accurate as it establishes the appropriate tense in the statement (present tense) and doesn't make it sound absurd. The rest of the options aren't able to establish complete sense with the statement.

**Comprehension :**

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**Question 150 :**

it is amusing to see how \_\_\_\_\_ they launched

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 70 Seconds****Options :**

1. reckless
2. recklessness
3. recklessly
4. reckful

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. recklessly.

- The verb 'launched' requires an **adverb** to add towards it's meaning, which is why it is accurate to use 'recklessly' because it adds towards the meaning of the verb in an appropriate way. The rest of the options aren't adverbs, hence they hold different meanings.

**Comprehension :**

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**Question 151 :**

they launched \_\_\_\_\_ on boundless seas when they were unprovided

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 73 Seconds

Options :

1. them
2. their
3. they
4. themselves

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. themselves.

- The sentence refers to the men who recklessly launched their own selves on the boundless seas. In this context, the accurate term to be used is '**themselves**' as it refers to the respective men in plural form.

Comprehension :

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Question 152 :

They were \_\_\_\_\_ brilliant children, who know

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 69 Seconds

Options :

1. too
2. like
3. that
4. so

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. like.

- The sentence tends to compare the previously mentioned men to brilliant children. For this reason, the accurate word to be used is '**like**' because it indicates a **comparison** between the **men** and the **brilliant children**.

**Comprehension :**

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives. It is a delight \_\_\_\_\_ the illuminating thoughts which came to the minds of these men; and, on the other hand, it is amusing to see how \_\_\_\_\_ they launched \_\_\_\_\_ on boundless seas when they were unprovided with chart and compass. They were \_\_\_\_\_ brilliant children, who know little of the dangers of the great world, but are ready to undertake anything. These philosophers regarded all knowledge as their province, and did \_\_\_\_\_ despair of governing so great a realm.

**Question 153 :**

and did \_\_\_\_\_ despair of governing so great a realm.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 71 Seconds****Options :**

1. no
2. not
3. nothing
4. none

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. not.**

- The passage talks about how these men/the philosophers disregarded the dangers of life and went ahead to inherit more knowledge. Their disregard towards despair is also evident in the given statement, which is why the correct fill for the blank is '**not**', because it expresses their disregard towards despair in an accurate way.

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. Doing an internship at the University of Lille in France, I almost always found myself stuck whenever I had to speak to non-Indians about India or on anything 'Indian'. This was more because of the subtle differences in the way the French understood India in comparison to what I thought was 'Indian'. For instance, when I, or any Indian for that matter, say 'Hindi' is an Indian language, what it means is that it is one of the languages widely spoken in India. This need not be similar to the understanding that the French would have when they hear of 'Hindi' as an Indian language. Because for them Hindi then becomes the only language spoken in India. This is a natural inference that the French, Germans, Italians and many other European nationals would tend to make, because that is generally how it is in their own respective countries. The risk of such inappropriate generalisations made about 'Indian' is not restricted to language alone but also for India's landscape, cuisine, movies, music, climate, economic development and even political ideologies. The magnitude of diversity of one European country can be easily compared to that of one of the Indian State, isn't it? Can they imagine that India is one country whose diversity can be equated to that of the entire European continent? The onus is upon us to go ahead and



clarify the nuances in 'Indianness' while we converse. But why should one do so? How does it even matter to clarify?

**Question 154 :**

Why do some French people think that Hindi is the only Indian language?

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 117 Seconds****Options :**

1. Because that is the way in most European countries
2. That is what is being taught to them
3. They know India is also called as Hindustan so people there must speak only Hindi
4. As most Indians they meet speak Hindi

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Because that is the way in most European countries.

- It has been mentioned in the 5-6th lines of the passage that generally **this is a natural inference that the French, Germans, Italians and many other European nationals would tend to make, because that is generally how it is in their own respective countries.** This came right after the previous sentences talked about the fact that countries like France think that Hindi is the only Indian language.

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. Doing an internship at the University of Lille in France, I almost always found myself stuck whenever I had to speak to non-Indians about India or on anything 'Indian'. This was more because of the subtle differences in the way the French understood India in comparison to what I thought was 'Indian'. For instance, when I, or any Indian for that matter, say 'Hindi' is an Indian language, what it means is that it is one of the languages widely spoken in India. This need not be similar to the understanding that the French would have when they hear of 'Hindi' as an Indian language. Because for them Hindi then becomes the only language spoken in India. This is a natural inference that the French, Germans, Italians and many other European nationals would tend to make, because that is generally how it is in their own respective countries. The risk of such inappropriate generalisations made about 'Indian' is not restricted to language alone but also for India's landscape, cuisine, movies, music, climate, economic development and even political ideologies. The magnitude of diversity of one European country can be easily compared to that of one of the Indian State, isn't it? Can they imagine that India is one country whose diversity can be equated to that of the entire European continent? The onus is upon us to go ahead and clarify the nuances in 'Indianness' while we converse. But why should one do so? How does it even matter to clarify?

