Ssc Gd Constable prelims Previous Year Question Paper Overview

Here, you can solve all the questions asked in Ssc Gd Constable prelims Previous Year Question Paper on 2019-02-19 in the Morning English exam. The detailed solutions are also provided for every previous year question and some of these questions can be asked again in your Ssc Gd Constable prelims exam. There are 100 questions in the exam and 90 minutes are provided for the Ssc Gd Constable prelims exam. The Cutoff of the exam was 85 marks hence you should try to score at least 95 marks.

Ssc Gd Constable prelims Previous Year Question Paper : Questions and Solutions

Question 1 :
How would the pattern given on the square transparent sheet marked 'X' look when the sheet is folded along the dotted line?

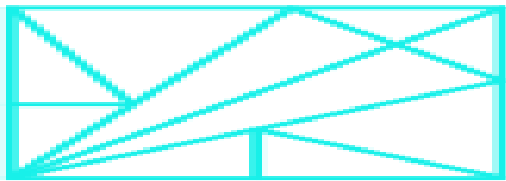**Difficulty : Moderate**   **Average Time : 45 Seconds**

Options :

1.

2.

3.

4.

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** .

Understanding
When a square transparent sheet with the following pattern is unfolded along the dotted line it would appear as: Hence, **option 1** is the correct answer.

Question 2 :

Four words have been given out of which three are alike in some manner, while one is different. Choose the odd one

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 78 Seconds**

Options :

1. Joy
2. Fear
3. Anger
4. Calm

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Calm.**

Understanding	Application

| The logic used here is:

Joy, anger and fear are extreme levels of emotions. | Whereas;

Calm is not an extreme emotion.

Hence, **option 4** is the odd one out. |

Question 3 :

The statements below are followed by two conclusions labelled I and II. Assuming that the information in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with generally established facts, decide which conclusion(s) logically and definitely follow(s) from the information given in the statements. Statements: 1. Some flowers are white. 2. Some white objects are round. Conclusions: I. Some flowers are round. II. Every round object is either white or a flower.

Difficulty : Moderate

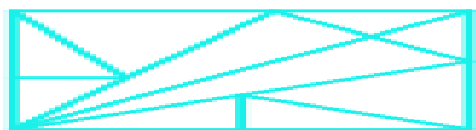**Average Time : 68 Seconds**

Options :

1. Only conclusion II follows

2. Both conclusions I and II follow

3. Only conclusion I follows

4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Neither conclusion I nor II follows.**

Understanding
The least possible Venn diagram is shown below:

Conclusions:

I. Some flowers are round: **False (It is possible but not definite)**

II. Every round object is either white or a flower: **False (It is possible but not definite)**

Question 4 :

If in a code language, HEAD = 4158 and PASTE = 52019116, then TRICK =?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 63 Seconds

Options :

1. 11391820
2. 31191820
3. 11391718
4. 11932018

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **11391820.**

Understanding	Application

The logic used here is: HEAD = 4158 and PASTE = 52019116 First, reverse the given codes for each word. HEAD = 8514 Positional value of H in English alphabetical series = 8 Positional value of E in English alphabetical series = 5 Positional value of A in English alphabetical series = 1 Positional value of D in English alphabetical series = 4	Similarly, **Code for the word TRICK:** **Positional value of T in English alphabetical series = 20** **Positional value of R in English alphabetical series = 18** **Positional value of I in English alphabetical series = 9** **Positional value of C in English alphabetical series = 3** **Positional value of K in English alphabetical series = 11** **TRICK = 11391820** Hence, **option 1** is the correct answer.

Question 5 :

DAWN is related to DUSK in the same way as INAUGURATION is related to:

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 81 Seconds**

Options :

1. MEETING

VALEDICTION

3. CONCLUSION

4. INVITATION

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **VALEDICTION.**

| Understanding	Application
The logic used here is: DAWN is related to DUSK Dawn and dusk words are antonyms.	Similarly, **INAUGURATION is related to:** **Inauguration and valediction are antonyms.** Hence, **option 2** is the correct answer.

Question 6 :

Six houses A, B, C, D, E and F are located in two rows facing each other with three houses in each row. F is opposite C, which is to the left of E. D is to the right of A. Which house is facing B?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 63 Seconds**

Options :

1. D

2. A

3. C

4. E

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **A.**

Understanding

According to the question, the arrangement is as follows:
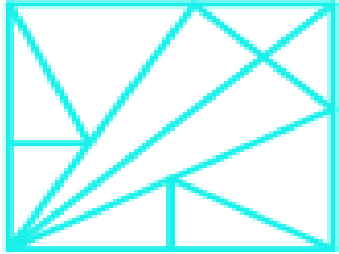
From the above arrangement, house A is facing B.

Hence, **option 2** is the correct answer.

Question 7 :
Select the correct mirror image of the following figure when the mirror is placed to its right.

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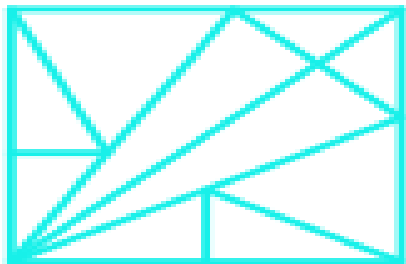
Options :

1.

2.

3.

4.

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4**.

Understanding
The mirror image of the question figure is shown below: Since the mirror is placed right to the question figure, the original image's right-hand side will now be the left-hand side of the mirror image.

Question 8 :

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series. 2, 3, 4, 8, 16, 25, 52, ...

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 76 Seconds

Options :

1. 114

2. 85

3. 68

4. 79

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **68.**

Understanding

Given series: 2, 3, 4, 8, 16, 25, 52, ...

The logic used here is:

$2 + 1^2 = 3$

$3 + 1^3 = 4$

$4 + 2^2 = 8$

$8 + 2^3 = 16$

$16 + 3^2 = 25$

$25 + 3^3 = 52$

$52 + 4^2 = 68$

The next term in the series is **68.**

Hence, option 3 is the correct answer.

Question 9 :
Choose the figure from the options that would follow next in the given series.

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 55 Seconds**

Options :

1. A

2. B

3. C

4. D

Solution :
The correct answer is **option 3, i.e. C.**

Understanding

The logic which follows here is:

All the elements in the figure are rotating in clockwise direction one step forward.

The black dots are increasing by one in each figure.

The vowels are written in the next figures.

Hence, **option 3** is the correct answer.

Question 10 :

Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term. BDFH : AFCL : : FHJL : ?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 56 Seconds

Options :

1. EIGP

2. EJFO

3. HFGN

4. EJGP

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **EJGP.**

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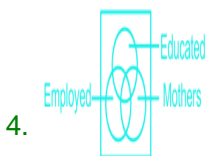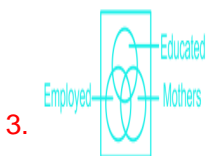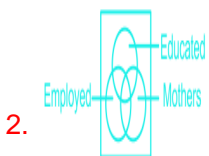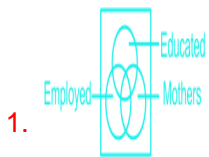| The logic used here is: BDFH : AFCL B - 1 = A D + 2 = F F - 3 = C H + 4 = L	Similarly, **FHJL : ?** **F - 1 = E** **H + 2 = J** **J - 3 = G** **L + 4 = P** Hence, **option 4** is the correct answer.

Question 11 :
Which of the following Venn diagrams correctly represents the relationships among the classes: Educated, Mothers, Employed

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 61 Seconds**

Options :

1.

2.

3.

4.

Solution :
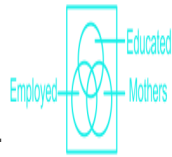
The correct answer is **option 4** .

Understanding
The possible Venn diagram is: Some educated are employed but mothers. Some mothers are educated but not employed. Hence, the diagram given above shows the best relationship between them.
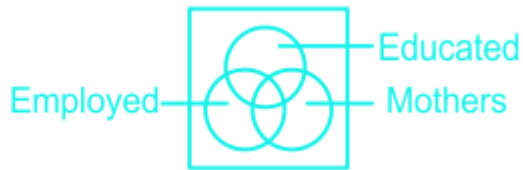
Question 12 :

Four numbers have been given out of which three are alike in some manner, while one is different. Choose the odd one.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 81 Seconds

Options :

1. 84

2. 91

3. 42

4. 55

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **55.**

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The logic used here is: 84, 91 and 42 are multiples of 7.	Whereas; **55 is not a multiple of 7.** Hence, **option 4** is the odd one out.

