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CHAPTER

Miscellaneous

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-5) : In each of the following questions four words are given of which two words are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning. Find the two words which are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning and find the number of the correct letter combination, that is your answer.

(SBI PO 2010)

1. (A) consent (B) nascent
(C) emerging (D) insecure
(a) A - C (b) B - D
(c) B - C (d) A - D
(e) A - B
2. (A) elated (B) eccentric
(C) explicit (D) abnormal
(a) A - B (b) B - D
(c) A - C (d) A - D
(e) D - C
3. (A) abundance (B) incomparable
(C) projection (D) plethora
(a) A - C (b) A - B
(c) C - D (d) B - D
(e) A - D
4. (A) purposefully (B) inaccurately
(C) inadvertently (D) unchangeably
(a) A - C (b) A - B
(c) B - C (d) B - D
(e) A - D
5. (A) germane (B) generate
(C) reliable (D) irrelevant
(a) B - D (b) B - C
(c) A - B (d) C - D
(e) A - D

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6-10) : In each of the following questions four words are given, of which two are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning. Find the two words which are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning and mark the number of the correct letter combination as your answer.

(SBI PO 2011)

6. (A) Discomfit (B) Baffle
(C) Epicure (D) Enumerate
(a) A-B (b) A-C
(c) A-D (d) B-C
(e) B-D
7. (A) Testimony (B) Aura
(C) Augment (D) Decrease
(a) A-B (b) B-C
(c) C-D (d) A-D
(e) B-D

8. (A) Unkempt (B) Unremitting
(C) Slackening (D) Distasteful
(a) A-B (b) B-C
(c) C-D (d) A-D
(e) B-D
9. (A) Gregarious (B) Quixotic
(C) Sociable (D) Discernible
(a) A-B (b) B-C
(c) C-D (d) A-C
(e) B-D
10. (A) Apathetic (B) Wrath
(C) Whirl (D) Twirl
(a) A-B (b) A-C
(c) A-D (d) B-C
(e) C-D

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-15) : Below is given a single word with options to its meaning in different contexts. You have to select all those options which are synonyms of the word when the context is changed. Select the correct alternative from (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) which represents all those synonyms.

(IBPS PO/MT 2011)

11. **MASK**
(1) Cover (2) Hide
(3) Conceal (4) Disguise
(a) Only (1) (b) Both (2) and (4)
(c) Only (2), (3) and (4) (d) Only (1), (2) and (3)
(e) All (1), (2), (3) and (4)
12. **REGULAR**
(1) Present (2) Common
(3) Indiscriminate (4) Uniform
(a) Only (4) (b) Both (2) and (4)
(c) Both (1) and (3) (d) Only (2), (3) and (4)
(e) All (1), (2), (3) and (4)
13. **LABOUR**
(1) Expedite (2) To move faster
(3) Controlled (4) Toil
(a) Only (4) (b) Both (1) and (3)
(c) Both (2), (3) and (4) (d) Only (1), (3) and (4)
(e) All (1), (2), (3) and (4)
14. **MEAN**
(1) Imply (2) Understand
(3) Average (4) Characterized by malice
(a) Only (3) (b) Both (1) and (4)
(c) Only (1), (3) and (4) (d) Only (1), (2) and (4)
(e) All (1), (2), (3) and (4)
15. **ALONE**
(1) Exclusively (2) Morose
(3) Solitary (4) Human being
(a) Only (1) (b) Both (1) and (3)
(c) Both (2) and (3) (d) Only (1), (3) and (4)
(e) All (1), (2), (3) and (4)

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 16-20): In the following questions, a set of five words is given. Four of the words are related in some way, the remaining word is not related to the rest. You have to pick the word which does not fit in the relation.

