

SSC CPO T-I Similar Paper (Held on 12 Dec 2025 S1)

Q1. What is the position of the word "PLANK" when the following words are arranged alphabetically?

1. PLAN
2. PLACARD
3. PLANK
4. PLAIN
5. PLANT

- (a) 3rd
- (b) 4th
- (c) 2nd
- (d) 5th

Ans.(b)

Q2. A and B can do a job in 6 days. A alone can do it in 10 days. In how many days can B do it alone?

- (a) 8
- (b) 20
- (c) 12
- (d) 15

Ans.(d)

Q3. Read the following statement carefully and identify the action that follows.

Statement: A new strain of virus is spreading rapidly.

Course of Action:

1. Lockdown must be imposed.
2. Mask-wearing and sanitizing must be reinforced.

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both follow
- (d) Neither follows

Ans.(b)

Q4. In a group of students, 12 play Football, 8 play Hockey, and 5 play both. How many play only Football?

- (a) 7
- (b) 5
- (c) 6
- (d) 8

Ans.(a)

Q5. You are an electrical engineer hired by a government agency to evaluate bids for a public lighting project. You discover that the lowest bidder is a company owned by your spouse's cousin. Their bid is technically sound. What is your required ethical action?

- (a) Approve the lowest bid immediately, as it saves the taxpayers' money.
- (b) Ignore the familial connection, as the bid is technically sound.
- (c) Disclose the conflict of interest, recuse yourself, and let another official review the bid.
- (d) Disqualify the bid based on the conflict of interest without telling your superior.

Ans.(c)

Q6. Choose the address that is the same as the one given below.

Sample Address: Room No. 5, Block-B, Hostel 1, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016

- (a) Room No. 5, Block B, Hostel 1, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016
- (b) Room No. 5, Block-B, Hostel 1, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016
- (c) Room No. 5, Block-B, Hostel I, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016
- (d) Room No. 6, Block-B, Hostel 1, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016

Ans.(b)

Q7. Read the statement carefully. Identify the option that the statement depends upon for its conclusion to be valid. Select the option that best expresses this underlying assumption.

Statement: A new smartphone app designed to manage personal finances will be successful because it provides users with personalized budget recommendations.

- (a) Users are currently spending too much money on unnecessary purchases.
- (b) Other existing financial apps do not offer any personalized budget recommendations.
- (c) Users will be willing to follow the budget recommendations provided by the app.
- (d) The app can securely store the financial data of a very large user base..

Ans.(c)

Q8. A subordinate confides about unethical activity in your department.

What must you do?

- (a) Ignore the confession
- (b) Investigate and report to the higher authority
- (c) Keep it secret
- (d) Confront the accused directly

Ans.(b)

Q9. Which of the following option supports, "The reasoning in the argument is flawed primarily because it."

Argument: "Every time our local soccer team wins a game, the stock market shows a slight increase the following day. Therefore, supporting our team is beneficial for the national economy."

- (a) Fails to consider the effect of global financial news on the stock market.
- (b) Draws a causal conclusion based only on correlation between two unrelated events.
- (c) Does not define "slight increase" clearly enough to be meaningful.
- (d) Confuses the national economy with the local economy.

Ans.(b)

Q10. Pointing to a person in an image, Rohit says, "She is the only daughter of the father of my brother's mother."

How is the person in the image related to Rohit?

- (a) Mother
- (b) Sister
- (c) Aunt
- (d) Grandmother

Ans.(a)

Q11. Post: Sales Executive - Marketing Department

Eligibility Criteria (as on 01-01-2025):

1. Must have completed a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration (BBA) or any related field with at least 55% marks.
2. Age should be between 22 and 28 years.
3. Must have a good understanding of market trends and customer behavior.
4. Strong communication skills are required.

Case:

Neha is 26 years old, has completed her BBA with 60% marks, and has excellent communication skills but lacks experience in market research.

What should be done in Neha's case?

- (a) Neha is eligible for the role.
- (b) Neha is not eligible due to the lack of market research experience.
- (c) Neha is ineligible because she has not completed her degree in Marketing.
- (d) Neha is not eligible as she is over the maximum age limit.

Ans.(a)

Q12. Figure 1 and 2 are related with each other in some particular way. Find the relationship and establish the same relationship between 3 and 4 from the given four alternatives.

Figure 1:

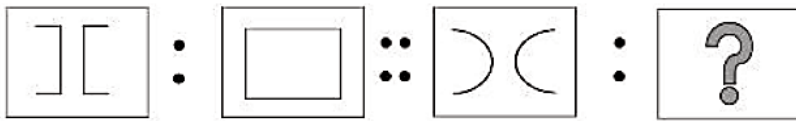
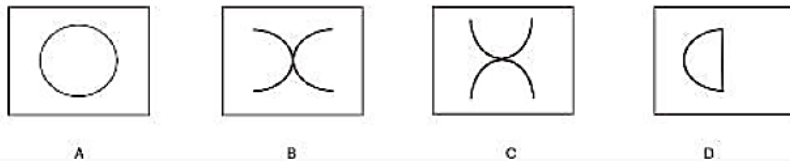


Figure 2:

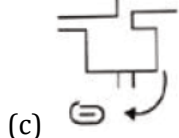
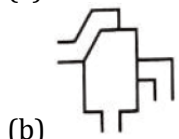


- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans.(a)

Q13. The following question figure is embedded in one of the answer choices. Select the answer that contains the question figure.

Question figure:





(d)

Ans.(d)

Q14. In each of the following questions, a statement is given followed by 2 conclusions. Read the statements carefully and answer the following questions:

Statement: It is almost impossible to survive and prosper in this world without sacrificing ethics and morality.

Conclusions:

I. World appreciates some concepts but may not uphold it.

II. Concept of ethics and morality are not practicable in life.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Neither I nor II follows

(d) Both I and II follow

Ans.(d)

Q15. In the following question, select the figure that can be placed at the sign of the question mark (?) from among the given alternatives.

J	K	K	W	W	Q	
	R		J		K	?
W	Q	Q	R	R	J	

(a)

Q	R
	K
J	W

(b)

Q	R
	W
J	K

(c)

J	R
	K
Q	W

(d)

R	Q
	W
J	K

Ans.(b)

Q16. In the given roll numbers, the first four digits represent the center code assigned to the examination center. Identify the roll number that does not belong to the Center Code 6119:

(a) 611905531

(b) 611990001

(c) 619100000

(d) 611933445

Ans.(c)

Q17. Find the odd word:

- (a) Train
- (b) Bus
- (c) Car
- (d) Bicycle

Ans.(d)

Q18. You observe a coworker using company time and resources (like the company printer and paper) to print a large volume of personal materials for a side business they run. What is the best way to address this?

- (a) Instruct the coworker to refrain from using company resources for personal gain.
- (b) Wait and see if the coworker's manager notices the excessive printing.
- (c) Ignore the matter, as it is a small abuse of resources.
- (d) Report the misuse of company property to your supervisor or HR department.