Question 13 :

If in a code language SYMPHONY is coded as ZOPIQNZT, then THURSDAY would be coded as:

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 50 Seconds

Options :

1. UIVSTEBZ
2. ZBETSIVU
3. XZCRQTGS
4. ZBETSVIU

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **ZBETSVIU.**

Understanding	Application

The logic used here is:	Similarly,
SYMPHONY is coded as ZOPIQNZT	**Code for the word THURSDAY:**
First, reverse the given code.	**T + 1 = U**
SYMPHONY = TZNQIPOZ	**H + 1 = I**
S + 1 = T	**U + 1 = V**
Y + 1 = Z	**R + 1 = S**
M + 1 = N	**S + 1 = T**
P + 1 = Q	**D + 1 = E**
H + 1 = I	**A + 1 = B**
O + 1 = P	**Y + 1 = Z**
N + 1 = O	**THURSDAY = ZBETSVIU**
Y + 1 = Z	Hence, **option 4** is the correct answer.

Question 14 :

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series. 2, 5, 7, 12, ?, 31, 50

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

Options :

1. 18

2. 19

3. 25

4. 21

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **19.**

Understanding

Given series: 2, 5, 7, 12, ?, 31, 50

The logic used here is:

5 + 2 = 7

7 + 5 = 12

12 + 7 = 19

19 + 12 = 31

31 + 19 = 50

The missing term in the series is **19.**

Hence, option 2 is the correct answer.

Question 15 :

The statements below are followed by three conclusions labelled I, II and III. Assuming that the information in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with generally established facts, decide which conclusion(s) logically and definitely follow(s) from the information given in the statements. Statements: 1. Some mangoes are fruits. 2. All fruits are sweet. Conclusions: I. Some sweet objects are mangoes. II. All sweet objects are fruits. III. Some mangoes are neither fruits nor sweet.

Difficulty : Moderate
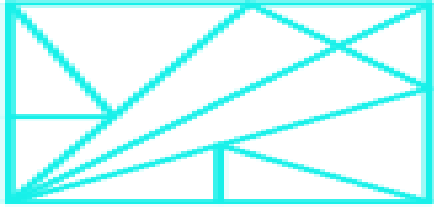
Average Time : 66 Seconds

Options :

1. Only conclusions I and III follow

2. Only conelusions II and III follow

3. Only conclusions I and II follow

4. Only conclusion I follows

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Only conclusions I and III follow.**

Understanding

The least possible Venn diagram is shown below:

Conclusions:

I. Some sweet objects are mangoes: **True**

II. All sweet objects are fruits: **False (It is not definite)**

III. Some mangoes are neither fruits nor sweet: **True**

Question 16 :

Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term. Torture : Cruelty : : Forgiveness:?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 69 Seconds

Options :

1. Politeness

2. Generosity

3. Gratitude

4. Excuse

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Generosity.**

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The logic used here is: Torture: Cruelty Torture and cruelty are synonyms.	Similarly, **Forgiveness : ?** **Forgiveness and generosity are synonyms.** Hence, **option 2** is the correct answer.

Question 17 :
Choose the figure from the options in which the figure marked 'X' is embedded.

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

Options :

1.

2.

3.

4.

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3**.

Understanding
The given figure is embedded in option 3 as shown below:

Question 18 :

Pick the odd pair out.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 62 Seconds

Options :

1. 14-41
2. 17-52
3. 23-32
4. 12-21

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **17-52.**

Understanding	Application
The logic used here is:	
Option 1: 14-41	Whereas;
Reverse of 14 = 41	**Option 2: 17-52**
Option 3: 23-32	**Reverse of 17 = 71**
Reverse of 23 = 32	Hence, **option 2** is the odd one out.
Option 4: 12-21	
Reverse of 12 = 21	

Question 19 :

V, X, Y and Z are playing cards while sitting around a circular table facing inside. X is to the left of Y and V is to the right of Z. If X is facing West, which direction is V facing?
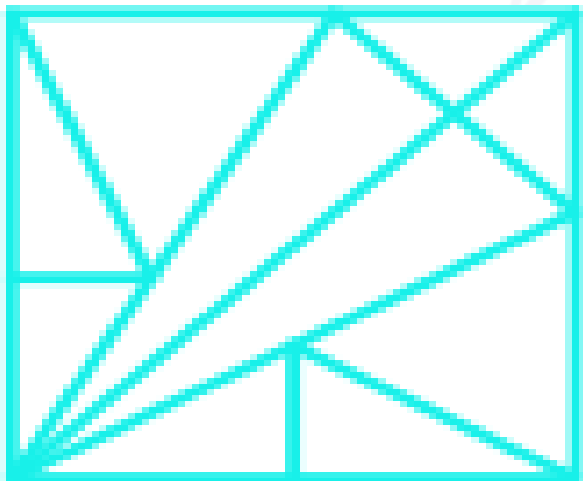
Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 64 Seconds

Options :

1. North
2. South
3. West
4. East

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **North.**

Understanding
According to the question, the arrangement is as follows:
From the above arrangement, If X is facing West, V is facing South.
Hence, **option 1** is the correct answer.

Question 20 :

A park is in the shape of a rectangle. Its length and breadth 240 m and 100 m, respectively. At the centre of the park. there is a circular lawn. The area of the park, excluding the lawn is 3904 m2. What is the perimeter (in m) of the lawn? (use = 3.14)

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 63 Seconds

Options :

1. 502.4
2. 516.2
3. 508.6
4. 512.8

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **502.4**

Area of Rectangle = Length × Breadth, Area of Circle = r^2

According to question,

Area of park = 240 × 100 = 24000m^2

As given the area of the park, excluding the lawn is 3904 m^2 it means

Area of lawn = 24000 - 3904 = 20096m^2

r^2 = 20096

(3.14)r^2 = 20096, r^2 = 6400, r = 80m

The perimeter (in m) of the lawn = 2r

2 × 3.14 × 80 = 502.4m

Question 21 :

Which two signs should be interchanged to make the following equation correct? 12 + 16 ÷ 8 × 4 - 8 = 24

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 57 Seconds

Options :

1. + and ×
2. × and -
3. ÷ and ×
4. - and ÷

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **- and ÷.**

Understanding
Given Equation: 12 + 16 ÷ 8 × 4 - 8 = 24
Check all the options:
Option 1: + and ×
After replacement the equation becomes;
= 12 × 16 ÷ 8 + 4 - 8
= 20 is not equal to 24.
Hence, **option 1** is not the correct answer.
Option 2: × and -
After replacement the equation becomes;
= 12 + 16 ÷ 8 - 4 × 8
= -18 is not equal to 24.
Hence, **option 2** is not the correct answer.
Option 3: ÷ and ×
After replacement the equation becomes;
= 12 + 16 × 8 ÷ 4 - 8
= 36 is not equal to 24.
Hence, **option 3** is not the correct answer.
Option 4: - and ÷
After replacement the equation becomes;
= 12 + 16 - 8 × 4 ÷ 8
= 24 is equal to 24.
Hence, option 4 is the correct answer.

Question 22 :

Which one of the following four-letter clusters does NOT belong to the group?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 97 Seconds

Options :

1. CXWD
2. FUSG
3. DWTG
4. BYWD

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **FUSG.**

Understanding	Application
The logic used here is: Option 1: CXWD Opposite of C = X Opposite of W = D Option 3: DWTG Opposite of D = W Opposite of T = G Option 4: BYWD Opposite of B = Y Opposite of W = D	Whereas; **Option 2: FUSG** **Opposite of F = U** **Opposite of S = G** Hence, **option 2** is the odd one out.

Question 23 :

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series. cab, gef, ljk, rpq, ...

