# SSC CGL T-I Similar Paper (Held on 12 Sep 2025 S3)

**Q1.** If a % b = $a^2 - b^2$ and a % b = 63, find a and b.
(a) 9, 6
(b) 10, 7
(c) 8, 1
(d) 7, 4
**Ans.(c)**

**Q2.** How many letters will remain unchanged if the word EDUCATION is arranged alphabetically?
(a) One
(b) Zero
(c) Three
(d) Two
**Ans.(b)**

**Q3.** Select the letter-cluster that will replace (?):
B, F, J, N, R, V, Z, ?
(a) A
(b) C
(c) B
(d) D
**Ans.(d)**

**Q4.** Pointing to a boy, a woman said, "He is the son of my father's only daughter." How is the boy related to the woman?
(a) Son
(b) Brother
(c) Nephew
(d) Cousin
**Ans.(a)**

**Q5.** If 4 ⊕ 3 = 19 and 5 ⊕ 2 = 17, then 6 ⊕ 4 = ?
(a) 24
(b) 28
(c) 34
(d) 32
**Ans.(c)**

**Q6.** If 3x + 7 = 28, find x.
(a) 7
(b) 6
(c) 5
(d) 8
**Ans.(a)**

**Q7.** Apply the same pattern used in the following group and find the correct option.
METAL : LATEM :: FIBER : ?
(a) ERFIB
(b) BIFER
(c) REBIF
(d) RIFEB
**Ans.(c)**

**Q8.** If '+' = '-' and '-' = '×', find the value of:
12 + 4 - 3 = ?
(a) 5
(b) 0
(c) 1
(d) 3
**Ans.(b)**

**Q9.** Find the odd one out.
(a) 4 : 16 : 256
(b) 3 : 9 : 81
(c) 5 : 25 : 125
(d) 6 : 36 : 1296
**Ans.(c)**

**Q10.** Eight people P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W sit around a circle facing the center. P is second right of Q. R is opposite P. S is immediate left of R. T is third to the right of Q. U is sits to the immediate left of S. W is opposite T. Who is immediate right of Q?
(a) P
(b) R
(c) W
(d) V
**Ans.(d)**

**Q11.** Find the missing term in the series.
ACE, EGI, IKM, MOQ, ?
(a) QSU
(b) PQS
(c) QRT
(d) RSU
**Ans.(a)**

**Q12.** What will come in place of (?)
2, 6, 18, 54, ?
(a) 108
(b) 324
(c) 216
(d) 162
**Ans.(d)**

**Q13.** Which word cannot be formed from DEMOCRACY?
(a) READY
(b) CORE
(c) MAYOR
(d) CAREER
**Ans.(d)**

**Q14.** What comes next?
8, 20, 44, 92, ?
(a) 180
(b) 188
(c) 196
(d) 204
**Ans.(b)**

**Q15.** In a certain code language, "apple is sweet fruit" is written as "ka lo mi te", "mango is sweet" is written as "lo mi ra" and "apple mango fresh" is written as "ka ra su". How is "sweet" coded?
(a) su
(b) mi
(c) ra
(d) te
**Ans.(b)**

**Q16.** The ratio of two numbers is 5 : 7 and their sum is 96. Find the numbers.
(a) 40, 56
(b) 45, 51
(c) 48, 48
(d) 35, 61
**Ans.(a)**

**Q17.** If A is the brother of B, and B is the mother of C, how is A related to C?
(a) Brother
(b) Father
(c) Uncle
(d) Cousin
**Ans.(c)**

**Q18.** If “ROAD” is coded as *4@# and “READ” is coded as *7@#, what is the code for “RAOD”?
(a) *@#4
(b) *4#@
(c) *@4#
(d) *#@4
**Ans.(c)**

**Q19.** In a tournament of 9 players, each plays every other player once. How many matches are played?
(a) 72
(b) 40
(c) 42

(d) 36
**Ans.(d)**

**Q20.** Identify the similar address:
12, Lake View Road, Anna Nagar, Chennai - 600040
(a) 12 Lake View Rd Anna Nagar Chennai 600040
(b) Anna Nagar, 12 Lake Road, Chennai
(c) 12 Lake Road, Chennai - 600004
(d) 21 Lake View Road, Anna Nagar, Chennai
**Ans.(a)**

**Q21.** Statement:
Online education is expanding rapidly; hence quality standards must be maintained.
Assumptions:
I. Online education affects learning outcomes.
II. Quality control is necessary in education.
(a) Only I
(b) Only II
(c) Both I and II
(d) Neither I nor II
**Ans.(c)**