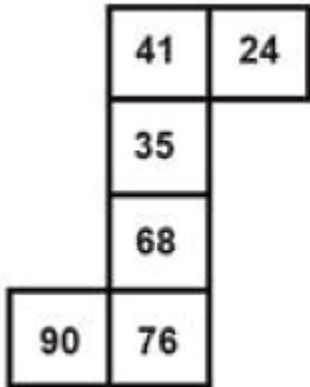
Ans.(d)

Q19. Find the odd number-pair:

- (a) 24:8
- (b) 51:5
- (c) 35:10
- (d) 19:9

Ans.(c)

Q20. A cube is formed by folding the given sheet. What would be the number on the opposite side of number '76'?



- (a) 41
- (b) 35
- (c) 24
- (d) 90

Ans.(b)

Q21. Introducing Ram, Geeta said, "He is the son of the daughter of the father of my uncle." How is the Ram related to the Geeta?

- (a) Brother
- (b) Nephew
- (c) Uncle
- (d) Son-in-law

Ans.(a)

Q22. Instruction: Choose the inference that are clearly supported by the statement.

Statement: All successful candidates for the astronaut training program possess a doctoral degree in a STEM field, and a perfect physical fitness record is also required.

Inferences:

Inference I: A candidate with a doctoral degree in a STEM field who also has a perfect physical fitness record will be selected for the astronaut training program.

Inference II: Achieving a perfect physical fitness record is not sufficient on its own for selection into the astronaut training program.

- (a) Only Inference I follows
- (b) Only Inference II follows
- (c) Both Inferences I and II follow
- (d) Neither Inference I nor II follows

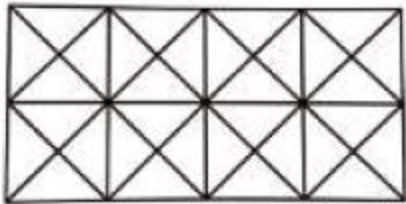
Ans.(b)

Q23. Find the odd number out:

- (a) 625
- (b) 144
- (c) 168
- (d) 196

Ans.(c)

Q24. Count the number of squares in the given figure.



- (a) 11
- (b) 21
- (c) 24
- (d) 26

Ans.(d)

Q25. Select the option exactly similar to: 45 East 75th St, Unit 3B, New York, NY 10021-3401

- (a) 45 E 75th St, Unit 3B, New York, NY 10021-3401
- (b) 5 East 75th St, Unit 3B, New York, NY 10021-3401
- (c) 45 East 75th Street, Unit 3B, New York, NY 10021-3401
- (d) 45 East 75th St, Unit 3B, New York, NY 10021-3401

Ans.(d)

Q26. If 'ECONOMIC' is written as '#\$%#@%β& \$' and 'CAREER' is written as '\$≤¥##¥', then 'CINEMA' will be written as?

- (a) & \$ % # β ≤
- (b) # & @ β ≤ \$
- (c) \$ β % μ & @
- (d) \$ & @ # β ≤

Ans.(d)

Q27. Complete the series.

13, 18, 23, _____, 33

(a) 27

(b) 30

(c) 29

(d) 28

Ans.(d)

Q28. Choose the correct alternative from the given ones that will complete the series:

4, 1, 16, 4, 36, 9,?, 16

(a) 64

(b) 49

(c) 81

(d) 100

Ans.(a)

Q29. Find the word that CANNOT be formed from the letters in COMMUNICATION.

(a) ACTION

(b) MENTION

(c) MOTION

(d) MIMIC

Ans.(b)

Q30. 3,9,27,81, _____, What number should come next?

(a) 240

(b) 242

(c) 243

(d) 241

Ans.(c)

Q31. Read the following statement carefully and identify the conclusion that follows.

Statement: "Some responsible people make wrong decisions"

Conclusion 1: Only irresponsible people make wrong decisions.

Conclusion II: Responsibility doesn't guarantee perfect decision-making.

(a) Only I

(b) Only II

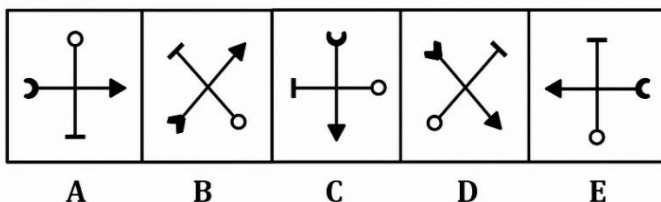
(c) Both follow

(d) Neither follows

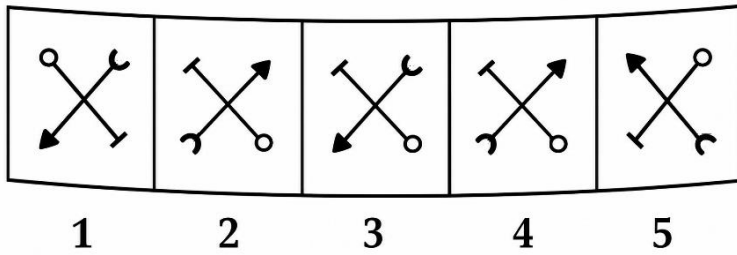
Ans.(b)

Q32. Analyze the five Problem Figures (A, B, C, D, E) to determine the established sequential pattern. Select the next figure in the series from the five Answer Figures (1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

Problem figures:



Answer figures:



- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

Ans.(d)

Q33. In each of the following questions, a statement is given followed by 2 conclusions. Read the statements carefully and answer the following questions:

Statement: Sealed tenders are invited from competent contractors experienced in executing construction jobs.

Conclusions:

- I. Tenders are invited only from experienced contractors.
- II. It is difficult to find competent tenderers in construction jobs.

- (a) Only conclusion I follows
- (b) Only conclusion II follows
- (c) Neither I nor II follows
- (d) Both I and II follow

Ans.(a)

Q34. A roll number uses a variable structure based on the Region Code (first three digits):

Rule A: If the Region Code starts with '5' (e.g., 5xx), the Center Code is 5 digits long, immediately followed by a 2-digit Year Code.

Rule B: If the Region Code starts with '8' (e.g., 8XX), the Center Code is 4 digits long, immediately followed by a 3-digit Batch Code.

For the roll number 592123456723, what are the digits of the Center Code?

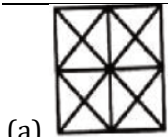
- (a) 592
- (b) 12345
- (c) 6723
- (d) 1234567

Ans.(b)

Q35. The following question figure is embedded in one of the answer choices. Select the answer that contains the question figure.

Question figure:

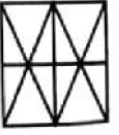




(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Ans.(c)

Q36. In a group of 15 people, each person shakes hands with every other person exactly once. How many handshakes take place?

(a) 120

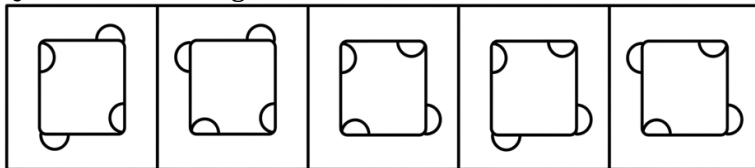
(b) 105

(c) 110

(d) 90

Ans.(b)

Q37. Choose the figure which is different from the rest.