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 68 Seconds

Options :

1. ywx

yxw

3. zxy

4. wvu

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **ywx.**

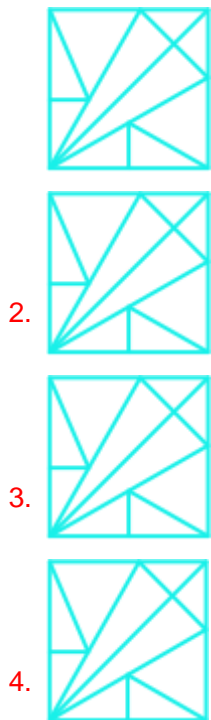| Understanding |
|---|
| Given series: cab, gef, ljk, rpq, ... |
| The logic used here is: |
| c + 4 = g |
| a + 4 = e |
| b + 4 = f |
| g + 5 = l |
| e + 5 = j |
| f + 5 = k |
| l + 6 = r |
| j + 6 = p |
| k + 6 = q |
| **r + 7 = y** |
| **p + 7 = w** |
| **q + 7 = x** |
| The next term in the series is **ywx.** |
| **Hence, option 1 is the correct answer.** |

Question 24 :

Select the figure which when placed in the blank space of the figure marked 'X' would complete the pattern.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 64 Seconds

Options :

2.

3.

4.

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1**

Understanding
The figure in option 1 will complete the pattern given in the question figure.
Hence, **option 1** is the correct answer.

Question 25 :

Among six objects P, Q, R, S, T and U, Q is heavier than R but lighter than T. S is lighter than P but heavier than U. P is lighter than Q and R but heavier than S. Which is the second heaviest object?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 76 Seconds

Options :

  Q

2. T

3. P

4. S

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Q.**

Understanding
According to the question, the arrangements is as follows: T > Q > R > P > S > U From the above arrangements, Q is the second heaviest object. Hence, **option 1** is the correct answer.

Question 26 :

The numbers in the following set are related in a certain way. Choose the set that is similar to the following set: (6, 10, 8)

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 53 Seconds

Options :

1. (8, 12, 9)

2. (5, 13, 12)

3. (13, 17, 16)

4. (3, 6, 4)

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **(5, 13, 12).**

Understanding	Application

The logic used here is: (6, 10, 8) $6^2 + 8^2 = 10^2$	Similarly, **(5, 13, 12)** $5^2 + 12^2 = 13^2$ Hence, **option 2** is the correct answer.

Question 27 :

The famous playback singer .... is a recipient of the Bharat Ratna Award.

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 51 Seconds**

Options :

1. Shubha Mudgal

2. Asha Bhonsale

3. Shreya Ghoshal

4. Lata Mangeshkar

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Lata Mangeshkar.**

- **Lata Mangeshkar** is a renowned Indian playback singer and music director.
- She has recorded songs in over a thousand hindi films and has sung songs in over 36 Indian languages and foreign languages.
- Some of her national honours include **Padma Bushan(1969), Dadasahed Phalke Award(1989), Padma Vibhushan(1999), Bharat Ratna(2001) and Legion of Honour(2007).**

Question 28 :

Which day is celebrated as the World Environment Day?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 48 Seconds**

Options :

1. 5th June

2. 1st December

3. 5th August

1st May

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **5th June.**

- The World Environment Day is celebrated annually on **5th of June** to encourage, spread awareness and action for the protection of the environment.
- The **theme of 2020 World Environment Day** was **"Reimagine, Recreate and Restore"** and the **theme for 2021** is **"Ecosystem Restoration."**

Question 29 :

Who is an 'indentured labourer'?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 51 Seconds**

Options :

1. A slave from Africa

2. A labour bought in a market

3. An unpaid labourer

4. A bonded labourer, working to pay off his passage to a new country

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **A bonded labourer, working to pay off his passage to a new country.**

- Indentured labour is a form of contract or bonded labour, in which a person becomes an indentured servant by borrowing money and then voluntarily agreeing to work off the debt during a specified term.
- Many of the white settlers in North America were indentured labours, who agreed to work for someone i.e the purchaser of the indenture, upon arrival to pay for their passage.

Question 30 :

.... is known as the Eastern Mountain Range.

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 58 Seconds**

Options :

1. Patkai Range

2. Aravalli

3. Karakoram

Shivalik

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Patkai Range.**

- The **Patkai mountain range**, a part of the Purvanchal hills, is located in the Northeastern border with Burma and covering Indian states of Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Manipur.
- Three mountain ranges come under the Patkai namely: The Patkai Bum (Burmese Kumon Taungdan), the Garo-Khasi-Jaintia and the Lushai Hills.

Question 31 :

What do banks utilize a major portion of the deposits for?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 47 Seconds

Options :

1. Loans

2. Guarantee

3. Interest

4. Collaterals

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Loans.**

- Banks utlize a major portion of the deposits for **loans** inorder to finance start-up capital and also for a larger and long term purchases.
- Bank loans are usually provided at a cost, which is generally interest on the owed amount. Other fees and charges may be applicable, depending on the type of loan and on the lender and on the terms of agreement.

Question 32 :

In the context of the Indian National Movement, who was known as 'Frontier Gandhi'?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 51 Seconds

Options :

1. Maghfoor Ahmad Ajazi

2. Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan

3. Udham Singh

Ashfaqulla Khan

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan.**

- **Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan** was a Pashtun independence activist against British colonial rule in India.
- He was a political and spiritual leader known for his non-violent opposition and lifelong pacifism. He was also a devout Muslim and an advocate for Hindu-Muslim unity in the Indian subcontinent.
- Because of his similar ideologies and close friendship with Mahatma Gandhi, he was given the name **"Frontier Gandhi."**

Question 33 :

What is diluted acetic acid commonly known as?

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

Options :

1. Oleum

2. Blue vitriol

3. Vinegar

4. Alum

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Vinegar.**

- **Vinegar** is a diluted solution of acetic acid and trace compounds that may include flavourings. Vinegar usually contains 5-8% acetic acid by volume.
- Acetic acids are usually produced by a process of double fermentation, converting simple sugars to ethanol using yeast and ethanol to acetic acid by acetic acid bacteria.

Question 34 :

The slogan "Workers of the world unite" was associated to:

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 47 Seconds**

Options :

1. French revolution

2. American revolution

Russian revolution

4. Japanese revolution

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Russian revolution**

- The slogan "Workers of the world unite" is one of the rallying cries from the **Russian Revolution.**
- The Russian Revolution of 1917 was one of the most explosive political events that took place in the 20th century.
- The revolution marked the end of the Romanov dynasty and centuries of Russian imperial rule.
- During this revolution, the Bolsheviks, led by leftist revolutionary Vladimir Lenin, seized power and destroyed the tradition of czarist rule and later became the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Question 35 :

The ICC Emerging Player of the Year 2018 was awarded to ....

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 57 Seconds

Options :

1. Hardik Pandya

2. K.L. Rahul

3. Rishabh Pant

4. Shikhar Dhawan

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Rishabh Pant.**

- The ICC Emerging Player of the year 2018 was awarded to **Rishabh Pant,** who is India's fast-rising wicket keeper batsman.
- Rishabh Pant plays as a middle order wicket-keeper batsman for India, Delhi and the Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League.
- He was also the first Indian wicket-keeper to score a Test hundred in Australia.

Question 36 :

The first amendment to the Indian Constitution was made in _____.

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 49 Seconds

Options :

1. 1947

    1948

3. 1951

4. 1950

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **1951.**

1. The first amendment of the Constitution was made in **1951** to empower the state to undertake affirmative action for the welfare of the Scheduled castes, tribes and backward classes.

2. Its amendment included providing a 10% quota for economically weaker sections in educational institutions and appointments.

Question 37 :

Which type of micro-organism causes typhoid?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 41 Seconds**

Options :

1. Virus

2. Bacteria

3. Fungi

4. Protozoa

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Bacteria.**

- Typhoid is a **bacterial infection** that can lead to symptoms such as high fever, diarrhea and vomiting. It is caused by the bacterial called "Salmonella typhi."
- The infection is often passed through contaminated food and drinking water, and is more prevalent in places where handwashing is less frequent or passed by carriers who do not know they carry the bacteria.
- If typhoid is detected early, it can be successfully treated with antibiotics, if it is not treated, typhoid can be fatal.

Question 38 :

The Constitution of India contains .... schedules.