**Q22.** If 8 $ 3 = 32 and 6 $ 4 = 30, then 5 $ 4 = ?
(a) 28
(b) 20
(c) 24
(d) 25
**Ans.(d)**

**Q23.** If + means × and - means ÷, which is incorrect?
(a) 8 - 2 + 3 = 12
(b) 6 + 3 - 2 = 9
(c) 4 - 2 + 5 = 15
(d) 9 + 1 - 3 = 3
**Ans.(c)**

**Q24.** Apply the same pattern used in the following group and find the correct option.
COUNTRY : FRXQWUB :: SCHOOL : ?
(a) VFIPPM
(b) VFKRRO
(c) VFJPPN
(d) VEKPPM
**Ans.(b)**

**Q25.** Find the missing term:
3, 7, 15, 31, ?
(a) 47
(b) 63

(c) 61
(d) 64
**Ans.(b)**

**Q26.** On Electrical Safety Day 2025, MoS Power and New & Renewable Energy Shri Shripad Naik unveiled:
(a) National Fire Safety Code
(b) Suraksha Shakti mascot
(c) Smart Meter Rollout Initiative
(d) Grid Digitalization Platform
**Ans.(b)**

**Q27.** Anglo-Indian nomination in State Assemblies was terminated by:
(a) Governor's ongoing nomination power
(b) 42nd Amendment
(c) 104th Amendment
(d) Proportional representation election
**Ans.(c)**

**Q28.** Which is generally not classified as a weather parameter?
(a) Temperature
(b) Humidity
(c) Soil pH
(d) Wind
**Ans.(c)**

**Q29.** Which pair correctly pairs a temple roof type with its structural feature?
(a) Latina – rectangular, wagon-like
(b) Phamsana – flat slabs sloping upward to a ridge
(c) Valabhi – steeply curving inward
(d) Latina – wide with tiered steps
**Ans.(b)**

**Q30.** Strict regulation of cricket ball weight and size in international games ensures:
(a) Advantage to bowlers with heavier balls, batsmen with lighter ones
(b) Consistent bounce, swing, and equity on uniform pitches
(c) Cost savings as per ICC rules
(d) Applies solely to red balls
**Ans.(b)**

**Q31.** Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) introduces:
(a) Full replacement of IPC provisions
(b) Video recording of confessions
(c) Assumption of guilt
(d) Elimination of bail provisions
**Ans.(b)**

**Q32.** Order these classical dance forms by their earliest documented mentions (earliest first):
1. Bharatanatyam
2. Kathak
3. Mohiniyattam
4. Manipuri
(a) 1–3–2–4
(b) 1–2–4–3
(c) 1–3–4–2
(d) 1–4–3–2
**Ans.(b)**

**Q33.** The Tutsa tribe of Arunachal Pradesh observes the Pongtu Festival mainly to invoke blessings from which god prior to millet sowing?
(a) Donyi-Polo
(b) Rangkhothak
(c) Rangfraa
(d) Nyegi-Nyapa
**Ans.(b)**

**Q34.** What characterizes the book 'Hot Stage'?
(a) Anthology of contemporary Indian plays addressing societal concerns
(b) Chronicle of the independence movement
(c) Mythological fiction
(d) Narrative of Himalayan journeys
**Ans.(a)**

**Q35.** Assertion (A): Iron and steel qualifies as a heavy industry.
Reason (R): It uses lightweight inputs such as cotton and rubber.
(a) Both true, R explains A
(b) Both true, R does not explain A
(c) A true, R false
(d) A false, R true
**Ans.(c)**

**Q36.** Regarding the 61st National Chess Championship:
1. GM Karthik Venkataraman triumphed in Gurgaon, earning ₹6 lakh.
2. IM Neelash Saha took silver but was edged out in a tiebreak against Ganguly.
(a) Only 1
(b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
**Ans.(c)**

**Q37.** Assertion (A): PSLV is ISRO's reliable mainstay launch vehicle.
Reason (R): PSLV's flexibility allows multi-payload launches to multiple orbits with excellent reliability.
(a) Both true, R explains A
(b) Both true, R does not explain A
(c) A true, R false

(d) A false, R true
**Ans.(a)**

**Q38.** IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2025 shows Switzerland topping which dimension in both 2024 and 2025?
(a) Business Efficiency
(b) Infrastructure
(c) Economic Performance
(d) Employment
**Ans.(b)**