1

2

3

4

5

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 3

(d) 4

Ans.(c)

Q38. Which of the following does not belong to the group?

(a) Apple

(b) Rose

(c) Mango

(d) Banana

Ans.(b)

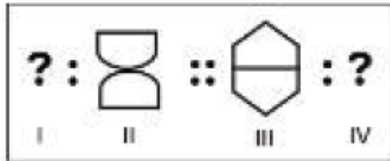
Q39. A big advertiser threatens to rescind their campaign unless you, as the editor-in-chief of a local newspaper, suppress an accurate and well-researched story about the unethical behaviour of a local business owner. The paper might suffer a significant financial loss if the story is published. What ought one to do?

- (a) Pull the story, as the financial survival of the newspaper and its staff is the priority.
 (b) Publish the story and issue a statement reaffirming the paper's commitment to truth and journalistic integrity over commercial pressure.
 (c) Post the story on an anonymous blog instead of the newspaper's official website.
 (d) Tell the reporter to rewrite the story to be less critical of the business owner.

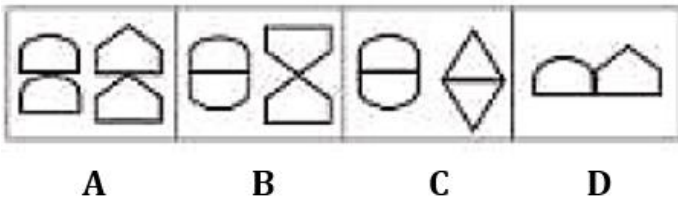
Ans.(b)

Q40. Select a figure from the answer set, the contents of which may best substitute the question marks in problems, such that figure III is related to figure IV in the same way as figure I is related to figure II.

Problem figures:



Answer figures:



- (a) A
 (b) B
 (c) C
 (d) D

Ans.(b)

Q41. If LOTUS is coded as SUTOL, what is the code for TULIP?

- (a) PILUT
 (b) PULIT
 (c) PILTU
 (d) PILTI

Ans.(a)

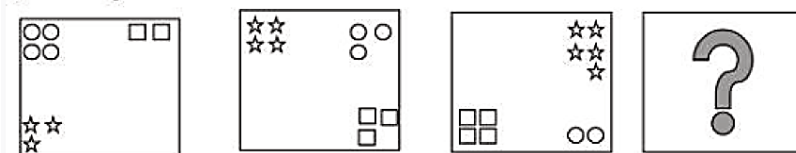
Q42. If 'DOG' is coded as 'E2F', how is 'RUN' coded?

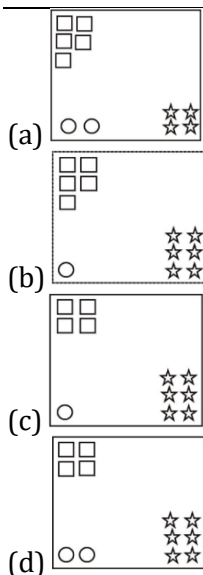
- (a) S2M
 (b) S1M
 (c) S2O
 (d) S1O

Ans.(b)

Q43. Find the one which completes the series:

Question figure:





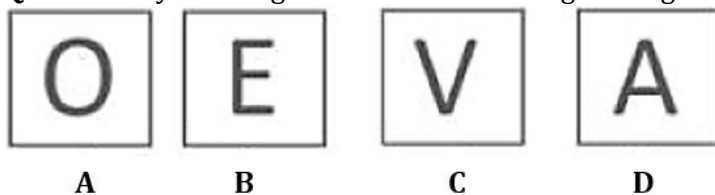
Ans.(b)

Q44. Pointing to a girl, a man says, "She is the only daughter of the only child of my mother." How is the man related to the girl?

- (a) Father
- (b) Brother
- (c) Grandfather
- (d) Uncle

Ans.(a)

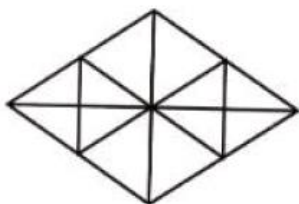
Q45. Identify the image that does NOT belong to the group.



- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans.(c)

Q46. Find the number of triangles in the given figure.



- (a) 16
- (b) 22
- (c) 28

(d) 32

Ans.(c)

Q47. What should come in place of the question mark '?' in the following number series?

12, 6, 9, 22.5, ?

(a) 79.75

(b) 77.75

(c) 78.75

(d) 76.75

Ans.(c)

Q48. Which of the following best represents the relationship among Doctors, Males, and Surgeons?

(a) All Surgeons are Doctors and some Doctors are Males

(b) All Surgeons are Males and some Males are Doctors

(c) All Surgeons are Doctors and all Doctors are Males

(d) All Surgeons are Doctors; some Doctors are Males, and some Surgeons are Males

Ans.(d)

Q49. Which of the following is the first element in the indexing system for the set (A, B, C, D, E)?

(a) E

(b) A

(c) B

(d) C

Ans.(b)

Q50. If X means 'plus' (+), Y means 'divided by' ($\div$), z means 'multiplied by' ($\times$), and W means 'minus' ($-$), then what is the value of the following expression?

28 Y 4 Z 3 W 5 x 1 1

(a) 34

(b) 31

(c) 27

(d) 40

Ans.(c)

Q51. Which of the following statements CORRECTLY defines Southern Oscillations?

(a) Periodic changes in the pressure conditions in the Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean.

(b) The reversal of jet streams during the monsoon season in India.

(c) The periodic reversal of winds in the Indian peninsula.

(d) The periodic changes in the pressure conditions of various parts of India due to shift in ITCZ.

Ans.(a)

Q52. Which of the following Five-Year Plans in India was notably criticized for its substantial dependence on foreign loans to finance the import of machinery and capital goods?

(a) Second Five-Year Plan

(b) Fourth Five-Year Plan

(c) Sixth Five-Year Plan

(d) Eighth Five-Year Plan

Ans.(a)

Q53. The "Subsidiary Alliance" system, pioneered by Lord Wellesley, had a significant impact on the political map of India.

What was a primary consequence for the Indian states that entered into this alliance?

- (a) They gained greater military strength and autonomy in their external relations.
- (b) They were effectively brought under British political influence and control, losing their independent foreign policy and often their military capacity.
- (c) They experienced rapid economic growth due to British investment and administrative reforms.
- (d) They formed a strong unified front against the expansion of British power in India.

Ans.(b)

Q54. The "Charter Act of 1833" made the Governor-General of Bengal the Governor-General of:

- (a) Madras
- (b) Bombay
- (c) India
- (d) Bengal Presidency

Ans.(c)

Q55. Which of the following crops is characteristically associated with the post-monsoon Rabi agricultural cycle in India?