(SBI PO 2014)

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| 16. | (a) Disdain | (b) Disloyalty |
| | (c) Infidelity | (d) Unfaithfulness |
| | (e) Unreliability | |
| 17. | (a) Astute | (b) Crafty |
| | (c) Wily | (d) Naive |
| | (e) Shrewd | |
| 18. | (a) Discern | (b) Recognise |
| | (c) Discriminate | (d) Differentiate |
| | (e) Eviscerate | |
| 19. | (a) Bewildered | (b) Perplexed |
| | (c) Confused | (d) Reserved |
| | (e) Flummoxed | |
| 20. | (a) Pageant | (b) Pretense |
| | (c) Exhibition | (d) Lurid |
| | (e) Plush | |

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21-25): In each of the following questions four words are given of which two words are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning. Find the number of correct letter combination.

(SBI PO 2014)

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| 21. | (A) dominate | (B) radical |
| | (C) determined | (D) monopolise |
| | (a) A - B | (b) B - C |
| | (c) A - D | (d) B - D |
| | (e) C - D | |
| 22. | (A) critical | (B) equitable |
| | (C) impartial | (D) unearth |
| | (a) A - B | (b) B - C |
| | (c) A - D | (d) B - D |
| | (e) C - D | |
| 23. | (A) shining | (B) raise |
| | (C) flourish | (D) thrive |
| | (a) A - B | (b) B - C |
| | (c) C - D | (d) B - D |
| | (e) A - C | |
| 24. | (A) Affable | (B) rude |
| | (C) pacify | (D) cajole |
| | (a) A - B | (b) B - C |
| | (c) C - D | (d) A - D |
| | (e) B - D | |
| 25. | (A) energetic | (B) partial |
| | (C) diffuse | (D) dispassionate |
| | (a) A - B | (b) B - C |
| | (c) C - D | (d) A - D |
| | (e) B - D | |

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 26-30): Which sentence has almost the same meaning with that of the question?

(IBPS S/O (I.T.)2014)

26. For more devastating for the author than the loss of his house to fire was the destruction of the sole copy of his latest novel.

- (a) In his latest book, the author tells of the pain he suffered when he lost his home in a devastating fire.
- (b) Even the destruction of his home in the fire was not as hard for the author to bear as the burning of the manuscript of his new novel.
- (c) The only thing the author was able to rescue from the flames which destroyed his home was the sole copy of his latest book.
- (d) Even more difficult for the author than writing a single book was seeing it destroyed when his house burnt down.
- (e) The author was devastated to find his house burnt down with everything in it, among which was the only manuscript of his latest novel.
27. Without his help, the job would have been impossible.
- (a) Even though he was very helpful, we were still unable to complete the project.
- (b) Since he wasn't able to give us a hand, we didn't believe we would be able to finish the job.
- (c) There's no way the task could have been done if he had not provided assistance.
- (d) The assignment proved quite easy, even though he refused to give us aid.
- (e) Though it wasn't easy, we managed to accomplish our task without his assistance.
28. Having arrived at the church, Martin sat down at the front listening to the music.
- (a) After martin had arrived at the church, he heard a lovely music at the front.
- (b) After he had arrived at the church, Martin sat down at the front and listened to the music.
- (c) In order to sit down at the front and listen to the music he arrived at the church early.
- (d) At the church Martin wanted to listen to the music so he arrived at the church early.
- (e) Martin found a seat at the front because he came to the church early.
29. Despite the difference in the political ideas, decision were taken by consensus.
- (a) Although there were different political ideas, most of the members accepted the idea.
- (b) In spite of the different political ideas, they are used their votes.
- (c) They forced the politicians to take decision together.
- (d) Although there were different political ideas, all of the members accepted the ideas.
- (e) Since there were different ideas, they couldn't find the solution.
30. Problems never seem quite so bad if we can see the funny sides of them.
- (a) You can solve your problems even if they seem so bad.
- (b) Although the problems which you face are so bad you can see the funny sides of them.
- (c) I we can find something funny with our problems they never seen so bad.
- (d) When we confront with problems we must laugh at them.
- (e) It is very important to look into the problems when you have them.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31-35) : Five statements are given below, labelled a, b, c, d and e. Among these, four statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph/passage. From the given options, choose the option that does not fit into the theme of the passage.