**Question 155 :**

The writer was working at a university in which country?



**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 131 Seconds****Options :**

1. France
2. Germany
3. Italy
4. India

**Solution :****The correct answer is option 1, i.e. France.**

- It has clearly been mentioned in the first line of the passage that the writer was **doing/working an internship at the University of Lille in France**

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. Doing an internship at the University of Lille in France, I almost always found myself stuck whenever I had to speak to non-Indians about India or on anything 'Indian'. This was more because of the subtle differences in the way the French understood India in comparison to what I thought was 'Indian'. For instance, when I, or any Indian for that matter, say 'Hindi' is an Indian language, what it means is that it is one of the languages widely spoken in India. This need not be similar to the understanding that the French would have when they hear of 'Hindi' as an Indian language. Because for them Hindi then becomes the only language spoken in India. This is a natural inference that the French, Germans, Italians and many other European nationals would tend to make, because that is generally how it is in their own respective countries. The risk of such inappropriate generalisations made about 'Indian' is not restricted to language alone but also for India's landscape, cuisine, movies, music, climate, economic development and even political ideologies. The magnitude of diversity of one European country can be easily compared to that of one of the Indian State, isn't it? Can they imagine that India is one country whose diversity can be equated to that of the entire European continent? The onus is upon us to go ahead and clarify the nuances in 'Indianness' while we converse. But why should one do so? How does it even matter to clarify?

**Question 156 :**

What wrong with respect to India are the Europeans responsible for?

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 110 Seconds****Options :**

1. Their hatred towards Indian culture
2. Their complete lack of knowledge regarding India's past

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That India is economically decades behind the developed world

#### 4. Their inappropriate generalizations

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. Their inappropriate generalizations.

- It has explicitly been mentioned in the 7th line that **the risk of such inappropriate generalisations made about 'Indian' is not restricted to language alone but also for India's landscape, cuisine, movies, music, climate, economic development and even political ideologies.** So, their **inappropriate generalizations** are what's wrong with respect to India that the Europeans are responsible for.

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. Doing an internship at the University of Lille in France, I almost always found myself stuck whenever I had to speak to non-Indians about India or on anything 'Indian'. This was more because of the subtle differences in the way the French understood India in comparison to what I thought was 'Indian'. For instance, when I, or any Indian for that matter, say 'Hindi' is an Indian language, what it means is that it is one of the languages widely spoken in India. This need not be similar to the understanding that the French would have when they hear of 'Hindi' as an Indian language. Because for them Hindi then becomes the only language spoken in India. This is a natural inference that the French, Germans, Italians and many other European nationals would tend to make, because that is generally how it is in their own respective countries. The risk of such inappropriate generalisations made about 'Indian' is not restricted to language alone but also for India's landscape, cuisine, movies, music, climate, economic development and even political ideologies. The magnitude of diversity of one European country can be easily compared to that of one of the Indian State, isn't it? Can they imagine that India is one country whose diversity can be equated to that of the entire European continent? The onus is upon us to go ahead and clarify the nuances in 'Indianness' while we converse. But why should one do so? How does it even matter to clarify?

**Question 157 :**

The writer compares diversity of one European country to the diversity of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 126 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. One major city in India
2. One Indian State
3. The whole continent of Asia
4. The whole world

**Solution :**



The correct answer is option 2, i.e. One Indian State.

- It has been mentioned in the eight line of the passage that **the magnitude of diversity of one European country can be easily compared to that of one of the Indian State.**

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. Doing an internship at the University of Lille in France, I almost always found myself stuck whenever I had to speak to non-Indians about India or on anything 'Indian'. This was more because of the subtle differences in the way the French understood India in comparison to what I thought was 'Indian'. For instance, when I, or any Indian for that matter, say 'Hindi' is an Indian language, what it means is that it is one of the languages widely spoken in India. This need not be similar to the understanding that the French would have when they hear of 'Hindi' as an Indian language. Because for them Hindi then becomes the only language spoken in India. This is a natural inference that the French, Germans, Italians and many other European nationals would tend to make, because that is generally how it is in their own respective countries. The risk of such inappropriate generalisations made about 'Indian' is not restricted to language alone but also for India's landscape, cuisine, movies, music, climate, economic development and even political ideologies. The magnitude of diversity of one European country can be easily compared to that of one of the Indian State, isn't it? Can they imagine that India is one country whose diversity can be equated to that of the entire European continent? The onus is upon us to go ahead and clarify the nuances in 'Indianness' while we converse. But why should one do so? How does it even matter to clarify?