- (a) Jowar
- (b) Rice
- (c) Gram
- (d) Maize

Ans.(c)

Q56. The "Simon Commission" of 1927 was intended to review the working of the Government of India Act of 1919. Why was it met with widespread protests and boycotts by Indian nationalist leaders?

- (a) It recommended the immediate granting of complete independence to India, which was deemed insufficient by some.
- (b) It proposed the complete dismantling of the existing legislative councils.
- (c) It did not include any Indian members in its composition, leading to accusations of being an imposition on India's future without Indian representation.
- (d) It advocated for the strengthening of the system of separate electorates.

Ans.(c)

Q57. The First Jain Council was convened at Pataliputra by whom?

- (a) Bhadrabahu
- (b) Sthulabahu
- (c) Moggallanna
- (d) Rahula

Ans.(b)

Q58. Which of the following is NOT within the scope of macroeconomics?

- (a) National income
- (b) Total investment
- (c) Wages of an establishment
- (d) Total consumption

Ans.(c)

Q59. In 1576, the Battle of Haldighati was fought between:

- (a) Akbar and Rana Kumbha
- (b) Babur and Rana Sanga
- (c) Akbar and Maharana Pratap
- (d) Humayun and Sher Shah

Ans.(c)

Q60. Where did Bharatanatyam originate?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Kerala

Ans.(b)

Q61. Who won India's first-ever gold medal in the Commonwealth Games?

- (a) Milkha Singh
- (b) Rashid Anwar
- (c) Karnam Malleswari
- (d) Mirabai Chanu

Ans.(a)

Q62. What does E in the PESTAL macroeconomic analysis stand for?

- (a) Economic
- (b) Electronic
- (c) Exchange
- (d) Equal

Ans.(a)

Q63. Who among the following secured India's first Paris 2024 Olympic quota in rowing?

- (a) Arjun Lal Jat
- (b) Arvind Singh
- (c) Balraj Panwar
- (d) Satish Joshi

Ans.(c)

Q64. Neither the Iqta system nor the Mansabdari system was prevalent under the:

- (a) Delhi Sultanate
- (b) Mughals
- (c) Vijayanagara Empire
- (d) Lodi Dynasty

Ans.(c)

Q65. To assist businesses in complying with legal requirements, governments are;

- (a) Developing rules that are unique compared to other countries.
- (b) Harmonizing their laws with international standards.
- (c) Completely doing away with regulations.
- (d) Disregarding the implementation of legal rules.

Ans.(b)

Q66. Which novel by Kazuo Ishiguro won the Booker Prize in 1989 and was later adapted into an Oscar-nominated film?

- (a) An Artist of the Floating World
- (b) The Remains of the Day
- (c) Never Let Me Go
- (d) A Pale View of Hills

Ans.(b)

Q67. The Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) aims to screen and manage children up to what age?

- (a) 5 years
- (b) 10 years
- (c) 18 years
- (d) 21 years

Ans.(c)

Q68. Which part of the Indian Constitution includes the Directive Principle regarding a Uniform Civil Code?

- (a) Part III (Fundamental Rights)
- (b) Part IV (Directive Principles of State Policy)
- (c) Part V (The Union)
- (d) Part VI (The States)

Ans.(b)

Q69. Who built the famous Red Fort in Delhi?

- (a) Babur
- (b) Akbar
- (c) Shah Jahan
- (d) Jahangir

Ans.(c)

Q70. Which of these ragas is traditionally associated with the early morning and evokes a peaceful, meditative mood?

- (a) Raga Bageshree
- (b) Raga Hamsadhwani
- (c) Raga Bhairav
- (d) Raga Marwa

Ans.(c)

Q71. Which of the given statements is/are CORRECT regarding Kochi port?

1. It is an artificial harbour situated on Willingdon Island.
 2. It is located on the Arabian Sea, very close Suez-Colombo route.
 3. It is located on islands within the Vembanad Lake, where it opens to the Arabian Sea.
- (a) 1 and 3 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 1 and 2 only
 - (d) 1, 2, and 3

Ans.(d)

Q72. Which of the following states or UTs had the smallest population in 2011?

- (a) Sikkim
- (b) Lakshadweep
- (c) Mizoram

(d) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans.(b)

Q73. In which Indian city was the inaugural Pro Wrestling League season's final match contested?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Jaipur

Ans.(a)

Q74. What is the standard chessboard size in tournament play (in terms of rows and columns)?

- (a) 6x6
- (b) 8x8
- (c) 10x10
- (d) 12x12

Ans.(b)

Q75. Which of the following statements about the India-Nepal WASH MOU is/are correct?

1. It includes real-time glacial runoff tracking and privatized sanitation benchmarks.
2. It covers groundwater management, capacity building, and technology sharing.

- (a) Only 1 is correct
- (b) Only 2 is correct
- (c) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

Ans.(b)

Q76. Which of the following Five-Year Plans marked a strategic transition in India's economic policy, shifting the primary focus from agriculture to the development of heavy industries and industrialization?

- (a) First Five-Year Plan
- (b) Second Five-Year Plan
- (c) Fourth Five-Year Plan
- (d) Fifth Five-Year Plan

Ans.(b)

Q77. In which Olympic Games did Leander Paes win a bronze medal in tennis?

- (a) 1992 Barcelona
- (b) 1996 Atlanta
- (c) 2000 Sydney
- (d) 2004 Athens

Ans.(b)

Q78. The National Sports Day in India is celebrated on which date?

- (a) July 29
- (b) August 29
- (c) September 29
- (d) October 29

Ans.(b)

Q79. Under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system in fertilizers, which of the following statements accurately reflects the actual implementation mechanism?

- (a) States get direct benefit
- (b) Farmers pay post-usage
- (c) Real-time subsidy to farmer
- (d) Subsidy is paid to companies post-sale

Ans.(d)

Q80. Who is a renowned Santoor player from India, often credited with popularizing the instrument worldwide?

- (a) Shivkumar Sharma
- (b) Zakir Hussain
- (c) Bhajan Sopori
- (d) Hariprasad Chaurasia

Ans.(a)

Q81. In August 2024, who assumed office as India's Union Home Secretary?

- (a) Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- (b) Govind Mohan
- (c) Rajiv Gauba
- (d) Anil Baijal

Ans.(b)

Q82. Read the statements about Bihu festivals in Assam and choose the correct option: 1.) Goru Bihu or Kati Bihu involves sky lamps to attract pests.

2.) Uruka before Magh Bihu features bonfires and feasting. 3.) Manuh Bihu includes gifting Gamucha and traditional dishes.

- (a) Only 2 and 3 are correct
- (b) Only 1 and 3 are correct
- (c) Only 2 is correct
- (d) 1,2 and 3 are correct.

Ans.(a)

Q83. Where did the final of the 2016 Hockey Junior World Cup take place?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Chennai

Ans.(a)

Q84. Which harvest festival in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana is celebrated for four days with the Bhogi bonfire?

- (a) Vinayaka Chaturthi
- (b) Sankranti
- (c) Ugadi
- (d) Bathukamma

Ans.(b)

Q85. What does "expected years of schooling" measure?