**Q39.** Kalbelia dance symbolizes the sinuous motion of _____.
(a) Camels
(b) Snakes
(c) Birds
(d) Horses
**Ans.(b)**

**Q40.** On MISHTI Scheme:
1. Targets mangrove afforestation via scientific techniques.
2. Introduced in Budget 2023–24.
3. Permits commercial mangrove leasing.
(a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) All 1, 2, and 3
**Ans.(a)**

**Q41.** Who claimed India's inaugural Paralympic archery gold at Paris 2024?
(a) Sheetal Devi
(b) Harvinder Singh
(c) Rakesh Kumar
(d) Preethi Pal
**Ans.(b)**

**Q42.** Assertion (A): Chotanagpur Plateau forms the eastern continuation of Central Highlands.
Reason (R): It is chiefly drained by Chambal and Betwa rivers.
(a) Both A and R true, R explains A
(b) Both true, R does not explain A
(c) A true, R false
(d) A false, R true
**Ans.(c)**

**Q43.** The BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 4 June 2018 took place in which city?
(a) Pretoria, South Africa
(b) Brasília, Brazil
(c) Beijing, China
(d) New Delhi, India
**Ans.(a)**

**Q44.** Abrogation of Article 370's special status for Jammu and Kashmir occurred via:
(a) Presidential Order under Article 370(3)
(b) Parliamentary amendment under Article 368
(c) Presidential Ordinance
(d) Article 356 Order
**Ans.(a)**

**Q45.** Which program enables postmen to deliver financial services?
(a) NSAP
(b) IPPB
(c) PMJAY
(d) PRAGATI
**Ans.(b)**

**Q46.** In Teen Taal from Hindustani music, the Khali beat falls on the _____ matra.
(a) 1
(b) 5
(c) 9
(d) 13
**Ans.(c)**

**Q47.** Approval by both Houses of Parliament for a National Emergency Proclamation is needed within:
(a) 1 month
(b) 3 months
(c) 6 months
(d) 9 months
**Ans.(a)**

**Q48.** The 2025 ‘Mangrove Cell’ program is associated primarily with which state?
(a) Odisha
(b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Maharashtra
(d) West Bengal
**Ans.(c)**

**Q49.** Non-metallic minerals in India are best described as:
(a) Scarce for industrial applications
(b) Mainly gemstones with little industry role
(c) Abundant and essential for key sectors
(d) Secondary to metallic minerals in growth
**Ans.(c)**

**Q50.** The initial module of Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS) is slated for launch in:
(a) 2028
(b) 2030
(c) 2035
(d) 2040

**Ans.(a)**

**Q51.** A shopkeeper sells rice at a discount of 6% on the marked price but uses a weight that is 25% less than the actual weight. Find his overall profit percentage.
(a) 20.5%
(b) 22.5%
(c) 25.3%
(d) 26.5%
**Ans.(c)**

**Q52.** The profit made on an article sold for ₹2400 is equal to the loss incurred when it is sold for ₹2000. What will be the profit or loss percentage if the article is sold for ₹2200?
(a) Profit of 2.5%
(b) Profit of 3.125%
(c) Loss of 3.125%
(d) No loss, No profit
**Ans.(d)**

**Q53.** A right circular cone has a radius of 9 cm and a height of 40 cm. What is its slant height?
(a) 41 cm
(b) 42 cm
(c) 43 cm
(d) 45 cm
**Ans.(a)**

**Q54.** If 40% of P = 0.5 of Q = 1/8 of R, find P : Q : R.
(a) 5 : 4 : 16
(b) 4 : 5 : 16
(c) 2 : 5 : 8
(d) 4 : 5 : 8
**Ans.(a)**

**Q55.** Evaluate: $15\frac{1}{3}\%\text{of}480\text{km} + 58\frac{1}{3}\%\text{of}300\text{km}$
(a) 266.6 km
(b) 285.5 km
(c) 248.6 km
(d) 320 km
**Ans.(c)**

**Q56.** A sales agent earns 3% commission on laptops priced at ₹40,000 each and 8% commission on printers priced at ₹8,000 each. If in a week he sells 4 laptops and 10 printers, what is his total commission for 5 such weeks?
(a) ₹52,000
(b) ₹50,400
(c) ₹56,000
(d) ₹51,200
**Ans.(c)**

**Q57.** The radius of a circular plate is increased by 8%. What will be the approximate percentage increase in its area?
(a) 8%
(b) 15%
(c) 16.64%
(d) 17.28%
**Ans.(c)**