**Question 158 :**

According to the writer the responsibility of explaining the facts about India to Europeans rests with?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 116 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Europeans
2. Indians
3. Rest of the world
4. Indian Government

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Indians.

- It has been mentioned towards the end of the passage, last-third line to be precise, that **the onus is upon us (Indian citizens) to go ahead and clarify the nuances in 'Indianness' while we converse.**

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. It was a bittersweet moment for me when I found out that I had been selected for the Sakura Science Exchange programme, a Robotics and

IoT workshop in Japan. A fully-funded opportunity of a lifetime. Fly off to Saitama without a care on the world, and all I had to do was put into practice what I love to do – computer science. The bitter part of the episode – that I would lose two weeks of IB education, an almost literal mountain to cover when I got back – was quickly forgotten when I envisioned myself programming robots in the country that gave us Anime and sushi! It was with the eagerness to have an extended vacation in an un-visited land, and the opportunity to learn more about a subject that I am passionate about, that I headed to the Kempegowda International Airport outside Bengaluru. Little did I know this would be the experience of a lifetime, more for the endearing values of the Japanese culture that made their mark on me than anything else. The first feature of Japanese society that called out to me was the Discipline. Walking into the Narita International Airport, used as I was to the noisy crowds back in India, I quite literally lost my breath to the sight that awaited me. Be it the security check or baggage claim, somehow there was a silence that felt right. Everyone went about their activities without any confusion. And, contrary to the bharatiya custom of lazy pot-bellied officials, every guard and all counter personnel did what they were supposed to do to ensure this flow was maintained.

**Question 159 :**

What was it that the writer did not like about his trip to Japan?

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 119 Seconds****Options :**

1. That the trip was so short
2. That he would be compelled to eat sushi
3. That he would miss a fortnight worth of IB education
4. That Japanese people are too disciplined

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. That he would miss a fortnight worth of IB education.

- It has been mentioned in the fourth line of the passage that **the bitter part of the episode (trip to Japan) was that he (speaker) would lose two weeks of IB education.**

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. It was a bittersweet moment for me when I found out that I had been selected for the Sakura Science Exchange programme, a Robotics and IoT workshop in Japan. A fully-funded opportunity of a lifetime. Fly off to Saitama without a care on the world, and all I had to do was put into practice what I love to do – computer science. The bitter part of the episode – that I would lose two weeks of IB education, an almost literal mountain to cover when I got back – was quickly forgotten when I envisioned myself programming robots in the country that gave us Anime and sushi! It was with the eagerness to have an extended vacation in an un-visited land, and the opportunity to learn more about a subject that I am passionate about, that I headed to the Kempegowda International Airport outside Bengaluru. Little did I know this would be the experience of a lifetime,

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**Question 160 :**

What did the writer notice when he arrived at Narita International Airport?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 126 Seconds

**Options :**

1. The bags arriving on time in baggage claim
2. The cleanliness
3. That there was no security check
4. The silence

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. The silence.

- Towards the seventh, eight and ninth lines of the passage it has been explicitly mentioned that **the speaker literally lost his breath to the sight that awaited him**. It was the **silence** everywhere that struck the speaker because he as an Indian was used to the harsh and noisy Indian environment.

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. It was a bittersweet moment for me when I found out that I had been selected for the Sakura Science Exchange programme, a Robotics and IoT workshop in Japan. A fully-funded opportunity of a lifetime. Fly off to Saitama without a care on the world, and all I had to do was put into practice what I love to do – computer science. The bitter part of the episode – that I would lose two weeks of IB education, an almost literal mountain to cover when I got back – was quickly forgotten when I envisioned myself programming robots in the country that gave us Anime and sushi! It was with the eagerness to have an extended vacation in an un-visited land, and the opportunity to learn more about a subject that I am passionate about, that I headed to the Kempegowda International Airport outside Bengaluru. Little did I know this would be the experience of a lifetime, more for the endearing values of the Japanese culture that made their mark on me than anything else. The first feature of Japanese society that called out to me was the Discipline. Walking into the Narita International Airport, used as I was to the noisy crowds back in India, I quite literally lost my breath to the sight that awaited me. Be it the security check or baggage claim, somehow there was a silence that felt right. Everyone went about their activities without any confusion. And, contrary to the bharatiya custom of lazy pot-bellied officials, every guard and all counter personnel did what they were



supposed to do to ensure this flow was maintained.

**Question 161 :**

Why was the writer travelling to Japan?