- (a) The total number of years of schooling in a country.
- (b) The average number of years of schooling received by people ages 25 and older.
- (c) The number of years a child of school-entering age is expected to spend in school.

(d) The projected past years of schooling.

Ans.(c)

Q86. The Tapi River originates from which of the following ranges?

- (a) Aravalli
- (b) Vindhya
- (c) Satpura
- (d) Western Ghats

Ans.(c)

Q87. Who launched the climate action campaign Mission LIFE in October 2022, emphasizing that everyone can contribute to fighting climate change?

- (a) Jairam Ramesh
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Bhupender Yadav
- (d) Prakash Javadekar

Ans.(b)

Q88. Which dance is performed with bamboo staves in Mizoram?

- (a) Chang Lo
- (b) Maruni
- (c) Cheraw
- (d) Ghoomar

Ans.(c)

Q89. Which amino acid is considered essential in human diet?

- (a) Alanine
- (b) Glycine
- (c) Lysine
- (d) Serine

Ans.(c)

Q90. In which district of Uttarakhand is the Jageshwar temple complex located?

- (a) Tehri Garhwal
- (b) Almora
- (c) Chamoli
- (d) Rudraprayag

Ans.(b)

Q91. What was the core theme of India's BRICS Chairship in 2021?

- (a) Economic protectionism
- (b) BRICS continuity and consensus
- (c) Cultural heritage digitization
- (d) Military coordination

Ans.(b)

Q92. Fill in the blank: RAMBHA-LP onboard Chandrayaan-3 is designed to probe lunar _____

- (a) Plasma
- (b) Gravity
- (c) Photons

(d) Neutrons

Ans.(a)

Q93. Which term refers to a melodic framework in Indian classical music that consists of ascending (arohana) and descending (avarohana) notes?

- (a) Talam
- (b) Alap
- (c) Raga
- (d) Swara

Ans.(c)

Q94. In which year did Anita Desai's novel, Clear Light of Day, make the Booker Prize shortlist?

- (a) 1979
- (b) 1980
- (c) 1981
- (d) 1984

Ans.(b)

Q95. How many medals did India win at Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

- (a) 3
- (b) 7
- (c) 5
- (d) 9

Ans.(b)

Q96. Who is the first English language writer to become a Jnanpith laureate?

- (a) Amitav Ghosh
- (b) Raghuveer Chaudhari
- (c) Kedarnath Singh
- (d) Shankha Ghosh

Ans.(a)

Q97. Which of the following statements about South Asian Regional Standards Organization (SARSO) is/are correct?

1. SARSO began functioning in 1985 to regulate tariffs and pricing in SAARC.
2. SARSO aims to harmonize standards and conformity assessments to boost intra-SAARC trade and global access.

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) 1 and 2 Both are correct
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

Ans.(b)

Q98. What does the MGNREGA stand for?

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Generation Act
- (b) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi National Regulated Employment Generation Act
- (d) Mahatma Gandhi National Regulated Employment Guarantee Act

Ans.(b)

Q99. What is the benefit of the NaviC system?

- (a) Provides global internet services
- (b) Detects earthquakes before they occur
- (c) Offers regional navigation and positioning services
- (d) Enables high-resolution space photography

Ans.(c)

Q100. Vichitrachitta, Chitrakarapuli, and Chaityakari are the titles given to which of the following rulers?

- (a) Kirtivarman I
- (b) Narasimhavarman II
- (c) Mahendravarman I
- (d) Parantaka I

Ans.(c)

Q101. Simplify: $(a + b)^2 - (a - b)^2$

- (a) $3ab$
- (b) ab
- (c) $2ab$
- (d) $4ab$

Ans.(d)

Q102. The length of a cuboid is doubled, breadth halved, and height unchanged. How is the volume affected?

- (a) increases
- (b) decreases
- (c) unchanged
- (d) cannot be determined

Ans.(c)

Q103. X can complete a work in 2 days and Y in 4 days. How long will it take them to finish the work if they work together?

- (a) $1/2$ days
- (b) $4/3$ days
- (c) $3/4$ days
- (d) $4/7$ days

Ans.(b)

Q104. The average age of a class of 30 students is 15 years. If the teacher's age is included, the average becomes 16 years. Find the teacher's age in years.

- (a) 44
- (b) 46
- (c) 48
- (d) 50

Ans.(b)

Q105. A cone and hemisphere have equal curved surface areas and the same radius. What is the ratio of their heights?

- (a) $\sqrt{3}:1$
- (b) $\sqrt{3}:2$
- (c) $\sqrt{5}:1$
- (d) $\sqrt{5}:2$

Ans.(a)

Q106. A right prism has a trapezoidal base with parallel sides 5 cm and 9 cm, and height 6 cm. The height of the prism is 18 cm. What is the volume?

- (a) 360 cm^3
- (b) 380 cm^3
- (c) 400 cm^3
- (d) 756 cm^3

Ans.(d)

Q107. A square pyramid has total surface area 576 cm^2 and base side 12 cm. What is its lateral area?

- (a) 260 cm^2
- (b) 200 cm^2
- (c) 400 cm^2
- (d) 432 cm^2

Ans.(d)

Q108. In an election, candidate A got 45% of the votes and candidate B got 30%. What percentage of votes did others get?

- (a) 15%
- (b) 35 %
- (c) 20 %
- (d) 25 %

Ans.(d)

Q109. A trader sells an article at 15% profit. Had he sold it for ₹150 less, he would have incurred a 5% loss. Find the cost price.

- (a) ₹1000
- (b) ₹1200
- (c) ₹1300
- (d) ₹750

Ans.(d)

Q110. In a rectangular parallelepiped, if $l = b = h$, it is called a:

- (a) Prism
- (b) Cube
- (c) Pyramid
- (d) Sphere

Ans.(b)

Q111. A shopkeeper buys an article for ₹500 and sells it for ₹600. What is the profit percentage?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 20%
- (d) 25%

Ans.(c)

Q112. A small construction firm has 6 workers who can complete a road patching job in 8 days. If 4 more workers are added, how many days will they take to finish the same work?

- (a) 7 days
- (b) 6.5 days

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- (c) 5 days
(d) 4.8 days

Ans.(d)

Q113. Find the surface area of a rectangular parallelepiped with $l = 3$ cm, $b = 2$ cm, and $h = 4$ cm.

- (a) 52 cm^2
(b) 48 cm^2
(c) 46 cm^2
(d) 56 cm^2

Ans.(a)

Q114. 5 men or 8 women can do a job in 12 days. In how many days will 10 men and 4 women together complete the same job?

- (a) 4 days
(b) 4.8 days
(c) 5 days
(d) 7.5 days

Ans.(b)

Q115. A water tank is filled $\frac{3}{8}$ th in 15 minutes. How long to fill the full tank?

- (a) 30 mins
(b) 35 mins
(c) 40 mins
(d) 45 mins

Ans.(c)

Q116. A train takes 45 seconds to pass a platform and 30 seconds to pass a man standing on the platform. If the train is 180 m long, what is the length of the platform?