(SBI PO Main 2016)

31. (a) Dinets first observed the behaviour in 2007 when he spotted crocodiles lying in shallow water along the edge of a pond in India with small sticks or twigs positioned across their snouts.
(b) The behaviour potentially fooled nest-building birds wading in the water for sticks into thinking the sticks were floating on the water.
(c) The crocodiles remained still for hours and if a bird neared the stick, they would lunge.
(d) Crocodiles are way clever than thought about generally.
(e) To see if the stick-displaying was a form of clever predation, Dinets and his colleagues performed systematic observations of the reptiles for one year at four sites in Louisiana, including two rookery and two non-rookery sites.
32. (a) The competitive pressures in the environment have radically altered the context in which human Resource services are delivered in Indian organizations.
(b) The HR competencies, in other words, differentiate outstanding performers from average performers in the HR function.
(c) The traditional role of HR, based on the image of a transaction and administrative oriented HR practitioner providing services to a set of customers, is undergoing change.
(d) With the focus moving towards integrating HR into strategic planning of the organization, another dimension is added to the picture of HR service deliver.
(e) This change in focus calls for HR professionals taking up the emerging roles of advocate, business partner, and change agent in new organizational structures that are radically different from the past.
33. (a) Every campaign leader known how to pick up and kiss a child in the crowds, how to hug an old widow, how to chant with the pundits, and show abeyance to the Mullahs.
(b) Did anyone hit at "quality" for infrastructure amenities, education, health and finally governance.
(c) Politics is still a game of money, mind and manipulations.
(d) False promise are not entirely a sin, but let these be redeemed by true, professional, and quality governance, that shows at the end of the tenure.
(e) Many Asian countries have transformed their work culture, and up-scaled their economies.
34. (a) The emerging web services paradigm offers the promise of new efficiencies and improve integration designed to enhance collaboration between internal and external applications.
(b) For example web services can serve as a bridge between an e-procurement application and an internal inventory system.

- (c) Although, web services are relatively nascent and adoption rates currently low, it is critical for ERP vendors to begin taking steps to prepare for their rapidly maturing initiative.
(d) As items are purchased through e-procurement application, a web service specific to inventory reduction can be invoked to adjust inventory levels.
(e) As soon as re-order points are hit, a Web services, the cycle time between buying and replenishment can be greatly reduced and the potential for errors virtually eliminated.
35. (a) Much of the modern use of metals happens behind closed doors of corporations, under the veil of trade secrets.
(b) He chooses to restrict his analysis to metals and metalloids, which could face more critical constraints because many of them are relatively rare.
(c) Even if we can find out how certain metals are used, it may not always be possible to determine the proportions they are used in.
(d) The authors compromise was to account for the use of 80% of the material that is made available each year through extraction and recycling.
(e) Their compromise was to account for the use of 80% of the material that is made available each year through extraction and recycling.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 36-40) : Five statements are given below, labelled a, b, c, d and e. Among these, four statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph/passage. From the given options, choose the option that does not fit into the theme of the passage.

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36. (a) The reference was to China, a country that has been courting Pakistan for several years through a number of means including assistance in its nuclear programme.
(b) After the Uri attacks, Pakistan's special Kashmir envoy Mushahid Hussain Syed declared that the US was a waning power, suggesting that Pakistan was seeking out other allies.
(c) The most important concern relates to the possible conflict in Pakistan between votaries of economic development and supporters of militancy.
(d) This corridor—which includes road, rail and port infrastructure—is expected to allow China to avoid the vulnerable Indian Ocean route currently used to transport oil from the Gulf.
(e) Of late, there has been much talk of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that stretches from the autonomous region of Xinjiang to the Gwadar port.
37. (a) India recently ratified the Paris Agreement, assuring it a seat at the 55/55 table
(b) ratification by at least 55 countries and accounting for at least 55% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions was required for the agreement to come into force
(c) where countries will negotiate the mechanisms and provisions under the agreement.
(d) With the ratification, India has demonstrated leadership in climate negotiations but left some with concerns about signing an agreement without realizing its full implications.
(e) There are certain targets India wants to achieve and to achieve that there is a need to allocate mitigating burden among states and also prioritize adaptation efforts.