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 125 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. On a holiday
2. For two weeks of IB education
3. For employment
4. To attend a robotics workshop

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 4, i.e. To attend a robotics workshop.**

- It's mentioned in the first line of the passage that the speaker had been selected for the Sakura Science Exchange programme, a **Robotics** and IoT **workshop** in Japan.

**Comprehension :**

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. It was a bittersweet moment for me when I found out that I had been selected for the Sakura Science Exchange programme, a Robotics and IoT workshop in Japan. A fully-funded opportunity of a lifetime. Fly off to Saitama without a care on the world, and all I had to do was put into practice what I love to do – computer science. The bitter part of the episode – that I would lose two weeks of IB education, an almost literal mountain to cover when I got back – was quickly forgotten when I envisioned myself programming robots in the country that gave us Anime and sushi! It was with the eagerness to have an extended vacation in an un-visited land, and the opportunity to learn more about a subject that I am passionate about, that I headed to the Kempegowda International Airport outside Bengaluru. Little did I know this would be the experience of a lifetime, more for the endearing values of the Japanese culture that made their mark on me than anything else. The first feature of Japanese society that called out to me was the Discipline. Walking into the Narita International Airport, used as I was to the noisy crowds back in India, I quite literally lost my breath to the sight that awaited me. Be it the security check or baggage claim, somehow there was a silence that felt right. Everyone went about their activities without any confusion. And, contrary to the bharatiya custom of lazy pot-bellied officials, every guard and all counter personnel did what they were supposed to do to ensure this flow was maintained.

**Question 162 :**

What aspect of Japanese culture left a mark on the writer?

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 120 Seconds**





## Options :

1. Their cuisine
2. Their unity
3. Their health consciousness
4. Their values

## Solution :

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. Their values.

- It has been mentioned towards the sixth line of the passage that the **endearing values** of the **Japanese culture** made/left their **mark on the speaker** than anything else.

## Comprehension :

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives. It was a bittersweet moment for me when I found out that I had been selected for the Sakura Science Exchange programme, a Robotics and IoT workshop in Japan. A fully-funded opportunity of a lifetime. Fly off to Saitama without a care on the world, and all I had to do was put into practice what I love to do – computer science. The bitter part of the episode – that I would lose two weeks of IB education, an almost literal mountain to cover when I got back – was quickly forgotten when I envisioned myself programming robots in the country that gave us Anime and sushi! It was with the eagerness to have an extended vacation in an un-visited land, and the opportunity to learn more about a subject that I am passionate about, that I headed to the Kempegowda International Airport outside Bengaluru. Little did I know this would be the experience of a lifetime, more for the endearing values of the Japanese culture that made their mark on me than anything else. The first feature of Japanese society that called out to me was the Discipline. Walking into the Narita International Airport, used as I was to the noisy crowds back in India, I quite literally lost my breath to the sight that awaited me. Be it the security check or baggage claim, somehow there was a silence that felt right. Everyone went about their activities without any confusion. And, contrary to the bharatiya custom of lazy pot-bellied officials, every guard and all counter personnel did what they were supposed to do to ensure this flow was maintained.

## Question 163 :

Which country is credited for producing Anime?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 117 Seconds

## Options :

1. India
2. Japan
3. China



USA

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Japan.**

- There's a specific mention of the word '**anime**' towards the end of the fourth line of this passage, indicating that Japan is the sole producer of anime.

**Question 164 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. The guide said to the tourists, "This will be the best day of your life."

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 49 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. The guide told the tourists that this would be the best day of their lives.
2. The guide told the tourists that that would be the best day of their lives.
3. The guide told the tourists this that would be the best day of their lives.
4. The guide told the tourists that this will be the best day of their lives.

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 2, i.e. The guide told the tourists that that would be the best day of their lives.**

- According to the rules of narration it is important to use the corresponding past tense of the action that has been denoted in it's present form in the direct form of speech. This sentence uses that corresponding past form (**told**) and uses the third person perspective as well. Hence it becomes the correct answer.

**Question 165 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. I said to my father, "I want to build a raft which can hold four people."

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 75 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. I told my father that I am wanting to build a raft which could hold four people.



I told my father that that I wanted to build a raft which could hold four people.

3. I told my father that that I am wanting to build a raft which could hold four people.

4. I told my father that I wanted to build a raft which could hold four people.

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. I told my father that I wanted to build a raft which could hold four people.

- This option changes the tense to its corresponding past form by using 'would' and 'wanted'. Since the rules of narration state that indirect speech needs to indicate the tense in the corresponding past form of the present action that's stated in direct speech, this option becomes the correct answer.

### Question 166 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. The manager said, "Vivek must go tomorrow to meet the client".