- (a) 100 m
(b) 90 m
(c) 180 m
(d) 150 m

Ans.(b)

Q117. If a rectangular parallelepiped has volume 1020 cm^3 and dimensions 8 cm and 15 cm, find its height.

- (a) 8.6 cm
(b) 7.8 cm
(c) 7.5 cm
(d) 8.5 cm

Ans.(d)

Q118. If a product price is decreased by 12% and then increased by 15%, what is the net percentage change in price?

- (a) 2.8 % increase
(b) 1.2 % increase
(c) 1.5 % increase
(d) 2.5 % increase

Ans.(b)

Q119. The average of 5 numbers is 20. What is the sum of these numbers?

- (a) 90
- (b) 80
- (c) 100
- (d) 120

Ans.(c)

Q120. If the ratio of the diameters of two spheres is 5:7, then what is the ratio of their surface areas?

- (a) 25:47
- (b) 49:25
- (c) 25:48
- (d) 25:49

Ans.(d)

Q121. A spherical balloon has a radius of 8 cm. What is the ratio of the volume of the balloon to the volume of a smaller balloon with a radius of 4 cm?

- (a) 1:4
- (b) 8:1
- (c) 1:16
- (d) 1:2

Ans.(b)

Q122. The value of $(a - b)(a + b) + (b - c)(b + c) + (c - a)(c + a)$ is:

- (a) $2a - 3b$
- (b) $a - c$
- (c) 0
- (d) $a - b$

Ans.(c)

Q123. If $x = 2.5$ and $y = \frac{5}{8}$, then $(x - y) \times 4 = ?$

- (a) 6
- (b) 7.5
- (c) 5
- (d) 4

Ans.(b)

Q124. A mixture contains 36 litres of milk and water in the ratio 2:1. How much water must be added to make the ratio 1:1?

- (a) 12 litres
- (b) 8 litres
- (c) 15 litres
- (d) 10 litres

Ans.(a)

Q125. A 60-litre mixture of kerosene and petrol contains 75% kerosene. How much petrol is in the mixture?

- (a) 20 litres
- (b) 15 litres
- (c) 45 litres

(d) 10 litres

Ans.(b)

Q126. If the radius of the circle is 3 cm. What is the length of the longest chord of the circle?

(a) 3 cm

(b) 6cm

(c) 9 cm

(d) 12 cm

Ans.(b)

Q127. If the perimeter of a square is 25 cm, then how long is each side?

(a) 6.25cm

(b) 10cm

(c) 7.5cm

(d) 5cm

Ans.(a)

Q128. If the lengths of the diagonals of a rhombus are 12cm and 16cm what is its area?

(a) 96cm^2

(b) 48cm^2

(c) 72cm^2

(d) 60cm^2

Ans.(a)

Q129. A triangular tent has two identical triangular side panels, each with a base of 6 meters and height of 5 meters. The fabric required includes 10% extra material for stitching and cuts. If the fabric costs Rs. 200 per square meter, what is the total cost of the fabric used for both panels?

(a) Rs. 6,000

(b) Rs. 6,200

(c) Rs. 6,400

(d) Rs. 6,600

Ans.(d)

Q130. Convert 240° to radians.

(a) $\frac{4\pi}{3}$

(b) $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

(c) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

(d) $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

Ans.(a)

Q131. Convert 540° to radians.

(a) 3π radians

(b) $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ radians

(c) 1 radians

(d) 2π radians

Ans.(a)

Q132. Two circles of radii 12.5cm and 7.5 cm are concentric. The length of a chord of the outer circle which touches the inner circle is

- (a) 16 cm
- (b) 18 cm
- (c) 20 cm
- (d) 22 cm

Ans.(c)

Q133. A cylindrical container has a diameter of 14 cm and a height of 10 cm. How much water (in litres) can it hold?

- (a) 1.40 L
- (b) 1.54 L
- (c) 1.60 L
- (d) 1.75 L

Ans.(b)

Q134. If the centroid of a triangle is (5,5) and two vertices are (2,3) and (4,7), the third vertex is:

- (a) (5, 9)
- (b) (9, 5)
- (c) (7, 5)
- (d) (5, 7)

Ans.(b)

Q135. A triangle with area 100m^2 has height double its base. What are its dimensions?

- (a) base 10 m, height = 20 m
- (b) base 12.5 m, height = 25 m
- (c) base 8 m, height = 16 m
- (d) base 20 m, height = 40 m

Ans.(a)

Q136. In a regular polygon, the difference between each interior and exterior angle is 60° . Determine the number of sides of the polygon.

- (a) 6
- (b) 7
- (c) 8
- (d) 9

Ans.(a)

Q137. A trader buys an item at Rs.500 and marks it up by 60% . If he then offers a 25% discount on the marked price, what is his profit percentage?

- (a) 20%
- (b) 25%
- (c) 30%
- (d) 35%

Ans.(a)

Q138. A cylindrical rod with a volume of $75\pi\text{cm}^3$ is melted and recast into a hollow cylindrical pipe with an inner radius of 1cm and outer radius of 2cm. What will be the length of the new pipe?

- (a) 30cm
- (b) 32cm

(c) 35cm

(d) 25cm

Ans.(d)

Q139. A trader offers a 30% discount on the marked price and still makes a 5% profit. If the item costs him Rs.2100, what is the marked price?

(a) Rs.3150

(b) Rs.2850

(c) Rs.3000

(d) Rs.2800

Ans.(a)

Q140. If the volume of a cone is 9856cm^3 and the diameter of its base is 14cm, what is the height of the cone?

(a) 152cm

(b) 165cm

(c) 192cm

(d) 265cm

Ans.(c)

Q141. Find the total surface area of a solid hemisphere whose radius is 10 cm

(a) 942cm^2

(b) 842cm^2

(c) 954cm^2

(d) 865cm^2

Ans.(a)

Q142. If the exterior angle of a regular polygon is 45° , how many diagonals does the polygon have?

(a) 20

(b) 22

(c) 23

(d) 24

Ans.(a)

Q143. The area of a rhombus is 240cm^2 , and one of its diagonals is 20cm. Find the length of the other diagonal.

(a) 30 cm

(b) 28 cm

(c) 24 cm

(d) 26 cm

Ans.(c)

Q144. A right rectangular prism has dimensions $10\text{cm} \times 6\text{cm} \times 8\text{cm}$. What is its total surface area?

(a) 360cm^2

(b) 376cm^2

(c) 400cm^2

(d) 448cm^2

Ans.(b)

Q145. The square root of a number is increased by 40%, and the result is 21. Find the original number.

- (a) 225
- (b) 256
- (c) 324
- (d) 400

Ans.(a)

Q146. A, B and C can do a piece of work in 20, 30 and 50 days, respectively. In how many days can A do the work, if he is assisted by B and C on every second day?

- (a) 13 days
- (b) 19 days
- (c) 15 days
- (d) 21 days

Ans.(a)

Q147. If a regular polygon has 35 diagonals, what is the measure of each of its interior angles?