38. (a) Corporate Social Responsibility has entered India's legal corridors.
 (b) Given the need for proper legal help for a diverse section of society even the PM, in his address at the Bar Council's centenary celebrations earlier this year, urged lawyers to take on more pro bono cases.
 (c) Top law firms and lawyers are doing pro bono so that they can give back to society.
 (d) In India, traditionally, pro bono legal work was carried out by lawyers who had dedicated themselves to helping society.
 (e) There are a number of socially aware and generous souls who are increasingly lending their expertise for pro bono work.
39. (a) A look at the historical data on forecasts made by the IMF in its World Economic Outlook (WEO) reports seems to suggest that optimism bias may be the bigger culprit.
 (b) The large negative forecast errors in the recession years skewed the historical averages.
 (c) Over the past few years, the growth forecasts made by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have displayed one consistent pattern
 (d) the forecasts are rosy at the start of the year, then revised downwards towards the end of the year, and the actual estimates of real growth turn out to be even lower.
 (e) Has predicting the fate of the global economy become more difficult in a volatile post-crisis world, or does the IMF suffer from an inherent optimism bias?
40. (a) India has 13 of the 20 most polluted cities in the world, according to the World Health Organization.
 (b) The government should redouble its efforts to combat climate change, which will naturally slash not just greenhouse-gas emissions but particulates as well.
 (c) Every year, more than half a million people are estimated to die prematurely because of air pollution.
 (d) While air quality tends to worsen around this time of year as millions of Indians light firecrackers to celebrate the Diwali festival, the problem isn't limited by season or geography.
 (e) This week, air pollution in New Delhi has been truly off the charts: Tiny particulates, which are especially deadly, topped 999 micrograms per cubic meter—40 times what is considered safe and beyond what the scale was designed to measure.
41. The landowners who ruled and made the country rich were not to bothered about educated citizens. Without a good education system, the country has once struggled to create competitive industries.
 A. Since the landowners
 B. Despite making the country
 C. While the landowners struggled
 (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) All of these (d) A and B
 (e) B and C
42. The mineral rich economy has done extremely well over the past few decade in exporting coal and mineral ores to China and India. Officials argue that the country now has to shift into innovation and technology to keep the economy growing.
 A. Though the mineral rich
 B. Following officials arguing
 C. To shifting into more
 (a) Only A (b) Only C
 (c) A and C (d) A and B
 (e) All of these
43. Continued modernisation means access to new ideas and influences as well as social and economic freedom. Youth today can tweet, blog and talk freely about the most sensitive topics.
 A. Though continued modernisation
 B. While youth today can
 C. If access to new ideas
 (a) Only C (b) Only A
 (c) B and C (d) A and C
 (e) None
44. The Finance Ministers and central bankers of G20 countries will meet in Sydney next month. The discussion will centre on the fact that the rich world's banks are wrong to ignore the side effects of their policies on other countries.
 A. In order to discuss
 B. Ignoring the side effects
 C. Next month the G20 countries
 (a) Only A (b) Only C
 (c) A and C (d) Only B
 (e) All of these
45. The city government was of the view that some schools were undersised and that cleaning these would save money which could be reinvested. This money has been invested in providing better facilities as other government schools that took in children from these closed citizens.
 A. Although closing
 B. The money saved
 C. When the money has been invested
 (a) A and B (b) B and C
 (c) All of these (d) Only B
 (e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 41-45): In these questions there are two statements which can be combined into a single statement in a number of different ways without changing their meaning. Below them are given three probable starters A, B and C of such a combined sentence. One, two, three or none of them may be correct. Decide upon which is/are correct, if any and mark the option which denotes your answer. If none of three starters is suitable, mark None as your answer.

(IBPS S/O (I.T.) 2016)

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 46-50) : Select the phrase/connector from the given three options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences.

(SBI PO Main 2016)

46. If the issuer issues masala bond in rupees, then he gets rid of the risk in the form of currency fluctuation which he passes on to the investor. This bond brings a new and diversified set of investors for Indian companies and more liquidity in foreign exchange.