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 75 Seconds

### Options :

1. The manager said that Vivek must have to go the following day to meet the client.
2. The manager said that Vivek will have to go tomorrow to meet the client.
3. The manager said that Vivek must go the following day to meet the client.
4. The manager said that Vivek must be going tomorrow to meet the client.

### Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. The manager said that Vivek must go the following day to meet the client.

- It is necessary to indicate the same sense in both instances (direct and indirect speech). This sentence implies an indirect sense of similar meaning by using 'the following day' eventually meaning synonymously as 'tomorrow' in the direct speech. Hence, this specific feature makes this option the correct answer. The tense is also accurately portrayed by this sentence.

### Question 167 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. Aunt said to mother, "I will be in Surat on Friday."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 73 Seconds

**Options :**

1. Aunt told mother that she will be in Surat on Friday.
2. Aunt told mother she would be in Surat on Friday.
3. Aunt told mother she will be in Surat on Friday.
4. Aunt told mother that she would be in Surat on Friday.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. Aunt told mother that she would be in Surat on Friday.

- The tense has been accurately changed to its corresponding past form in this option by using 'told' and 'would'. Furthermore, the third person perspective has also been used. These features make this sentence accurate as it works accordingly with the rules of narration.

**Question 168 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. My brother said, "I can climb this hill in less than an hour."

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 65 Seconds****Options :**

1. My brother claimed that he can climb that hill in less than an hour.
2. My brother claimed that he could climb this hill in less than an hour.
3. My brother claimed that he can climb this hill in less than an hour.
4. My brother claimed that he could climb that hill in less than an hour.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. My brother claimed that he could climb that hill in less than an hour.

- The given sentence is a claim indicated by the speaker's brother. For this regard, it is necessary to use 'claimed' to imply similar sense with the given statement in the question. According to the rules of narration, the tense has been changed to its corresponding past form using 'claimed', 'could' and the person has also been changed to the third person perspective.

**Question 169 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. My son said to me, "I will not disappoint you."



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 75 Seconds

Options :

1. My son tells me that he will not disappoint me.
2. My son tells me that he will not be disappointing me.
3. My son told me that he would not disappoint me.
4. My son had told me that he would not be disappointing me.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. My son told me that he would not disappoint me.

- This option is correct because it works accordingly with the rules of narration, firstly by changing the tense to it's corresponding past form using 'told' and 'would'. Secondly, it changes the person to it's third person perspective, altogether making the sentence wholly accurate.

Question 170 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. The officer said, "I am very busy now."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 64 Seconds

Options :

1. The officer said that he was very busy now.
2. The officer said that he is very busy then.
3. The officer said that he is very busy now.
4. The officer said that he was very busy then.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. The officer said that he was very busy then.

- The person has been changed to the third person perspective in this option. Moreover, it uses the word 'then' which becomes an indirect indication of the 'now' moment that was denoted by the given sentence in the question. Both the meanings are similar in this sense. These features makes this sentence wholly accurate.

Question 171 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. "I am proud of you," father said to me.



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 64 Seconds

Options :

1. Father told me that he is proud of me.
2. Father told me that he was proud of me.
3. Father told me this that he was proud of me.
4. Father told me that that he is proud of me.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. Father told me that he was proud of me.

- The tense of this sentence has been changed to its corresponding past form using '**was**' and '**told**'. The person has also been changed to the third person perspective using '**he**'. These features make this option wholly accurate as it follows the rules of narration.

Question 172 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. "The taxi is here," said the watchman.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 63 Seconds

Options :

1. The watchman said that the taxi is there.
2. The watchman said that the taxi was here.
3. The watchman said that the taxi is here.
4. The watchman said that the taxi was there.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. The watchman said that the taxi was there.

- The tense has been changed in this option to the corresponding past form using '**was**'. It also uses '**there**' which is an indirect indication of the same place denoted by '**here**' in the direct form of speech. These features make this option wholly accurate as it follows the rules of narration.

Question 173 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. The student said, "I must study hard."



Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 63 Seconds

Options :

1. The student said that he had to study hard.
2. The student says that he had to study hard.
3. The student says that he must study hard.
4. The student say that he had to study hard.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. The student said that he had to study hard.

- This option changes the tense form to the corresponding past tense using 'had to'. This is in accordance to the rules of narration which state that it is necessary to change the present form of tense in direct speech to its corresponding past form in indirect speech. The person has also been changed to the third person perspective, making the sentence wholly accurate in its indirect form.

Question 174 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. Preeti said to her friend, "I am like my mother."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 68 Seconds

Options :

1. Preeti told her friend that she was like her mother.
2. Preeti told her friend that I was like her mother.
3. Preeti tells her friend that she is like her mother.
4. Preeti tells her friend that that she was like her mother.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Preeti told her friend that she was like her mother.