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 54 Seconds**

Options :

1. 11
2. 12
3. 14
4. 13

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **12.**

- The Indian Constitution at present, has **448 Articles, 25 Parts and 12 Schedules**

First Schedule	List of States and Union Territories
Second Schedule	Salary of President, Chief judges, Judges of high court & supreme court, Governors, Comptroller and Auditor General
Third Schedule	Oaths and Affirmations
Fourth Schedule	Allocation of seats for each state in Rajya Sabha
Fifth Schedule	Administration of Scheduled areas and tribes
Sixth Schedule	Provisions for administration in the tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh
Seventh Schedule	The Union, State and the Concurrent List
Eight Schedule	List of 22 recognized languages in Indian Consitution

Ninth Schedule	Acts and orders relating to land tenure, land tax, railways and industries
Tenth Schedule	Provisions and disqualification on grounds of defection
Eleventh Schedule	Provisions of Panchayati Raj
Twelfth Schedule	Provisions of Municipal Corporation

Question 39 :

When a force resists the relative motion between two surfaces, it is called ....

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 90 Seconds

Options :

1. Resistance

2. Convection

3. Friction

4. Induction

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Friction.**

- **Friction** refers to the force that resists the sliding or rolling of one solid object over another.
- Scientists are of the view that friction occurs not as a result of gravity or fundamental force, but believe that it is the electromagnetic attraction between charged particles in two touching surfaces.

Question 40 :

What is the movement of a plant due to the stimulus of light known as?

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 47 Seconds

Options :

1. Respiration

   Geotaxis

3. Geotropism

4. Phototropism

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Phototropism.**

- **Phototropism** is understood as the ability of the plant to re-orient the shoot growth towards a direction of light source.
- Phototropism is important to plants as it amplifies the ability of plants to optimize their photosynthetic capacity.

Question 41 :

Malgudi Days was written by ....

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 41 Seconds**

Options :

1. Shashi Tharoor

2. Vikram Seth

3. Amish Tripathi

4. R.K. Narayan

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **R.K. Narayan.**

- The book **"Malgudi Days"** was authored by **R.K Narayan in 1943.**
- The Malgudi Days is a collection of 32 short stories, all set in the fictional town of Malgudi, located in South India. Each of the stories portrays a facet of life in Magudi.

Question 42 :

Who won the National Squash 2018 Womens Singles title?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 46 Seconds**

Options :

1. Dipika Pallikal

2. Bhuvaneshkumari

Urwashi Joshi

4. Joshna Chinappa

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Joshna Chinappa.**

- **Joshna Chinappa** won her record 16th National title of the National Squash Women's Singles title after she defeated Urwashi Joshi in the final match of the competition.
- The National Squash Championship is a seven-star ranking event conducted annually. In February 2020, the championship has been held 7 times, usually in February and June.
- Some of the top ranked Indian squash players are Dipika Pallikal Karthik, Joshna Chinappa and Saurav Ghosal.

Question 43 :

River Yamuna does NOT pass through which of the following states?

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

Options :

1. Uttarakhand

2. Haryana

3. Gujarat

4. Uttar Pradesh

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Gujarat.**

- The Yamuna River is the second largest tributary river of the Ganga and also the longest tributary in India.
- The river originates from the Yamunotri glacier and travels a total length of 1,376 kilometres.
- The Yamuna flows through the Indian states of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi. However, it does not flow in **Gujarat.**

Question 44 :

What is an annual statement of receipts and expenditure of the government overa fiscal year is known as?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 50 Seconds**

Options :

1. Capital

Revenue

3. Tax

4. Budget

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Budget**

- A **budget** is the sum of finances allocated for a particular purpose and the summary of intended expenditures along with proposals for how to meet them.
- The budget is prepared by the Budget Division Department of Economic Affairs of Finance Ministry annually.
- The Union Budget of India is given under Article 112 of the Constitution of India.

Question 45 :

Which of the following pair correctly represents a state and the corresponding art form associated with it?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 50 Seconds**

Options :

1. Assam — Kathakali

2. Tamil Nadu — Odissi

3. Uttar Pradesh — Kathak

4. Punjab — Mohiniyattam

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Uttar Pradesh — Kathak.**

- Kathak is a popular classical dance practiced in the northern Indian state of **Uttar Pradesh.**
- The term Kathak comes from the Vedic Sanskrit word "Katha" which means "story" and Kathakar which means "storytellers".
- On the other hand, **Kathakali and Mohiniyattam** are classical dance forms of Kerala and **Odissi** from Odisha.

Question 46 :

Which one of the following is a labour intensive industry?

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

Options :

1. Pulses

Tea

3. Maize

4. Wheat

Solution :
The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Tea.**

- Among the following, **tea** is considered a labour intensive industry because it requires an abundant supply of cheap and skilled labour, especially during the time when tea leaves are being plucked.
- Tea production is a tedius process which requires skilled manipulation of fingers for plucking two leaves and a bud at a time.
- At present, China is the leading producer of tea in the world, followed by India as the second largest tea producing country in the world.

Question 47 :
Under which of the following situations, the Fundamental Right to Freedom is curtailed in India?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 55 Seconds**

Options :

1. Financial Emergency

2. Epidemic Emergency

3. State Emergency

4. National Emergency

Solution :
The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **National Emergency.**

- According to **Article 358** of the Indian Constitution, when a proclamation of **National Emergency** is made, the six fundamental rights under Article 19 are automatically suspended.
- The 44th Amendment Act states that Article 19 can ony be suspended when the National Emergency is being laid in times of war or external aggression and not in the case of armed rebellion.
- **Article 19** of the Constitution provides the citizens the right to: 1) Freedom of speech and expression, 2) To assemble peacably without arms, 3) To form associations/unions, 4) To move freely throughout the territory of India, 5) To reside and settle in any part of the territory of India and 6) To practice any profession or carry any trade, business or occupation.

Question 48 :
Nalanda was an ancient centre of learning for which religion?

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 66 Seconds

Options :

1. Islam

2. Christianity

3. Jainism

4. Buddhism

Solution :
The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Buddhism.**

- The Nalanda University is an ancient university and a **Buddhist** monastic centre of learning in the northern state of Bihar.
- Nalanda was established during the Gupta Empire era and Nalanda Mahavihara taught six major Buddhist schools and philosophies such as Yogacara and Sarvastivada, the Hindu vedas and its six philosophies, as well as subjects like grammar, medicine, logic and mathematics.

Question 49 :
Which of the following statement is NOT correct in the context of rising importance of tertiary sector in India?

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 51 Seconds

Options :

1. Growth of information and technology

2. Growth in per capita income

3. Growth of service providing industries

4. Growth of political awareness in rural areas

Solution :
The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Growth of political awareness in rural areas.**

- The tertiary sector is an important sector which provides basic services such as hospitals, educational institutions, post and telegraph services, police stations, courts, municipal corporations, defence, banks etc.
- They contribute in the growth of per capita income, service providing industries and on technology and information. However, they do not contribute to the **growth of political awareness in rural areas** as tertiary sectors are more

concerned towards providing services that ease our lives and needs.

Question 50 :
Ustad Amjad Ali Khan is famous for playing the ....

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 59 Seconds**

Options :
1. tabla

2. violin

3. veena

4. sarod

Solution :
The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **sarod.**

- Ustad Amjad Ali Khan is an Indian **classical sarod player** and is well known for his clear and fast ekhara taans.
- He had his roots into a classical musical family and has performed internationally since the 1960's.
- He was awarded India's second highest civilian honour "Padma Vibhushan" in 2001.

Question 51 :
RK Laxman is famous for ....

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 46 Seconds**

Options :
1. wall painting

2. classical mus

3. films

4. cartoons

Solution :
The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **cartoons.**

- R.K Laxman was a renowned Indian **cartoonist, illustrator and a humorist.**
- He is best known for his creation "The Common Man" and for his daily cartoon strips called "You Said it" in the Times of India, which started in 1951, and chronicled Indian life and politics through the eyes of the "common man."
- Laxman's "Common Man" was witty and sarcastic but never venomous, and his outlook was said to represent that

of countless average Indian.

Question 52 :

When a person goes to his office from his house with a speed of 10 km/hr, he is late by 20 minutes. When he goes with speed of 15 km/hr, he is late by 5 minutes. What is the distance (in km) between his office and house?

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 65 Seconds

Options :

1. 8

2. 7.5

3. 7

4. 8.5

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **7.5**

Time = Distance/Speed

Let the distance between office and house be x.