- A. Risk gets passed on the investor
 B. More liquidity in foreign exchange
 C. Masala bonds bring a new set of investors
 Pick out the option which when used to start a sentence combines both the above sentences in one.

- (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) Only C (d) Only A and B
 (e) None of the above

47. Captain Michael allowed his men to make important decisions in a democratic manner. This democratic attitude fostered a spirit of togetherness and commitment on the part of Michael's fellow explorers.

- A. As soon as
 B. In accordance with
 C. Allowing

Pick out the option which when used to start a sentence combines both the above sentences in one.

- (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) Only C (d) Only A and B
 (e) None of the above

48. High interest rates on the loan the business procured consumed so much of their revenue that they were forced to liquidate some of their holdings. All this happened when its refinancing attempts failed.

- A. The high interest rates of the loan
 B. The business was forced to liquidate
 C. The high interest rate of the loan

Pick out the option which when used to start a sentence combines both the above sentences in one.

- (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) Only C (d) Only A and C
 (e) None of the above

49. Reporting a 90 percent drop in net income during the second quarter, dragged down by restructuring charges and weak sales, the earnings guidance for the year was withdrawn by Best Buy Co.

- A. Report of a 90 percent drop in net income
 B. Best Buy Co. is reporting a 90 percent drop in net income
 C. Best Buy Co. has reported a 90 percent drop in net income

Pick out the option which when used to start a sentence combines both the above sentences in one.

- (a) Only A
 (b) Only B
 (c) Only C
 (d) Only A and B
 (e) None of the above

50. Percival Lowell was interested in astronomy due to his belief in canals on Mars. However, modern astronomers dismiss this belief as material for pop science fiction.

- A. Percival Lowell was interested in astronomy
 B. Percival Lowell's interest in astronomy was due to
 C. Percival Lowell was interested in astronomy

Pick out the option which when used to start a sentence combines both the above sentences in one.

- (a) Only A
 (b) Only B
 (c) Only C
 (d) Only A and C
 (e) None of the above

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 51-55) : Five statements are given below, labelled a, b, c, d and e. Among these, four statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph. From the given options, choose the option that does not fit into the theme of the paragraph.

(IBPS Clerk Main 2016)

51. (a) This can be seen in the growing importance cities are receiving in the distinct "worlds" of government, business, think tanks, academia and civil society.
 (b) After years of ambivalence, urbanization is increasingly being embraced, or at least acknowledged, in India.
 (c) Each of these "worlds" is populated by experts in specific "fields" within the urban realm such as planning, environment, transport, housing, finance and health.
 (d) sustainability is at the core of the "New Urban Agenda". A substantial portion is dedicated to various "transformative commitments for sustainable urban development"
 (e) The multiple "fields" within these parallel "worlds" typically operate as silos and do not interact with the other "fields" and "worlds".
52. (a) It is often said that the urgent and the immediate are not the same as important.
 (b) Therefore, one should not be surprised that the Indian corporate sector has kept its calls for lower interest rates and a competitive exchange rate on an auto-replay mode.
 (c) Indeed, they are in conflict with one another.
 (d) All the urgent and the immediate commentary on the decision by the newly constituted monetary policy committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has already come out.
 (e) RBI has released the minutes of the MPC meeting too. The bulk of it has been seen earlier in the press release that followed the meeting.
53. (a) Notwithstanding the good monsoon this year after back-to-back drought years, most commentators agree that the rural economy and the agricultural sector may not be out of distress.
 (b) Recent attempts by Rahul Gandhi to mobilize farmers during his Kisan Yatra might not revive the fortunes of the Congress party in Uttar Pradesh, but they did contribute to bringing the issues of farmers and agriculture to the political mainstream.
 (c) It is also worth mentioning that most of them were seen as leaders of dominant farming communities or caste groups that benefited from rising profitability and price support.
 (d) Given that almost half of the total workers in the country are still engaged in farming and the majority of households in rural areas are still dependent on agriculture, directly or indirectly, issues confronting the farming community are naturally an important electoral plank.
 (e) More so in an environment where rural areas, and the agricultural sector in particular, have been in some distress in recent years.