- This option changes the tense of the sentence to its corresponding past form. Furthermore, the third person perspective, like 'she' and 'her' has been used to indicate accurate indirect speech. These features make this sentence wholly accurate as it works accordingly with the rules of narration.

Question 175 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested,



select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. My brother said to me, "I was upset, but now I am fine."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 65 Seconds

Options :

1. My brother told me that he was upset, but now he was fine.
2. My brother told me that he had been upset, but then he will be fine.
3. My brother told me that he had been upset, but then he was fine.
4. My brother told me that he has been upset, but then he is fine.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. My brother told me that he had been upset, but then he was fine.

- This option changes the tense to the corresponding past form using 'told', 'had been' and 'was'. The third person perspective, like 'he' has also been used. These features make this statement wholly accurate as it follows the rules of narration.

Question 176 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. My friend said to me, "For me running is like therapy."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 69 Seconds

Options :

1. My friend told me this that for her running is like therapy.
2. My friend told me that for her running was like therapy.
3. My friend told me that for her having ran was like therapy.
4. My friend tells me that for her running is like therapy.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. My friend told me that for her running was like therapy.

- This option uses the third person perspective (he) as well as changes it's tense form to the corresponding past tense using 'told' and 'was'. These features make it wholly accurate as it follows the rules of narration.

Question 177 :





In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. I said to the taxi driver, "You must be crazy to drive so fast."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 65 Seconds

Options :

1. I said to the taxi driver that he has to be crazy to drive so fast.
2. I told the taxi driver that he had to be crazy to drive so fast.
3. I had told the taxi driver that he has to be crazy to drive so fast.
4. I had said to the taxi driver that he has to be crazy to be driving so fast.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. I told the taxi driver that he had to be crazy to drive so fast.

- As per the rules of narration, this option accurately changes the tense to its corresponding past form using 'had' and 'told'. It also uses the third person perspective 'he'. These features make this option wholly accurate.

Question 178 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. The teacher said to me, "Stand here next to the podium."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 70 Seconds

Options :

1. The teacher tells to me to stand there next to the podium.
2. The teacher told to me to have stood there next to the podium.
3. The teacher told me to stand there next to the podium.
4. The teacher had told to me to have stood there next to the podium.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. The teacher told me to stand there next to the podium.

- This option accurately uses 'there' to indicate the same place as denoted by 'here' in the given question. It also changes the tense to its corresponding past form by using 'told'. This is in accordance to the rules of narration that state that the corresponding past tense of the present action in direct speech should appear in Indirect speech.

Question 179 :



In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. He said to her, "I will meet you here tomorrow."

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 71 Seconds

Options :

1. He told her this that he will meet her there the following day.
2. He told her that he would meet her there the following day.
3. He told her that he would meet her here tomorrow.
4. He told her that he will meet her there tomorrow.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. He told her that he would meet her there the following day.

- This option uses the third person perspective to denote indirect speech. It also changes the tense to its corresponding past form using 'told' and 'would'. This option uses 'there' but it still indicates the same place as denoted by 'here' in the direct form of speech. All these features make this option the correct answer because it follows all the rules of narration.

Question 180 :

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. She said to her friend, "What can I do to help you?"

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 72 Seconds

Options :

1. She asked her friend that what she can do to help her.
2. She asked her friend what she could do to help her.
3. She asks her friend what is that she could do to help her.
4. She asks her friend what she can do for helping her.

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. She asked her friend what she could do to help her.

- As the given sentence is interrogatory it is mandatory to imply similar sense. In this regard, this option uses 'asked' which indicates interrogatory sentence in indirect speech. Moreover, as per the rules of narration the tense has been



changed to the corresponding past tense by using 'asked' and 'could'. It also uses the third person perspective like 'she' and 'her'. All these features work accordingly to the legitimate rules and hence makes this option wholly accurate.

**Question 181 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. Manoj said to his friend, "I am very angry with you."

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 76 Seconds****Options :**

1. Manoj told his friend that he was very angry with him.
2. Manoj told his friend that he is very angry with him.
3. Manoj told his friend that he was very angered by him.
4. Manoj told his friend that he is very angered by him.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Manoj told his friend that he was very angry with him.

- The tense of this statement has been changed to the corresponding past form by using 'was' and 'told'. This sentence also uses the third person perspective that is 'he'. All these features make this option wholly accurate as it follows the rules of narration.

**Question 182 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. "Hurry up, get in the bus" the conductor said to us.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 66 Seconds****Options :**

1. The conductor told us to hurry up and get in the bus.
2. The conductor tells us to hurry up and get in the bus.
3. The conductor told us to hurry up and got in the bus.
4. The conductor tells us to hurry up and got in the bus.