According to question,

(x/10) - (x/15) = (20 + 5)/60

 (3x - 2x)/30 = 25/60

x = 15/2 , or 7.5 km

Question 53 :

The value of : [5/7 of - 5/8 of 6/7] ÷ [1 - 1/7 × (5/12 + 1/3)] × [(1/7)/(1/9)]/[(1/7) + (1/9)]

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 40 Seconds

Options :

1. 1/4

2. 8

3. 4

4. 81/32

Solution :

Correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **81/32**

[5/7 of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - 5/8 of 6/7] ÷ [1 - 1/7 × (5/12 + 1/3)] × [(1/7)/(1/9)]/[(1/7) + (1/9)]

[5/7 of 11/8 - 15/28] ÷ [1 - 1/7 × (3/4)] × (9/7)/[(1/7) + (1/9)]

[55/56 - 15/28] ÷ [1 - 3/28] × (9/7)/(16/63)

[25/56] ÷ [25/28] × 81/16

1/2 × 81/16 = 81/32

Question 54 :
What is the sum of digits of the least number which when divided by 21, 28, 30 and 35 leaves the same remainder 10 in each case but is divisible by 17?

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

Options :

1. 11

2. 13

3. 14

4. 10

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **13**

the least number which when divided by 21, 28, 30 and 35 leaves the same remainder 10 is LCM of 21, 28, 30, 35 + 10

420 + 10 = 430

In other case it should also be divisible by 17 Hence 420k + 10 should be divisible by 17

On putting k = 2 Number becomes 420 × 2 + 10 = 850 it is also divisible by 17

Hence sum of digits = 8 + 5 + 0 = 13

Question 55 :
The value of : 1.25 - [1 ÷ {3 + (2 - 0.4 × 2.5)}]

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

Options :

2

2. 1

3. 0

4. 1/2

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **1**

1.25 - [1 ÷ {3 + (2 - 0.4 × 2.5)}] = ?

1.25 - [1 ÷ {3 + 1}]

1.25 - [1 ÷ 4]

1.25 - 0.25 = 1

Question 56 :

The profit on selling 35 mangoes is equal to the cost price of 7 mangoes. What is the profit percentage?

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 37 Seconds

Options :

1. $5\frac{1}{2}$

2. 20

3. 25

4. $5\frac{1}{2}$

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **20**

According to question,

SP of 35 mangoes = CP of 35 mangoes + CP of 7 mangoes

SP of 35 mangoes = CP of 42 mangoes

SP/CP = 42/35 = 6/5

Profit % = (1/5) × 100 = 20%

Question 57 :

A train takes 3 hours less time for a journey of 360 km, if its speed is increased by 10 km/hr from its usual speed. What is its increased speed (in km/hr)?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 57 Seconds

Options :

1. 40
2. 42
3. 36
4. 30

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **40**

Let the speed of train be x

According to question,

$(360/x) - \{360/(x + 10)\} = 3$

$(360x + 3600 - 360x)/x^2 + 10x = 3$

$3600 = 3x^2 + 30x$

$x^2 + 10x - 1200 = 0$

By solving this x = 30

Increased speed = 30 + 10 = 40kmph

Question 58 :

After allowing a discount of % on the marked price of an article. it was sold for Rs. 700. Had the discount NOT been given, the profit would have been 60%.The cost price of the article is:

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 51 Seconds

Options :

Rs. 500

2. Rs. 540

3. Rs. 600

4. Rs. 480

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Rs. 500**

After allowing a discount of $5\frac{1}{2}$ % on the marked price of an article. it was sold for Rs. 700

87.5% of MP = 700 or MP = 800

Had the discount NOT been given, the profit would have been 60% it means,

SP becomes 800 then,

160% of CP = 800

CP = Rs. 500

Question 59 :

If (x + 6), (x + 12), (x - 2), and (x + 2) are in proportion then the mean proportional between x and (x - 10) is:

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

Options :

1. 9

2. 16

3. 15

4. 12

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **12**

If (x + 6), (x + 12), (x - 2), and (x + 2) are in proportion then,

(x + 6)(x + 2) = (x + 12)(x - 2)

$x^2 + 8x + 12 = x^2 + 10x - 24$

2x = 36, x = 18

mean proportional between x and (x - 10) is:

(x)(x - 10)

18 x 8 = 144 = 12

Question 60 :

Three positive number are given. If the average of any two of them is added to the third number, the sums obtained are 172, 216 and 180. What is the average of the given three numbers?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 52 Seconds

Options :

1. 93

2. $5\frac{1}{2}$

3. $5\frac{1}{2}$

4. 96

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. $5\frac{1}{2}$

Let the three numbers be x, y and z

According to question,

(x + y)/2 + z = 172 or x + y + 2z = 344 ...(1)

(y + z)/2 + x = 216 or y + z + 2x = 432 ...(2)

(z + x)/2 + y = 180 or z + x + 2y = 360 .....(3)

By adding (1), (2) and (3) we get,

4(x + y + z) = 1136 or (x + y + z) = 284

Average = 284/3 or $5\frac{1}{2}$

Question 61 :

The selling price of an article is 84% of its cost price. If the cost price is increased by 20% and the selling price is increased by 25%, what is the percentage increase/decrease in the loss with respect to the earlier loss?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 78 Seconds

Options :

1. $5\frac{1}{2}$ %, decrease

2. $5\frac{1}{2}$ %, decrease

3. $5\frac{1}{2}$ %, increase

4. $5\frac{1}{2}$ %, increase

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. $5\frac{1}{2}$ **%, decrease**

Let the CP be Rs. 100 then SP becomes Rs. 84, Loss = Rs. 16

New CP = 120% of 100 = Rs. 120, New SP = 125% of 84 = Rs. 105, New loss = 120 - 105 = Rs. 15

Decrease % in loss = {(16 - 15)/16} × 100 = $5\frac{1}{2}$ %

Question 62 :

2 men and 7 women can do a piece of work in 14 days where as 3 men and 8 women can do it in 11 days. In how many days 5 men and 4 women can do the same work?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 80 Seconds**

Options :

1. 11

2. 12

3. 14

4. 10

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **11**

(2M + 7W)14 = (3M + 8W)11

28M + 98W = 33M + 88W

5M = 10W or 1M = 2W

now according to question,

2 men and 7 women can do a piece of work in 14 days i.e 4W + 7W = 14, 1W = 14/11

We need to find In how many days 5 men and 4 women can do the same work hence,

10W + 4W = ?

14W = 14/(14/11) = 11 Days

Question 63 :

A metallic sphere of radius 4 cm is melted and the cast into small spherical balls, each of diameter 0.4 cm. The number of small balls will be:

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

Options :
1. 1000
2. 8000
3. 4000
4. 2000

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **8000**

Volume of Sphere = $(4/3) \times \times r^3$

$(4/3) \times \times 4^3 = n((4/3) \times \times 0.2^3)$

$64 = n(0.008)$

$n = 8000$

Question 64 :

A sum of Rs. 14460 is divided among A, B, C and D such that the ratio of share of A and B is 3 : 5, that of B and C is 6 : 7 and that of C and D is 14 : 15. What is the difference between the shares of A and C?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 49 Seconds**

Options :
1. Rs. 1440
2. Rs. 1500
3. Rs. 2100

Rs. 2040

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Rs. 2040**

According to question,

A : B = 3 : 5 ...(1)

B : C = 6 : 7 ...(2)

C : D = 14 : 15 ...(3)

Multiply (1) by 6 and (2) by 5 we get

A : B = 18 : 30 (1), B : C = 30 : 35 ...(2), C : D = 14 : 15 ...(3)

Now multiply (3) by 5 and (2) by 2 and (1) by 2 we get

A : B : C : D = 36 : 60 : 70 : 75

difference between the shares of A and C is $\{(70x - 36x)/(36x + 60x + 70x + 75x)\} \times 14460$

$(34/241) \times 14460$ = Rs. 2040

Question 65 :

A pipe can fill a tank in 10 minutes while another pipe can empty it in 12 minutes. If the pipes are opened alternately each for 1 minute, beginning with the first pipe. the tank will be full after (in minutes):

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 60 Seconds

Options :