54. (a) Dyn is a part of the backbone of the Internet, since it is one of the companies that provides domain name services or DNS to Internet users, and translates simple English-based commands like “livemint.com” typed into a browser into the actual numeric addresses that the Internet’s computers use to identify each website.
- (b) Security firm Flashpoint has said that it believes that seemingly innocuous items such as video recorders, webcams, closed-circuit security cameras and the like were taken over by malware, and then, without their owners’ knowledge, were used to help execute the massive cyber attack
- (c) This outage was astonishing in its ferocity, especially since it co-opted the much vaunted Internet of Things (IoT) into the attack.
- (d) It claims that hundreds of thousands of such devices were co-opted into the attack by being infected with malware.
- (e) This malware, called Mirai, was released by an anonymous hacker named Anna-senpai some weeks ago.
55. (a) The mathematician Richard K. Guy is arguably best known for discovering a glider. Assuming that’s an intriguing-enough opening, let me explain. In 1970, the British mathematician John Conway invented a board game called, simply, “Life”.
- (b) Life happens on a grid of squares that stretch in every direction (imagine an infinite chessboard). Each square, or cell, is either alive or dead (or call it black or white, filled or empty).
- (c) Now, this is not a game in the conventional sense: there’s no way to “win”, nor do you play against an opponent. In fact, Life doesn’t even need a player as it proceeds. You just set up an initial state and then watch what happens.
- (d) To start, you choose a certain number of cells to be live-at random, or in a pattern, whatever. Each cell now evolves according to a set of rules that considers its eight neighbours (left, right, above, below, and on the four corners).
- (e) This is the endlessly fascinating question Conway’s game raises, and this is why it was and remains today a much discussed favourite among mathematicians and computer scientists.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 56-62) : In each of the following questions five options are given, of which one word is most nearly the same or opposite in meaning to the given word in the question. Find the correct option having either same or opposite meaning.

(SBI PO Main 2016)

56. Snitch
 (a) Bode (b) Stitch
 (c) Suffix (d) Sneak
 (e) Parity
57. Porch
 (a) Peek (b) Demur
 (c) Verandah (d) Capitulate
 (e) Bigotry

58. Vituperate
 (a) Examine (b) Variagate
 (c) Belittle (d) Compliment
 (e) Baleful
59. Conundrum
 (a) Abjure (b) Quash
 (c) Riddle (d) Thrill
 (e) Vendetta
60. Praise
 (a) Portend (b) Lash
 (c) Fidget (d) Creak
 (e) Visage
61. Notional
 (a) Quixotic (b) Unworldly
 (c) Ethereal (d) Impalpable
 (e) Cosmic
62. Vacillate
 (a) Dally (b) Hem
 (c) Dither (d) Sway
 (e) Waffle

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 63-67) : In each of the following questions five options are given, of which one word is most nearly the same or opposite in meaning to the given word in the question. Find the correct option having either same or opposite meaning.

(IBPS PO Main 2016)

63. PRODIGY
 (a) Pauper (b) Despondent
 (c) Demure (d) Wanton
 (e) Epitome
64. NONDESCRIPT
 (a) Conducive (b) Discern
 (c) Tantamount (d) Defined
 (e) Emancipate
65. SAVANT
 (a) Glutton (b) Postulant
 (c) Shrink (d) Pluck
 (e) Itinerant
66. CORPULENT
 (a) Lean (b) Gaunt
 (c) Emaciated (d) Obese
 (e) Nobble
67. EMBEZZLE
 (a) Misappropriate (b) Balance
 (c) Remunerate (d) Clear
 (e) Perfection

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 68-72) : Select the phrase/connector from the given three options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences.