**Solution :**



The correct answer is option 1, i.e. The conductor told us to hurry up and get in the bus.

- The tense of the given sentence has been changed to it's corresponding past form, that is by using 'told'. Both the instances make similar sense and hence becomes the correct answer. The other options fail to portray the tense accurately or simply creates different meanings from that of the given statement.

**Question 183 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. "My train will reach by noon," he explained.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 67 Seconds****Options :**

1. He explained that his train will reach by noon.
2. He explained that his train would reach by noon.
3. He explained that his train will have reached by noon.
4. He explained that his train would have had reached by noon.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. He explained that his train would reach by noon.

- As per the rules of narration, this option changes the tense to it's corresponding past-form by using 'would' and 'explained'. Moreover, the third person perspective 'his' has been used. These features make this option wholly accurate.

**Question 184 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech. I said to my wife, "These showpieces look nice."

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 62 Seconds****Options :**

1. I told my wife that these showpieces looked nice.
2. I told my wife that those showpieces looked nice.
3. I told my wife that those showpieces look nice.
4. I told my wife that these showpieces look nice.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. I told my wife that those showpieces looked nice.

- This option uses the corresponding past form of the present tense that was used in direct speech, that is it uses 'told' and 'looked'. It also uses the third person perspective 'those' to indicate indirect speech. These features make this sentence wholly accurate because it follows exactly what the rules of narration suggest.

**Question 185 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. You have to finish painting this fence by Friday.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 64 Seconds****Options :**

1. This fence has to be finished painting by you by Friday.
2. This fence is to be finishing painted by you by Friday.
3. Painting of this fence has to be painted by you by Friday.
4. By Friday you will have finished painting the fence.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. This fence has to be finished painting by you by Friday.

- This option is correct because according to the rules of voice change the subject and object has been relocated. The tense portrayed in both instances (active and passive voice) is also similar, unlike the other options, altogether making identical sense as that in the given question.

**Question 186 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. The dealer will service the scooter for free the first three times.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 64 Seconds****Options :**

1. The scooter will be serviced for free by the dealer for the first three times.
2. The scooter was serviced for free by the dealer for the first three times.
3. For the first three times, the dealer will service the scooter for free.
4. Servicing of the scooter for free will be done by the dealer for the first three times.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. The scooter will be serviced for free by the dealer for the first three times.

- As the given sentence in the question is in the present tense it is important for the answer to also denote similar tense, which is in present form. The subject and object also needs to be relocated as per the rules of voice change. Since this option fulfills these required conditions it becomes the accurate answer.

**Question 187 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. The manager gave her a negative feedback during her performance appraisal.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 72 Seconds****Options :**

1. A negative feedback was given to her by the manager during her performance appraisal.
2. The manager will give her negative feedback during her performance appraisal.
3. A negative feedback is being given to her by the manager during appraising her performance.
4. Giving of a negative feedback to her during her performance appraisal has been done by the manager.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. A negative feedback was given to her by the manager during her performance appraisal.

- This option indicates the past tense, as denoted by the question too. It also relocates the subject and object as per the rules of voice change. These features make this option wholly accurate.

**Question 188 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. The General presented us a detailed battle plan.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 64 Seconds****Options :**

1. A detailed battle plan will be presented to us by the General.
2. The General presents us a detailed battle plan.
3. A detailed battle plan was presented to us by the General.



Presenting of a detailed battle plan was being done by the General to us.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. A detailed battle plan was presented to us by the General.

- This option represents the past tense, similar with that of the given question and it accurately relocates the subject and object as per the rules of voice change. These features make it the correct answer.

**Question 189 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. For how long will you keep neglecting your duties.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 61 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. For how long have you kept neglecting your duties.
2. For how long do your duties need to be neglected by yourself.
3. For how long will your duties be kept neglected by you.
4. Neglecting of the duties by you have been going on since how long.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 3, i.e. For how long will your duties be kept neglected by you.

- This option is correct because it implies the same sense as that in the question. It uses the past tense 'kept' because the given sentence uses a continuous form of verb 'keep neglecting'. Whenever the active sentence uses a present continuous form of tense, it becomes necessary for us to use its corresponding past form to imply similar meanings and complete accuracy.

**Question 190 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 69 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. A very painful injection has been given to me by the doctor.
2. The doctor gives myself a very painful injection.





A very painful injection is being given to me by the doctor.

4. Giving of a painful injection to me has been done by the doctor.

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 1, i.e. A very painful injection has been given to me by the doctor.**

- This option denotes the same tense as that in the question using 'has been given'. It also relocates the subject and object as per the rules of voice change. These features altogether make this option wholly accurate.