**Q58.** A rectangular prism has a base area of 36 cm². If its height is increased by 25% from the original height of 12 cm, what is the new volume?
(a) 432 cm³
(b) 486 cm³
(c) 504 cm³
(d) 540 cm³
**Ans.(d)**

**Q59.** A solid metal sphere of radius 6 cm is completely immersed in a vertical cylindrical vessel containing water, causing the water level to rise by 4 cm. What is the radius of the cylinder?
(a) $4\sqrt{2}$ cm
(b) $5\sqrt{2}$ cm
(c) $6\sqrt{2}$ cm
(d) $8\sqrt{2}$ cm
**Ans.(c)**

**Q60.** A train covers 1.2 km in 1 minute. How far will it travel in 2 hours 15 minutes?
(a) 162 km
(b) 156 km
(c) 171 km
(d) 168 km
**Ans.(a)**

**Q61.** Two farmers, X and Y, hire a field. X keeps 18 oxen there for 5 months and 20 goats for 3 months. Y keeps 24 goats for 7 months and 30 sheep for 6 months. If 2 oxen eat as much as 5 goats, and 3 goats eat as much as 4 sheep, what fraction of the total rent should X pay?
(a) 90/196
(b) 95/196
(c) 10/196
(d) 111/196
**Ans.(b)**

**Q62.** Three batches of students have average ages 17, 19, and 23 years respectively. If their numbers are in the ratio 3 : 4 : 6, what is the overall average age of all the students?
(a) 19.41
(b) 20.38
(c) 21.20
(d) 18.9
**Ans.(b)**

**Q63.** The average of 13 numbers is 75. If the average of the first six numbers is 69 and the average of the last six numbers is 80, what is the 7th number?
(a) 81
(b) 82
(c) 83
(d) 84
**Ans.(a)**

**Q64.** What is the average of all integers between 200 and 350 that are exactly divisible by 11?
(a) 275
(b) 272
(c) 286
(d) 292
**Ans.(a)**

**Q65.** How many kilograms of wheat costing ₹52 per kg must be mixed with 30 kg of wheat costing ₹40 per kg so that a 20% gain may be obtained by selling the mixture at ₹54 per kg?
(a) 18.2 kg
(b) 21.4 kg
(c) 24 kg
(d) 28.5 kg
**Ans.(b)**

**Q66.** A gardener has 80 m of fencing wire. He can use this wire to enclose either a circular lawn or a square lawn. If he uses the entire wire in each case, what is the approximate ratio of the area of the circular lawn to the area of the square lawn?
(a) 1 : 1
(b) 1.21 : 1
(c) 1.27 : 1
(d) 1.57 : 1
**Ans.(c)**

**Q67.** Simplify: $\left(\frac{1}{5+\sqrt{3}}\right)+\left(\frac{1}{5-\sqrt{3}}\right)-\left(\frac{10}{25-3}\right)$
(a) 0
(b) 1
(c) 2
(d) √3
**Ans.(a)**

**Q68.** A family spends on groceries, rent, and other expenses in the ratio 3 : 5 : 2. Next year, groceries are expected to rise by 8%, rent by 4%, and other expenses to fall by 10%. What will be the overall percentage change in total expenditure?
(a) 1% decrease
(b) 2.4% increase
(c) 1.2% increase
(d) 0.8% decrease
**Ans.(b)**

**Q69.** C and D invested ₹1,40,000 and ₹1,80,000, respectively. C remained for 9 months and D for 8 months. If C's share in the profit is ₹18,900, what is the total profit?
(a) ₹40,500
(b) ₹36,000
(c) ₹34,200
(d) ₹38,400
**Ans.(a)**

**Q70.** A television set is sold for ₹Q and the shopkeeper earns a profit of 25%. During a clearance sale, he marks the same set at 1.4Q and allows a discount of 15% on the marked price. What is his profit percentage during the sale?
(a) 45.75%
(b) 40%
(c) 48.75%
(d) 50%
**Ans.(c)**

**Q71.** A trader marks his goods 30% above the cost price and then allows a discount of 12%. What is his profit percentage?
(a) 14.4%
(b) 15.6%
(c) 16.5%
(d) 18.0%
**Ans.(a)**

**Q72.** A shopkeeper marks his products 50% above the cost price and allows a discount of 20% on the marked price. He also gives an additional cash discount of ₹120 and still makes a profit of 16% on cost. What is the cost price of the product?
(a) ₹1,800
(b) ₹3,000
(c) ₹2,200
(d) ₹2,400
**Ans.(b)**