(IBPS PO Main 2016)

68. RBI is concerned about the risk of investing in mutual funds. RBI is likely to ask banks to reduce their investments in mutual funds.
 (A) At the risk of investing
 (B) To reduce investments
 (C) Concern for the risk
 (a) Only (A) (b) Only (B)
 (c) Only (C) (d) Only (A) and (B)
 (e) None of these

69. Twelve million youth enter the Indian work force every year. Eighty per cent of these youth are unskilled.
 (A) While eighty per cent
 (B) Since twelve million
 (C) Of the twelve million
 (a) Only (A) (b) Only (C)
 (c) Only (A) and (C) (d) All (A), (B) and (C)
 (e) None of these
70. Food inflation is touching twenty per cent. The government will have to tighten monetary policy to prevent further rise.
 (A) Although food inflation is
 (B) With the tightening of monetary
 (C) Given that food inflation
 (a) Only (A) (b) Only (B)
 (c) Only (C) (d) Only (A) and (B)
 (e) None of these
71. The government has decided to install renewable energy devices at prominent sites. Citizens will be more aware of their benefits.
 (A) The government's decision
 (B) Deciding to instal
 (C) By making citizens
 (a) Only (A) (b) Only (A) and (B)
 (c) Only (B) (d) Only (C)
 (e) None of these
72. The company's sales were low at the beginning of the year. Its sales have picked up in the past few months.
 (A) Though the company's sales were low
 (B) Despite low sales at
 (C) However the company's sales have picked
 (a) Only (A) (b) Only (A) and (B)
 (c) All (A), (B) and (C) (d) Only (B) and (C)
 (e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 73-77): Below a single word is given with options to its meaning. You have to select all those options which are synonyms of the word. Select the correct alternative from (A), (B), (C), and (D), which represents all those synonyms.

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73. Tranquility
 (A) Agitation (B) Stillness
 (C) Calmness (D) Upset
 (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) B and C (d) C and D
 (e) All of these
74. Assailants
 (A) Ally (B) Obedience
 (C) Friend (D) Attacker
 (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) B and D (d) Only D
 (e) All of these
75. Stigmatize
 (A) Defame (B) Praise
 (C) Discredit (D) Dignity
 (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) B and D (d) C and D
 (e) All of these

76. Turmoil
 (A) Confusion (B) Calm
 (C) Dislike (D) Unsecured
 (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) B and D (d) C and D
 (e) All of these
77. Aberrant
 (A) Puerile (B) Deviant
 (C) Anonymity (D) Relegate
 (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) B and D (d) C and D
 (e) All of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 78-81): There are sets of four statements in question given below which when connected using the correct sentence structure forms a complete single sentence without altering the meaning of the sentences given in the question. There are four options given below the question, choose the sentence that forms the correct formation of single sentence which is both grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none follows, choose (e) as your answer.

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78. There is a steadily contemporary twist of a 360 degree review by peers, seniors and colleagues; it is an equally hush-hush affair; it does not really pass muster as an objective assessment tool for professional capabilities; it is in spite of our unique work environment.
 (a) The steadily contemporary twist of a 360 degree review by peers, seniors and colleagues, is an equally hush-hush affair and does not really pass muster as an objective assessment tool for professional capabilities, given our unique work environment.
 (b) Despite our unique work environment, there is a steadily contemporary twisting of a 360 degree review by peers, seniors and colleagues which is an equally hush-hush affair but it has not really passed muster as an objective assessment tool for professional capabilities.
 (c) Twisting review to 360 degree by peers, seniors and colleagues and making it an equally hush-hush affair, it does not really pass muster as an objective assessment tool for professional capabilities in our unique work environment.
 (d) Although we have unique work environment, there is a steadily contemporary twist of a 360 degree review by peers, seniors and colleagues and an equally hush-hush affairs which do not pass muster as an objective assessment tool for professional capabilities.
 (e) None of the above is correct.
79. The major thrust of Marx's political philosophy was aimed at human liberation; it is important to consider the significant shift to comprehend it; the shift occurred in the late 17th century; In that period traditional analysis of the political order based on scarcity was replaced by a philosophy of abundance.