1. 90

2. 109

3. 108

4. 120

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **109**

Let the capacity of tank be LCM of 10 & 12 i.e 60 units

Efficiency = Total work/Total time taken

Efficiency of 1st pipe = 60/10 = 6

Efficiency of 2nd pipe = 60/12 = -5

If the pipes are opened alternately each for 1 minute, beginning with the first pipe

It means work done in 2 minutes = 6 - 5 = 1 Hence 54 units work done in 54 × 2 = 108 minutes then in next minute 6 unit work will done by pipe 1st Hence total time taken is 108 + 1 = 109 minutes

Question 66 :
Renu saves 30% of her income. If her savings increases by 30% and the expenditure increases by 25%, then the percentage increase in her income is:

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

Options :

1. 30
2. 25.8
3. 26.5
4. 15

Solution :
The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **26.5**

Let income of Renu be 100

Income = Expenditure + Savings

According to question,

Renu saves 30% of her income i.e Savings = 30, Expenditure = 70

If her savings increases by 30% and the expenditure increases by 25% then,

Savings = 30% of 30 + 30 = 39, New expenditure = 25% of 70 + 70 = 87.5

New income = 39 + 87.5 = 126.5

Hence increase is 26.5%

Question 67 :

Study the following table and answer questions: Number of employees working in five different companies. Company Noof Employees Ratio of Males & Females A 380 13:06 B 420 4:03 C 360 8:07 D 320 11:09 E 280 3:05   The ratio of the number of male employees in company C to the number of female employees in the company D is:

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 56 Seconds

Options :

1. 3 : 2

2. 5 : 2

3. 4 : 3

4. 8 : 9

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **4 : 3**

Number of male employees in company C = (8/15) × 360 = 192

Number of female employees in the company D = (9/20) × 320 = 144

Required ratio = 192 : 144 = 4 : 3

Question 68 :

The compound interest on a sum of Rs. 15625 for years at 16% per annum, The interest compound annually is :

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 39 Seconds

Options :

1. Rs. 6661

2. Rs. 5400

3. Rs. 7932

4. Rs. 7923

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Rs. 7923**

$CI = P(1 + R/100)^T - P$

$CI = 15625(1 + 16/100)^{11/4} - 15625$

CI = 23548 - 15625 = Rs. 7923

Question 69 :

A and B are two cones. The curved surface area of A is twice that of B. The slant height of B is twice that of A. What is the ratio of radii of A to B?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 44 Seconds

Options :

1. 3:2

2. 1:4

3. 4:1

4. 2:1

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **4:1**

Let the slant height of cone A be 1 , then slant height of cone B becomes 2

Calculation	Formula used
According to question, $(\times r_1 \times 1)/(\times r_2 \times 2) = 2/1$ $r_1/r_2 = 4/1$	Curved Surface area of cone = rl

Question 70 :

Study the following table and answer questions: Number of employees working in five different companies. Company No of Employees Ratio of Males & Females A 380 13:06 B 420 4:03 C 360 8:07 D 320 11:09 E 280 3:05   The number of female employees in company C is what percent more than the number of male employees in company E?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 63 Seconds

Options :

1. 55

2. 60

3. 48

54

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **60**

Number of female employees in company C = (7/15) × 360 = 168

Number of male employees in company E = (3/8) × 280 = 105

Required solution:

{(168 - 105)/105} × 100 = (63/105) × 100

(9/15) × 100 = 60%

Question 71 :
Two numbers are in the ratio 3 : 5. If 9 is subtracted from each, the numbers so obtained are in the ratio 12 : 23. If is 3 added to the smaller number and 7 is subtracted from the other number, there they will be in the ratio:

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 48 Seconds**

Options :

1. 5 : 6

2. 4 : 5

3. 3 : 4

4. 5 : 8

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **3 : 4**

Let two numbers be 3x and 5x

According to question,

(3x -9)/(5x - 9) = 12/23

69x - 207 = 60x - 108

9x = 99, x = 11

Numbers are 3 × 11 = 33 & 5 × 11 = 55

If is 3 added to the smaller number and 7 is subtracted from the other number the ratio will be:

33 + 3 : 55 - 7 = 36 : 48 = 3 : 4

Question 72 :
Study the following table and answer questions: Number of employees working in five different companies. Company No of Employees Ratio of Males & Females A 380 13:06 B 420 4:03 C 360 8:07 D 320 11:09 E 280 3:05   What percent of total male employees in companies A and B is the number of female employees in E?

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

Options :

1. 35

2. 36

3. 30

4. 32

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **35**

Male employees in A = (13/19) × 380 = 260

Male employees in B = (4/7) × 420 = 240

Number of female employees in E = (5/8) × 280 = 175

Required solution:

(175/500) × 100 = 35%

Question 73 :
What is the mean of the range, median and mode of the data given below? 1, 2, 5, 9, 6, 3, 9, 7, 4, 3, 9, 1, 9, 6, 8, 1

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 40 Seconds**

Options :

1. $5\frac{1}{2}$

2. 8

3. $5\frac{1}{2}$

4. 7

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. $5\frac{1}{2}$

Range = (Largest term - Smallest term) = 9 - 1 = 8

Median = 1,1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9 , Total terms = 16 Median = (8th term + 9th term)/2 = (5 + 6)/2 = 5.5

Mode = Most occurred term = 9(4 times)

Mean = Sum of all observation/Total number of observation

Hence, Mean of range, Median and Mode is (8 + 5.5 + 9)/3 = 22.5/3 = $5\frac{1}{2}$

Question 74 :
The simple interest on a certain sum at 14% per annum for years is Rs. 3731. What will the amount of the same sum for years at half the earlier rate?

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

Options :
1. Rs. 11931
2. Rs. 11913
3. Rs. 11537
4. Rs. 11357

Solution :
The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Rs. 11357**

SI = PRT/100

According to question,

3731 = P × 14 × 13/400 or P = 8200

The amount of the same sum for $5\frac{1}{2}$ years at half the earlier rate will be

Amount = Principal + (Principal × Rate × Time)

A = 8200 + (8200 × 7 × 11/200)

A = 8200 + (41× 7 × 11) = Rs. 11357

Question 75 :
The average height of a certain number of persons in a group is 155.5 cm. Later on 4 persons of height 154.6 cm, 158.4 cm, 152.2 cm and 153.8 cm leave the group. As a result the average height of the remaining persons increases by 0.15

cm. What was the number of persons initially in the group?

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 63 Seconds**

Options :

1. 18

2. 20

3. 22

4. 24

Solution :

The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **24**

Let the number of person be x then,

Average = Sum of all observations/Total number of observations

According to question,

155.5x - (154.6 + 158.4 + 152.2 + 153.8)}] = (x - 4) × 155.65

155.5x - 619 = 155.65x - 622.6

0.15x = -619 + 622.6 = 3.6

x = 3.6/0.15 = 24

Question 76 :

Select the most appropriate SYNONYM of the given word. ABILITY

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 43 Seconds**

Options :

1. Disposition

2. Outlook

3. Instinct

4. Capacity

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **Capacity**.

In the given question, we need to select the **SYNONYM** of the given word.

- A word that has **the same meaning as another word** is its **synonym**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **ABILITY** means "the mental or physical power or skill that makes it possible to do something".
- **For example**:- An employer should appraise the **ability** of his employees.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Capacity- the amount that a container or space can hold.
2. Disposition- the natural qualities of a person's character.
3. Outlook- your attitude to or feeling about life and the world.
4. Instinct- the natural force that causes a person or animal to behave in a particular way without thinking or learning about it.

The chosen option expresses the same meaning as the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Comprehension :

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank. Fundamentally, all human beings possess a combination of fixed inherited traits. All individuals possess the _____(1) highly developed nervous system, backbones, erect posture, hair, etc. Therefore, _____(2) among human beings arise only in _____(3) changes of this basic pattern. Racial differences _____(4) one of the finest distinctions and are based only on _____(5) slight differences.

Question 77 :
Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 1

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 109 Seconds**

Options :

1. natural

2. large

3. same

4. different

Solution :
The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **same**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **same**- identical; not different.

natural- existing in or derived from nature; not made or caused by humankind; (of a person) having an innate skill or quality.

3. **different**- not the same as another or each other; unlike in nature, form, or quality.
4. **large**- of considerable or relatively great size, extent, or capacity; big.