**Question 191 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. Uncle always welcomes us to his home with a big smile.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 63 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. We are always welcomed by uncle to his home with a big smile.
2. Uncle is always welcoming us to his home with a big smile.
3. A big smile is used by uncle always when he is welcoming us.
4. Welcoming by uncle with a big smile to us is always done.

**Solution :**

**The correct answer is option 1, i.e. We are always welcomed by uncle to his home with a big smile.**

- This option is correct because it indicates the same meaning as that in the given question. The tense portrayed is similar and the subject/object has been accurately relocated as per the rules of voice change.

**Question 192 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 63 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. The car which was speeding has knocked down the pedestrian.
2. The pedestrian was knocked down by the speeding car.
3. The pedestrian was being knocked down by the car which was speeding.

Knocking down of the pedestrian has been done by the speeding car.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. The pedestrian was knocked down by the speeding car.

- This option portrays similar tense forms as that in the given question, that is the past tense. It also relocates the subject and object as per the rules of voice change. These features make this option wholly accurate.

**Question 193 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. I am sure she will like you.

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 60 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. I am sure you were liked by her.
2. She, I am sure shall like you.
3. Liking of you by her is a surety by me.
4. I am sure you will be liked by her.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. I am sure you will be liked by her.

- As the given question denotes the present tense it is necessary for the answer to also represent the same tense-form. This option portrays the present tense, as that in the given question. It also accurately relocates the subject and object as per the rules of voice change. These features make this option the correct answer.

**Question 194 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate**

**Average Time : 62 Seconds**

**Options :**

1. Action movies are rarely watched by myself.
2. Action movies are rarely watched by me.
3. I had rarely watched action movies.
4. Watching of action movies is rarely done by me.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. Action movies are rarely watched by myself.

- This option is correct because it indicates the present tense as denoted by the question. It also relocates the subject and object accurately as suggested by the rules of voice change.

**Question 195 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 54 Seconds****Options :**

1. Greedily sweets are eaten by her.
2. She herself ate the sweets greedily.
3. Eating of the sweets was done by her greedily.
4. The sweets were eaten by her greedily.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. The sweets were eaten by her greedily.

- This option denotes the past tense, similar to that of the given sentence in the question. It also relocates the subject and object as per the rules of voice change. These features make this option wholly accurate.

**Question 196 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. She will never tell you the truth.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 56 Seconds****Options :**

1. You will never be told the truth by her.
2. She shall never be telling you the truth.
3. You were never be told the truth by her.
4. Telling of the truth to you be her will never be done.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. You will never be told the truth by her.



As the action/verb in the given sentence is in the present tense 'tell' it is necessary to use the corresponding past form 'told' to imply similar sense. However, the overall sense is still implied in the present form since this option uses 'will' before the action/verb takes place. The subject and object has also been relocated as per the rules of voice change. These features make this option wholly accurate.

**Question 197 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. She always took her medicines on time.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 69 Seconds****Options :**

1. The medicines was always took on time by her.
2. The medicines were always taken on time by her.
3. On time medicines she always took.
4. Taking of the medicines on time was being done by her.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 2, i.e. The medicines were always taken on time by her.

- This option is correct because the tense portrayed in both instances is similar, that is in the past tense. The subject and object has also been relocated as per the rules of voice change.

**Question 198 :**

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. I have flown this plane for seven years.

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 57 Seconds****Options :**

1. This plane is flying me for seven years.
2. I am flying this plane for seven years.
3. Seven years have happened since I have been flying this plane.
4. This plane has been flown by me for seven years.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. This plane has been flown by me for seven years.



This option is correct because both the instances (active and passive voice) indicate the past tense and similar meanings as well. The subject and object has been relocated as per the rules of voice change, making it wholly accurate.

**Question 199 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 59 Seconds****Options :**

1. This song will be composed by whom?
2. Who composes this song?
3. Composing of this song has been done by who?
4. This song has been composed by whom?

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 4, i.e. This song has been composed by whom?

- This option is correct because firstly the subject and object has been relocated as suggested by the rules of voice change. Secondly, both the instances (active and passive voice) indicate similar meanings because they use the same tense-form, that is the present tense with the verb/action occurring in its past form.

**Question 200 :**

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

**Difficulty : Moderate****Average Time : 59 Seconds****Options :**

1. A certificate will be given to you by the organisers.
2. The organisers had given you a certificate.
3. You were given a certificate by the organisers.
4. Giving of certificate to you was done by organisers.

**Solution :**

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. A certificate will be given to you by the organisers.



This option is correct because firstly both the instances (active and passive voice) denote present tense. The action however becomes the corresponding past tense '**given**', but the overall sense still remains in the present tense. Secondly, the subject and object have accurately been relocated as per the rules of voice change.

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