**Q73.** X lent ₹6,000 to Y for 3 years and ₹4,000 to Z for 2 years, both at the same simple interest rate. In total, he received ₹2,000 as interest from both. What is the rate of interest per annum(nearest integer)?
(a) 8%
(b) 10%
(c) 12%
(d) 15%
**Ans.(a)**

**Q74.** A sector of a circle has a central angle of 150° and radius 10 cm. Another sector of the same circle has a central angle of 5π/6 radians. What is the ratio of the area of the first sector to that of the second?
(a) 3 : 4
(b) 1 : 1
(c) 4 : 5
(d) 5 : 6

**Ans.(b)**

**Q75.** Two men, M and N, rent a pasture. M uses 12 cows for 4 months and 18 goats for 5 months, while N uses 26 goats for 7 months. If 3 cows are equivalent to 7 goats, what is M's share of the rent?
(a) 101/192
(b) 110/192
(c) 105/192
(d) 60/192
**Ans.(a)**

**Q76.** Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word: Polymathic
(a) Intellectual
(b) Uninformed
(c) Skilled
(d) Saintly
**Ans.(b)**

**Q77.** Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word: Eulogy
(a) Panegyric
(b) Tributary
(c) Castigation
(d) Pronunciation
**Ans.(c)**

**Q78.** Convert the sentence provided below from its passive voice structure to an active voice structure:
It has been claimed that important data was being disclosed by employees within the firm.
(a) Someone has claimed that employees were disclosing important data within the firm.
(b) Important data had been disclosed by employees, it is claimed.
(c) Employees have allegedly been disclosing important data within the firm.
(d) The firm was allegedly disclosing employee's data.
**Ans.(a)**

**Q79.** Rearrange the following sentences in correct order to make a logical passage:
1. The team examined the feedback results.
2. The findings were applied to enhance the customer journey.
3. A focused promotional campaign was designed.
4. The information was gathered through multiple sources.
(a) 1-4-3-2
(b) 3-1-2-4
(c) 4-3-1-2
(d) 4-1-3-2
**Ans.(d)**

**Q80.** A sentence is provided in indirect speech. From the four given options, choose the one that most accurately conveys the sentence in its corresponding direct speech.
The manager told the staff that due dates must be met strictly.
(a) "Due dates must be met strictly," said the manager.
(b) "You should meet the due dates strictly," said the manager.

(c) “Meet the due dates strictly,” the manager said.
(d) “Due dates are to be met,” said the manager.
**Ans.(a)**

**Q81.** Select the sentence containing the homonym of the highlighted word:
The researcher cited a bailey in Norman defensive design.
(a) Bailey presented the findings on Norman fortifications at the seminar.
(b) The outer bailey encircled the motte and was guarded by watchtowers.
(c) The soldiers retreated into the bailey when the main gate collapsed.
(d) A wooden palisade was raised around the bailey for extra protection.
**Ans.(a)**

**Q82.** What is the main point of groupthink as presented in the passage?
Read the passage and answer the following questions.
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(a) Generating ideas through teamwork
(b) Prioritizing agreement over evaluation
(c) Relying only on specialists
(d) Distributing authority across units
**Ans.(b)**

**Q83.** As per the passage, which evolutionary tendency fuels social conformity?
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(a) Craving for control
(b) Urge for quick success
(c) Instinct for tribal belonging and safety
(d) Desire for comfort and luxury

**Ans.(c)**

**Q84.** Which incident is mentioned as a real-life outcome linked to groupthink?

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(a) A major peace treaty of the Cold War
(b) Challenger space shuttle disaster
(c) A national referendum outcome
(d) A stock-market technology collapse

**Ans.(b)**

**Q85.** How does the passage say digital platforms strengthen conformity?

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majority—often unconsciously—to gain acceptance or prevent friction. In closely bonded circles such as boardrooms, policy groups, or academic committees, individuals may hold back opposing ideas due to fear of exclusion or damage to reputation. With time, this shared uniformity creates mental stagnation, weakens creativity, and increases the chance of strategic misjudgments. The Bay of Pigs episode and the Challenger space shuttle tragedy are commonly highlighted as classic cases where groupthink distorted judgment. From a psychological angle, conformity is tied to our evolutionary pull toward tribal belonging, where standing apart once carried survival threats. Today, that same impulse shows up through peer pressure, workplace norms, and online echo chambers. Digital platforms intensify conformity because algorithms construct personalized "bubbles" that confirm existing beliefs while screening out conflicting perspectives. The antidote to this narrowed thinking is to build dissent into the system. When teams welcome principled disagreement, it becomes a mental safety-check against tunnel vision. Encouraging an environment where counterviews are valued—not punished—supports stronger, more balanced, and more resilient decisions. In a time shaped by viral fads, polarized debate, and performative agreement, the bravery to question the crowd is both uncommon and necessary. Real progress grows not from automatic loyalty to majority norms, but from critical probing and the nerve to challenge what feels comfortable.