- (a) 144°
- (b) 154°
- (c) 164°
- (d) 174°

Ans.(a)

Q148. The exterior angles of a triangle are given as $2x$, $3x$, and $4x$. What is the measure of the triangle's smallest interior angle?

- (a) 100°
- (b) 80°
- (c) 40°
- (d) 20°

Ans.(d)

Q149. One angle is 5 less than 3 times its complement. Find the angle.

- (a) 66.25°
- (b) 65°
- (c) 68°
- (d) 70°

Ans.(a)

Q150. A square pyramid has a base of side 14cm. If the slant height from the apex to the center of one of the base edges is 17cm, find the vertical height of the pyramid.

- (a) 14.49 cm
- (b) 13.49 cm
- (c) 16.49 cm
- (d) 15.49 cm

Ans.(d)

Q151. Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the given word "Dependence".

- (a) Autonomy
- (b) Slavery
- (c) Subordinate

(d) Submissiveness

Ans.(a)

Q152. Choose the correct Active Voice form of the given sentence:

The roof had been painted by the workers before the rain started.

- (a) The workers painted the roof before the rain started.
- (b) The workers had painted the roof before the rain started.
- (c) The roof paints the workers before the rain started.
- (d) The workers were painting the roof before the rain started.

Ans.(b)

Q153. Identify the correct spelling of the misspelled word.

- (a) necessary
- (b) neccessary
- (c) nessessary
- (d) neccesary

Ans.(a)

Q154. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks: A lamb was grazing with _____ sheep one day.

- (a) a flock of
- (b) a grouo of
- (c) a mob of
- (d) a number of

Ans.(a)

Q155. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.

Who tore the window curtains ?

- (a) By whom were the window curtains torn ?
- (b) By whom are the window curtains torn?
- (c) By whom were the window curtains tore?
- (d) By whom were the window curtains teared?

Ans.(a)

Q156. Choose the correct Active Voice form of the given sentence:

The prize will be given by the judge.

- (a) The judge gives the prize.
- (b) The judge is giving the prize.
- (c) The judge will give the prize.
- (d) The prize gives the judge.

Ans.(c)

Q157. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom 'off one's rocker' in the sentence:

Anyone who quits this job without a backup must be off their rocker.

- (a) Mentally unstable or irrational
- (b) Physically tired
- (c) Ready to retire
- (d) Emotionally strong

Ans.(a)

Q158. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom 'play it by ear' in the sentence:

We don't have a fixed plan—let's play it by ear.

- (a) Use a musical approach
- (b) Act spontaneously without planning
- (c) Misunderstand instructions
- (d) Avoid taking action

Ans.(b)

Q159. Choose the most suitable option to replace the part of the sentence:

The doctor advised that he takes rest.

- (a) that he rested
- (b) for him to take rest
- (c) that he take rest
- (d) that he should took rest

Ans.(c)

Q160. Choose the word that means the same as "Puzzle".

- (a) Paradox
- (b) Paradise
- (c) Question
- (d) Challenge

Ans.(d)

Q161. Choose the meaning of the idiom 'call it a day' in the sentence:

Let's call it a day and resume work tomorrow.

- (a) Go for lunch
- (b) Stop working for the day
- (c) Make a phone call
- (d) Start the project

Ans.(b)

Q162. Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the given word "Degenerate".

- (a) Flourish
- (b) Perish
- (c) Dismiss
- (d) Decay

Ans.(a)

Q163. Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the given word "Interesting".

- (a) Monotonous
- (b) Terrible
- (c) Terrifying
- (d) Disastrous

Ans.(a)

Q164. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks: He just kept waiting for his seed to_____ .

- (a) grow
- (b) growing
- (c) grows

(d) is grew

Ans.(a)

Q165. Which sentence uses "borne" correctly?

- (a) The cost was borne by the company.
- (b) She was borne in 2001.
- (c) He has borne arms for years.
- (d) The queen has born two sons.

Ans.(a)

Q166. What is the meaning of "bat" in: "The bat flew silently in the night sky."

- (a) A flying mammal
- (b) A sports tool
- (c) A stick
- (d) A butterfly

Ans.(a)

Q167. Choose the correct option to rearrange the following sentences:

- A. Every theory he proposed was dismissed as radical.
- B. But centuries later, his equations solved modern problems.
- C. He died penniless, never knowing his genius was real.
- D. Time sometimes takes too long to apologize.

- (a) A C B D
- (b) C A B D
- (c) A B C D
- (d) D A C B

Ans.(a)

Q168. In the following, there are four different words, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Coddle
- (b) Hudle
- (c) Satisfes
- (d) Protecat

Ans.(a)

Q169. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the highlighted segment in the given sentence. He returns and diligently pursued knowledge.

- (a) returned
- (b) returning
- (c) will returning
- (d) can return

Ans.(a)

Q170. What does the term property inherited from one's father or ancestors is called?

- (a) Patrimony
- (b) Manuscript
- (c) Forgery
- (d) Obsolete

Ans.(a)

Q171. Direction: Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

The rose tried (A)/to move them (B)/roots away(C)/ from the cactus(D).

- (a) to move them (B)
- (b) from the cactus(D)
- (c) roots away(C)
- (d) The rose tried (A)

Ans.(a)

Q172. Choose the correct indirect speech of the sentence:

The general said, "May our nation always remain free."

- (a) The general said our nation may always remain free.
- (b) The general expressed the wish that their nation might always remain free.
- (c) The general hoped that his nation will remain free.
- (d) The general wished the nation would stay free.

Ans.(b)

Q173. Choose the correct option to rearrange the following sentences:

- A. The technician stared at the blinking server lights.
- B. The system had crashed at the worst possible time.
- C. Every second meant thousands in losses.
- D. But panic wouldn't help now.

- (a) B C A D
- (b) A B C D
- (c) B A C D
- (d) A C B D

Ans.(a)

Q174. Identify the correct spelling of the misspelled word.

- (a) committee
- (b) commitee
- (c) commite
- (d) committe

Ans.(a)

Q175. Choose the correct indirect speech of the sentence:

He said to his brother, "Please stop playing loud music."

- (a) He requested his brother to stop playing loud music.
- (b) He asked his brother please to stop loud music.
- (c) He said his brother to stop playing music.
- (d) He told his brother that please stop the music.

Ans.(a)

Q176. Select the correct Passive form of the given sentence.

When will the manager attend the programme?

- (a) When will the programme be attended by the manager?
- (b) When would the programme be attended by the manager?
- (c) When can the programme be attended by the manager?
- (d) When should the programme be attended by the manager?

Ans.(a)

Q177. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks: I _____ you to plant the seed, water it and come back here.

- (a) want
- (b) wants
- (c) wanting
- (d) win

Ans.(a)

Q178. Choose the right meaning of the idiom 'take with a grain of salt' in the sentence:

You should take his claims with a grain of salt.

- (a) Believe fully
- (b) Ignore it completely
- (c) Accept with doubt
- (d) Add salt to it

Ans.(c)

Q179. In the following, there are four different words, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Enigmatic
- (b) Magnitic
- (c) Autometric
- (d) Puzzling

Ans.(a)

Q180. When someone used the fictitious name instead of his own name especially in writing is called?