"**Highly developed nervous system, backbones, erect posture, hair, etc**" are possessed by all the human beings hence, "**same**" will be the correct choice.

"**Same**" which means "**identical; not different**" fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Question 78 :
Select the most appropriate SYNONYM of the given word. CHARACTER

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

Options :
1. Performance
2. Spirit
3. Mannerism
4. Trait

Solution :
The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **Trait**.

- In the given question, we need to select the **SYNONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has **the same meaning as another word** is its **synonym**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **CHARACTER** means "the qualities that make somebody/something different from other people or things".
- **For example**:- People love her because of her generous character.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **Trait**- a quality that forms part of your character or personality.
2. **Performance**- the act of performing something in front of an audience; something that you perform.
3. **Mannerism**- somebody's particular way of speaking or a particular movement he/she often does.
4. **Spirit**- the part of a person that is not physical; your thoughts and feelings, not your body.

The chosen option expresses the same meaning as the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Question 79 :

Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. TRANSPARENT

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 91 Seconds**

Options :

1. White-coloured

2. Translucent

3. Milky

4. Opaque

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **Opaque**.

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has **the exact opposite meaning of another word** is its **antonym**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **TRANSPARENT** means "that you can see through".
- **For example**:- They are so thin that they are quite **transparent**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **Opaque**- that you cannot see through.
2. **Translucent**- allowing light to pass through but not transparent.
3. **Milky**- like milk, or made with milk.
4. **White**-coloured- something that is white in color.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Question 80 :

Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. VIRTUOUS

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 82 Seconds**

Options :

1. Worthy

2. Honest

3. Kind

Vicious

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **Vicious**.

- In the given question, we need to select the <u>**ANTONYM**</u> of the given word.
- A word that has <u>**the exact opposite meaning of another word**</u> is its <u>**antonym**</u>.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **VIRTUOUS** means "behaving in a morally good way".
- <u>**For example**</u>:- She was the most honest and **virtuous** woman that he had ever met.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **Vicious**- cruel; done in order to hurt somebody/something.
2. **Worthy**- good enough for something or to have something.
3. **Honest**- (used about a person) telling the truth; not lying to people or stealing.
4. **Kind**- a group whose members all have the same qualities.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Question 81 :

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. A person who is more than hundred years old

Difficulty : Moderate | Average Time : 91 Seconds

Options :

1. Centurial

2. Centuriator

3. Centurion

4. Centenarian

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **Centenarian**.

- In the given question, we need to select <u>**one word**</u> for the given phrase.
- <u>**One Word Substitution**</u> simply means "using a specific word replacing a wordy phrase or sentence and making it shorter, concise and clearer to understand".

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

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Centenarian- a person who is a hundred or more years old.
2. **Centurial**- marking or beginning a century.
3. **Centuriator**- a historian who distinguishes time by centuries.
4. **Centurion**- the commander of a century in the ancient Roman army.

As the chosen option expresses the meaning of the given group of words it will be the correct choice.

Question 82 :

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. One who loves mankind

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 74 Seconds

Options :

1. Humanist

2. Philologist

3. Philanthropist

4. Philosopher

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **Philanthropist**.

- In the given question, we need to select <u>**one word**</u> for the given phrase.
- <u>**One Word Substitution**</u> simply means "using a specific word replacing a wordy phrase or sentence and making it shorter, concise and clearer to understand".

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **Philanthropist**- a rich person who helps the poor and those in need, especially by giving money.
2. **Humanist**- an advocate or follower of the principles of humanism.
3. **Philologist**- a person who specializes in philology, the study of literary texts and written records.
4. **Philosopher**- a person who has developed a set of ideas and beliefs about the meaning of life.

As the chosen option expresses the meaning of the given group of words it will be the correct choice.

Question 83 :

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Have several irons in the fire

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 79 Seconds

Options :

1. Doing iron related work

Having too many engagements at a time

3. Burning unwanted pieces of iron

4. Talking to many persons simultaneously

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **Having too many engagements at a time.**

- In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.
- An **IDIOM** refers to "a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words".

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

- **Nose-** Having too many engagements at a time.
- **For example:-** Rahul turned down the consulting job; he felt that he already had ***too many irons in the fire.***

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Question 84 :

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. In high spirits

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 75 Seconds**

Options :

1. Become successful

2. Feel joyful

3. Create confusion

4. Remain calm

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **Feel joyful.**

- In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.
- An **IDIOM** refers to "a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words".

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

- **In high spirits-** Feel joyful.
- **For example:-** Seb was still ***in high spirits*** after winning the race.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Question 85 :
Select the CORRECTLY spelt word.

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 65 Seconds**

Options :
1. Incorigible
2. Incorrigible
3. Incourrigible
4. Incorrigibel

Solution :
The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **Incorrigible**.

- In the given question, we need to select a **CORRECTLY** spelt word.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **Incorrigible**- (used about a person or his/her behaviour) very bad; too bad to be corrected or improved.

The chosen option is correctly spelt hence, it will be the correct choice.

Question 86 :
Select the CORRECTLY spelt word.

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 50 Seconds**

Options :
1. Contemparary
2. Contemporary
3. Comtemporary
4. Contempory

Solution :
The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **Contemporary**.

- In the given question, we need to select a **CORRECTLY** spelt word.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **Contemporary**- belonging to the same time as somebody/something else.

The chosen option is correctly spelt hence, it will be the correct choice.

Question 87 :
Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error. The errors for the typed reports were so numerous that they could hardly be overlooked.

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 53 Seconds

Options :
1. typed reports

2. could hardly be

3. so numerous

4. errors for

Solution :
The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **errors for.**

1. The error lies in **option 4** because of the wrong use of "**Preposition**".
2. We need to replace "**For**" with "**In**" for making the statement grammatically correct.

Grammatical concept:-

- "**For**" is used to show purpose or reason while "**In**" is used to shows that something contains something.
- In the given statement, "**Reports**" contains the error hence, "**In**" will be the correct use of the preposition here.
- The chosen option contains the **Grammatical Error** hence, it will be the correct choice.

Correct Sentence:-

The **errors in** the typed reports were so numerous that they could hardly be overlooked.

Question 88 :
Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error. If the report did not have the information needed it could not be used by them.

Difficulty : Moderate   Average Time : 83 Seconds

Options :
1. be used by them

    it could not

3. If the

4. information needed

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **If the.**

1. The error lies in **option 3** because of the wrong use of "**Article**".
2. We need to replace "**If the**" with "**If a**" for making the statement grammatically correct.

Grammatical concept:-

- The is used to describe a specific noun, whereas **a/an** is used to describe a more general noun. For this reason, the is also referred to as a definite article, and a/an is referred to as an indefinite article.
- The definite article, **the**, is used before both singular and plural nouns **when the noun is specific.**
- In the given statement, the noun "**Report**" is not specific hence, we need to use "**A**" as the article.
- The chosen option contains the **Grammatical Error** hence, it will be the correct choice.

Correct Sentence:-

If a report did not have the information needed it could not be used by them.

Question 89 :

Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error. Had you told me that you were in Mumbai I could have certainly contacted you instead of waiting here.

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

Options :

1. you were

2. Had you

3. could have

4. instead of

Solution :

The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **could have.**

1. The error lies in **option 3** because of the wrong use of "**Modal verb**".
2. We need to replace "**Could**" with "**Would**" for making the statement grammatically correct.

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Grammatical concept:-

- The correct structure for the hypothetical statement is:-
- **Has + subject + past participle + object, subject + would + have + past participle + object.**
- We use "**could**" in this type of statement as well but there is "**Certainly**" in the given statement hence, "would" will be the correct choice.
- The chosen option contains the **Grammatical Error** hence, it will be the correct choice.

Correct Sentence:-

*Had you told me that you were in Mumbai I **would have** certainly contacted you instead of waiting here.*

Question 90 :

Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No Improvement'. The rules of chess require that one has to makes only one move at time.

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

Options :

1. made
2. has to make
3. will make
4. No Improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **has to make.**

- **Subjects** and **verbs** must AGREE with one another in number (***singular or plural***). Thus, if a subject is singular, its verb must also be singular; if a subject is plural, its verb must also be plural.
- The subject of the given statement is "**One**" which is singular hence, we need to use a **singular verb** here.
- "**Has to**" is used here to show the compulsion hence, "**Has to + v1**" will be the correct verb phrase.
- The chosen option follows the given rules hence, it will **IMPROVE** the statement correctly.