(a) By banning sensitive debates
(b) By summarizing facts through visuals
(c) By creating curated echo chambers
(d) By allowing hidden identities

**Ans.(c)**

**Q86.** . What remedy does the passage recommend for groupthink and conformity?

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(a) Appointing more experienced seniors
(b) Enforcing strict compliance
(c) Encouraging constructive dissent
(d) Increasing online reach and connections

**Ans.(c)**

**Q87.** Choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted part of the sentence:

No one knows where is he staying.

(a) where is he stay
(b) where he is staying at
(c) where he is staying
(d) where he had stayed is
**Ans.(c)**

**Q88.** Choose the correct meaning of idiom: Blow a fuse
(a) To slip away quietly
(b) To vanish suddenly
(c) To become suddenly angry
(d) To manage a situation smartly
**Ans.(c)**

**Q89.** Select the correct option:
The new rules, though seemingly driven by fiscal necessity, were actually a covert move to __ dissent under "austerity."
(a) quell
(b) impugn
(c) swell
(d) rebut
**Ans.(a)**

**Q90.** Choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted part of the sentence:
She demanded me to swallow the medication.
(a) demanded that I swallow the medication
(b) me swallowing the medication
(c) that me swallow the medication
(d) to swallow the medication by me
**Ans.(a)**

**Q91.** Rearrange the following sentences to form a coherent paragraph:
1. These influences include how much sunlight is received, the make-up of the atmosphere, and the Earth's orbital path.
2. Long-term shifts in Earth's climate are shaped by an intricate mix of natural and human-driven influences.
3. The most prominent human-driven influence is the release of greenhouse gases from industrial processes.
4. Together, these components control the planet's overall energy balance and, as a result, its average temperature.
(a) 2, 1, 3, 4
(b) 1, 2, 3, 4
(c) 3, 4, 1, 2
(d) 4, 2, 3, 1
**Ans.(a)**

**Q92.** Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:
The higher the office was (1)/ the more pressing became the need (2)/ for prudence, propriety, and (3)/ avoiding of early disclosure. (4)
(a) (1)
(b) (2)
(c) (3)
(d) (4)

**Ans.(d)**

**Q93.** Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:
The report's focus on tech-utopianism, though praiseworthy, (1)/ ignore the deep-rooted inequities (2)/ that continue in data availability and digital competence (3)/ across demographic and regional gaps. (4)
(a) (1)
(b) (2)
(c) (3)
(d) (4)
**Ans.(b)**

**Q94.** Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word: AMORPHOUS
(a) Vague
(b) Clear
(c) Strict
(d) Accurate
**Ans.(a)**

**Q95.** Identify the correct spelling of the term chromosomal "three copies".
(a) Trissomie
(b) Trissomy
(c) Trisomy
(d) Trisomie
**Ans.(c)**

**Q96.** Select the correct option:
So fragile __ the talks that one disclosure could sabotage them.
(a) are
(b) were
(c) is
(d) was
**Ans.(b)**

**Q97.** Select the correct option:
Her analysis was __ than impressive; it was nearly revelatory.
(a) less
(b) more
(c) other
(d) rather
**Ans.(b)**

**Q98.** A sentence is provided in direct speech. From the four given options, choose the one that most accurately conveys the sentence in its corresponding indirect speech.
He said, "I am not feeling fine."
(a) He said that he is not feeling fine.
(b) He said that he was not feeling fine.
(c) He said that he didn't feel fine.
(d) He said he not feeling fine.

**Ans.(b)**

**Q99.** Identify the correct one-word substitute for: “A condition of disuse or inactivity.”
(a) Interregnum
(b) Destitute
(c) Lethargy
(d) Desuetude
**Ans.(d)**

**Q100.** Change the following from active to passive:
Why did the editor disregard the major stylistic irregularities?
(a) Why have the major stylistic irregularities been disregarded by the editor?
(b) Why are the major stylistic irregularities being disregarded by the editor?
(c) Why did the major stylistic irregularities be disregarded by the editor?
(d) Why were the major stylistic irregularities disregarded by the editor?
**Ans.(d)**