- (a) Pseudonym
- (b) Manuscript
- (c) Omniscient
- (d) Ambidextrous

Ans.(a)

Q181. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

I can't believe you _____ that old trick!

- (a) fell for
- (b) looked up
- (c) took after
- (d) came across

Ans.(a)

Q182. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the highlighted segment in the given sentence:

There are not lessing than a hundred students in this school.

- (a) no less
- (b) no fewer
- (c) not less
- (d) only less

Ans.(b)

Q183. Choose the word that means the same as "Tremble".

- (a) Quiver
- (b) Infatuation
- (c) Grandeur
- (d) Paradox

Ans.(a)

Q184. Choose the correct option to rearrange the following sentences to form a coherent paragraph:

- A. The old watch ticked steadily on the shelf.
- B. It had survived generations of owners.
- C. Each scratch and dent told a different story of their past.
- D. Time seemed frozen around it.

- (a) A B C D
- (b) B A D C
- (c) A C B D
- (d) C A B D

Ans.(a)

Q185. Choose the correct direct sentence of the following sentence.

The scientist said that the results had been surprising.

- (a) The scientist said, "The results has been surprising."
- (b) The scientist said, "The results had been surprising."
- (c) The scientist said, "The results are surprising."
- (d) The scientist said, "The results were surprising."

Ans.(d)

Q186. Choose the correct synonym for the word 'quarrel'

- (a) Barrel
- (b) Feud
- (c) Attack
- (d) Delusion

Ans.(b)

Q187. Direction: Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

This is the man(A) / who I think (B)/ had stolen the bag(C)/ in the train(D).

- (a) who I think (B)
- (b) This is the man(A)
- (c) had stolen the bag(C)
- (d) in the train(D)

Ans.(a)

Directions (188-192): Read the passage below and choose the correct word for each blank.

Cultural heritage reflects the values, traditions, and achievements of a community passed down through generations. It includes monuments, festivals, languages, art, and even traditional knowledge. Preserving heritage is essential, as it helps people stay (1)_____ to their roots and identity. However, modernization and urban development often lead to the neglect or destruction of historical sites. Many ancient structures are left unattended, while some cultural practices are forgotten. Governments and citizens must take joint (2)_____ to protect such legacies. Promoting local art, restoring monuments, and teaching indigenous history in schools are effective ways to keep heritage alive. Tourists should also behave (3)_____ when visiting culturally sensitive locations. Heritage preservation is not only

about remembering the past, but also about inspiring future generations with a sense of (4)_____ and continuity. Losing heritage means losing the story of a people, and that is a loss that cannot be easily (5)_____.

Q188. (1)

- (a) restricted
- (b) connected
- (c) opposed
- (d) delayed

Ans.(b)

Q189. (2)

- (a) measures
- (b) statements
- (c) complaints
- (d) greetings

Ans.(a)

Q190. (3)

- (a) casually
- (b) kindly
- (c) responsibly
- (d) formally

Ans.(c)

Q191. (4)

- (a) regret
- (b) pride
- (c) authority
- (d) panic

Ans.(b)

Q192. (5)

- (a) created
- (b) reversed
- (c) replaced
- (d) blamed

Ans.(c)

Q193. Choose the correct direct sentence of the following sentence.

He said that she had been trying to reach him for several days.

- (a) He said, "She has been trying to reach me for several days."
- (b) He said, "She tried to reach me for several days."
- (c) He said, "She was trying to reach me for several days."
- (d) He said, "She is trying to reach me for several days."

Ans.(a)

Q194. Someone who donates his money to the society as welfare is called.

- (a) Philanthropist
- (b) Capitalist
- (c) Donation

(d) Honorary

Ans.(a)

Q195. Direction: Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

Pushpa is (A)/knows all (B)/the facts about (C)/the incident (D).

(a) knows all (B)

(b) Pushpa is (A)

(c) the facts about (C)

(d) the incident (D)

Ans.(b)

Directions (196-200): Read the passage and answer the questions:

Once relegated to the peripheries of legitimate professional discourse, YouTube content creation has metamorphosed into a formidable and highly nuanced career avenue. Far beyond the superficial glitz of viral videos, contemporary content creators must navigate a labyrinthine ecosystem encompassing algorithmic unpredictability, audience analytics, intellectual property considerations, and brand partnership intricacies.

The platform's democratized nature ostensibly offers an egalitarian promise — anyone with a camera and an idea can, theoretically, ascend to prominence. However, the reality is far more Darwinian. Success on YouTube today demands not only creative ingenuity but also a keen acumen in digital marketing, search engine optimization (SEO), and an ever-evolving understanding of platform-specific trends. Consistency in output, meticulous engagement with viewer communities, and adaptability to sudden policy shifts have become indispensable skills.

Moreover, the psychological ramifications of tethering one's livelihood to fluctuating view counts and algorithmic favor should not be underestimated. Burnout, imposter syndrome, and a precarious sense of self-worth plague many full-time creators. Unlike traditional careers, YouTube offers no institutional safety nets; creators must independently negotiate contracts, secure health benefits, and plan for financial volatility.

Nonetheless, for those who can master this digital alchemy, the rewards are substantial — both financially and creatively. The platform enables unparalleled autonomy, offering a direct conduit between creator and audience, unmediated by corporate gatekeepers. In an era increasingly defined by the decentralization of media, YouTube content creation is not merely a trend but a harbinger of the future of work.

Q196. Identify the grammatical function of the phrase "offering a direct conduit between creator and audience" in the sentence:

"The platform enables unparalleled autonomy, offering a direct conduit between creator and audience, unmediated by corporate gatekeepers."

(a) Adjective Phrase

(b) Present participial phrase functioning as an adverb

(c) Noun phrase acting as an object

(d) Absolute phrase modifying the subject

Ans.(b)

Q197. In the sentence

"Far beyond the superficial glitz of viral videos, contemporary content creators must navigate a labyrinthine ecosystem encompassing algorithmic unpredictability..."

What is the function of the introductory phrase "Far beyond the superficial glitz of viral videos"?

(a) Appositive phrase

(b) Adverbial phrase modifying "navigate"

(c) Prepositional phrase functioning as a noun

(d) Absolute phrase with implied verb

Ans.(b)

Q198. What is the closest meaning of the word "labyrinthine" as used in the passage?

- (a) Superficial and obvious
- (b) Mysterious and confusingly complex
- (c) Predictable and linear
- (d) Structured and disciplined

Ans.(b)

Q199. Choose the most appropriate antonym for the word "harbinger" as used in the last line of the passage.

- (a) Catalyst
- (b) Precursor
- (c) Follower
- (d) Trailblazer

Ans.(c)

Q200. Which of the following best captures the primary tension described in the passage?

- (a) The tension between traditional media and decentralized platforms
- (b) The tension between the glamorized perception of content creation and its actual challenges
- (c) The tension between corporate sponsorships and independent artistry
- (d) The tension between financial rewards and creative compromises

Ans.(b)