Correct Sentence:-

*The rules of chess require that one **has to make** only one move at time.*

Question 91 :

Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No Improvement'. He decided to leave very quickly the hotel.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 81 Seconds

Options :

1. leave the hotel quickly

2. leave quickly the hotel

3. quickly leave hotel

4. No Improvement

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1 i.e. **leave the hotel quickly.**

- An adverb is a word that modifies (describes) **a verb** (he sings loudly), **an adjective** (very tall), another adverb (ended too quickly), or **even a whole sentence** (Fortunately, I had brought an umbrella).
- Adverbs often end in -ly, but some (such as fast) look exactly the same as their adjective counterparts.
- An adverb is used at the three places in a sentence (at the starting, between the auxiliary verb and main verb and at the end of the statement).
- If a transitive verb comes with an object, we use the adverb at the end of the statement.
- The chosen option follows the given rules hence, it will **IMPROVE** the statement correctly.

Correct Sentence:-

He decided to **leave the hotel quickly.**

Question 92 :

Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No Improvement'. Though a hero, he acted a coward.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 83 Seconds

Options :

1. like a coward

2. cowardly

3. No Improvement

4. as coward

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1 i.e. **like a coward.**

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"Act like" is a correct pair which means "To behave like somebody or something".

- As the coward is a noun we need to use the article "a" before it.
- The chosen option follows the given rules hence, it will **IMPROVE** the statement correctly.

Correct Sentence:-

Though a hero, he acted __like a coward.__

Question 93 :

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word. _____ in Nagpur, we are unwilling to move to another city.

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 57 Seconds**

Options :

1. Since we have lived

2. Since we were living

3. Being that we are living

4. Since we have been living

Solution :

The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **Since we have been living**.

- We normally use '**since**' with the present perfect continuous tense to **describe an action or situation that began in the past and continues in the present**.
- **Option 4 contains the perfect continuous tense hence, it will be the correct choice.**

Correct Sentence:-

__Since we have been living__ *in Nagpur, we are unwilling to move to another city.*

Question 94 :

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word. Suresh is _____ in collecting stamps.

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 58 Seconds**

Options :

1. habitual

2. interested

3. customary

habituated

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **interested**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **interested**- enjoying or liking to do something.
2. **habitual**- doing something very often.
3. **customary**- according to custom; usual.
4. **habituated**- make or become accustomed or used to something.

"**Interest**" is followed by the preposition "**In**".

"**Interested**" which means "**enjoying or liking to do something.**" fits in the context appropriately.

Hence, it will be the correct choice.

Correct Sentence:-

Suresh is __interested__ in collecting stamps.

Question 95 :
Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word. He has been _____ my birthday all week.

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

Options :

1. celebrate
2. celebrating
3. celebrated
4. celebrates

Solution :

The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **celebrating**.

- "**Has been + present participle**" form of the verb is the correct phrase.

Hence, the chosen option will be the correct choice.

Correct Sentence:-

He has been __celebrating__ my birthday all week.

Question 96 :

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word. Devika is the most _____ of them all and has managed to do well in her profession.

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 50 Seconds

Options :

1. intelligent

2. simple

3. insolent

4. audacious

Solution :

The correct answer is option 1 i.e. **intelligent**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **intelligent**- having or showing the ability to understand, learn and think; clever.
2. **simple**- easy to understand, do or use; not difficult or complicated.
3. **insolent**- lacking respect; rude.
4. **audacious**- willing to take risks or do something shocking.

The statement is talking about "managing to do well" hence, "**Intelligent**" is the appropriate word here.

"**Intelligent**" which means "**having or showing the ability to understand, learn and think; clever**" fits in the context appropriately.

Hence, it will be the correct choice.

Correct Sentence:-

*Devika is the most **intelligent** of them all and has managed to do well in her profession.*

Comprehension :

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank. Fundamentally, all human beings possess a combination of fixed inherited traits. All individuals possess the _____(1) highly developed nervous system, backbones, erect posture, hair, etc. Therefore, _____(2) among human beings arise only in _____(3) changes of this basic pattern. Racial differences _____(4) one of the finest distinctions and are based only on _____(5) slight differences.

Question 97 :

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 98 Seconds

Options :

1. similarities

2. naturalness

3. sameness

4. variations

Solution :

The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **variations**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **variations**- a thing that is slightly different from another thing in the same general group.
2. **similarities**- the state of being like somebody/something but not exactly the same.
3. **naturalness**- the quality or state of being natural.
4. **sameness**- lack of variety; uniformity or monotony.

Now, the statement is trying to tell where the human beings show differences hence, "**variations**" will be the correct choice here.

"**Variations**" which means "**a thing that is slightly different from another thing in the same general group**" fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Comprehension :

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank. Fundamentally, all human beings possess a combination of fixed inherited traits. All individuals possess the _____(1) highly developed nervous system, backbones, erect posture, hair, etc. Therefore, _____(2) among human beings arise only in _____(3) changes of this basic pattern. Racial differences _____(4) one of the finest distinctions and are based only on _____(5) slight differences.

Question 98 :

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

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 93 Seconds

Options :

1. minor

   complete

3. large

4. fundamental

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

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **minor**- not very big, serious or important (when compared with others).
2. **complete**- having or including all parts; with nothing missing.
3. **large**- greater in size, amount, etc. than usual; big.
4. **fundamental**- basic and important; from which everything else develops.

Most parts of the human body are the same as the other human body "**Minor**" will be the correct choice here.

"**Minor**" which means "**not very big, serious or important (when compared with others).**" fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Comprehension :
In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank. Fundamentally, all human beings possess a combination of fixed inherited traits. All individuals possess the _____(1) highly developed nervous system, backbones, erect posture, hair, etc. Therefore, _____(2) among human beings arise only in _____(3) changes of this basic pattern. Racial differences _____(4) one of the finest distinctions and are based only on _____(5) slight differences.

Question 99 :
Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 4

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

Options :
1. show

2. represent

3. give

4. present

Solution :
The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **represent**.

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Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **represent**- to describe somebody/something in a particular way.
2. **show**- to let somebody see somebody/something.
3. **give**- to make somebody have something.
4. **present**- existing or happening now.

"**Represent**" which means "**to describe somebody/something in a particular way**" fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Comprehension :
In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank. Fundamentally, all human beings possess a combination of fixed inherited traits. All individuals possess the _____(1) highly developed nervous system, backbones, erect posture, hair, etc. Therefore, _____(2) among human beings arise only in _____(3) changes of this basic pattern. Racial differences _____(4) one of the finest distinctions and are based only on _____(5) slight differences.

Question 100 :
Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 5

Difficulty : Moderate   **Average Time : 79 Seconds**

Options :
1. hidden

2. possible

3. clear

4. certain

Solution :
The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **certain**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. **certain**- noticeable but difficult to describe.
2. **clear**- easy to see, hear or understand.
3. **possible**- that can happen or be done.
4. **hidden**- to be or go in a place where you cannot be seen or found.

"**Certain**" which means "**noticeable but difficult to describe**" fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Ssc Gd Constable prelims Previous Year Question Paper Analysis

The analysis of Ssc Gd Constable prelims Previous Year Question Paper held on 2019-02-19 in the Morning English exam is as follows:

1. 100 questions were moderate.
2. The safe score is 85 marks.
3. 25 questions were asked from Logical Reasoning, 25 questions were asked from Quantitative Aptitude, 25 questions were asked from General Awareness and 25 questions were asked from English Language
4. 1 questions should have been skipped if you were short of time.

Ssc Gd Constable prelims Previous Year Question Paper Topic Wise Weightage

Logical Reasoning

1. Coding Decoding - 2
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3. Seating Arrangement - 3
4. Syllogism - 2
5. Venn Diagrams - 1
6. Figure Based - 2
7. Mirrors And Water Reflection - 1
8. Configuration, Fitting Pieces, Odd Pieces - 2
9. Series - 3
10. Mathematical Reasoning - 1

Quantitative Aptitude

1. Data Sufficiency - 25

General Awareness

1. GK Misc - 25

English Language

1. Cloze Test - 5
2. Spotting Error - 3
3. Idioms - 2
4. One Word Substitution - 2
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