- (a) Comprehending the major thrust of Marx's political philosophy that was aimed at human liberation, it is important to consider the significant shift of late 17th century when the scarcity based on traditional analysis was replaced by a philosophy of abundance.
- (b) Marx's major thrust was on political philosophy aiming human liberation while it is important to consider the significant shift that occurred in the late 17th century, it was then that traditional analysis of the political order based on scarcity was replaced by a philosophy of abundance.
- (c) It is important to consider the significant shift in the late 17th century when traditional analysis of the political order based on scarcity replaced philosophy of abundance to comprehend the major thrust of Marx's political philosophy of human liberation.
- (d) To comprehend the major thrust of Marx's political philosophy that aimed at human liberation, it is important to consider the significant shift that occurred in the late 17th century when traditional analysis of the political order based on scarcity was replaced by a philosophy of abundance.
- (e) None of the above is correct.
- 80.** There is a giant footprint of the ransomware attack; it leveraged a leaked NSA-created Windows hacking technique; it infected more than 200,000 systems across 150 countries; malware analysts say poor choices on the part of WannaCry's creators have limited both its scope and profit.
- (a) The giant footprint of the ransomware attack has leveraged a leaked NSA-created Windows hacking technique and infected more than 200,000 systems across 150 countries while malware analysts say poor choices on the part of WannaCry's creators had limited both its scope and profit.
- (b) Despite the giant footprint of the ransomware attack, which leveraged a leaked NSA-created Windows hacking technique to infect more than 200,000 systems across 150 countries, malware analysts say poor choices on the part of WannaCry's creators have limited both its scope and profit.
- (c) Malware analysts said that poor choices on the part of WannaCry's creators have limited both its scope and profit, whereas the giant footprint of the ransomware attack leveraged a leaked NSA-created Windows hacking technique infecting more than 200,000 systems across 150 countries.
- (d) The ransomware attack is a giant footprint as it has leveraged a leaked NSA-created Windows hacking technique and infected more than 200,000 systems across 150 countries which have limited both the scope and profit due to poor choices on the part of WannaCry's creators as malware analysts said.
- (e) None of the above is correct.
- 81.** Hong Kong has prospered economically; it is visible from US \$177 billion GDP in 1997 to \$319 billion; it has risen by 80 per cent; it has been building on her strengths of superior infrastructure, free port and low-tax status, and her superior financial and logistic hubs.
- (a) Economically, Hong Kong has prospered visibly, from US \$177 billion GDP in 1997 to \$319 billion, rising by 80 per cent, building on her strengths of superior infrastructure, free port and low-tax status, and her superior financial and logistic hubs.
- (b) Hong Kong has been prospering economically which is visible from US \$177 billion GDP in 1997 to \$319 billion that has risen by 80 per cent which has been building on her strengths of superior infrastructure, free port and low-tax status, and her superior financial and logistic hubs.
- (c) Building on her strengths of superior infrastructure, free port and low-tax status, and her superior financial and logistic hubs, Hong Kong has prospered economically visible from US \$177 billion GDP in 1997 to \$319 billion that has risen by 80 per cent.
- (d) Hong Kong has made visibly a prosperous economic condition rising by 80 per cent from US \$177 billion GDP in 1997 to \$319 billion which shows that it has been building on her strengths of superior infrastructure, free port and low-tax status, and her superior financial and logistic hubs.
- (e) None of the above is correct.
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- DIRECTIONS (Qs. 82-84): In the following question a part of the sentence is given in bold, it is then followed by three sentences which try to explain the meaning of the phrase given in bold. Choose the best set of alternatives from the five options given below each question which explains the meaning of the phrase correctly without altering the meaning of the sentence given as question.**
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- 82.** The problem of secularism in independent India lies in the fact that the Constitution was essentially a **Western construct** with the sidelining of the Gandhian Influence in the Constituent Assembly.
- (I) Secularism in India is highly motivated by the Western pattern of Constitution with hardly any presence of Gandhian Influence.
- (II) The Constitution was basically influenced by the culture followed in Western societies and it hardly considered the Gandhian Influence in the Constituent Assembly which depicts the problem of secularism in independent India.
- (III) The developmental projects of western countries had such an impact on Indian Constitution that it ignored the Gandhian Influence and today we are facing the problem of secularism in the country.

- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (e) All are correct

83. The trial began only in 1996 and a couple of years ago all accused were cleared of all charges by a trial court in what activists have called a **grave miscarriage of justice**.

- (I) All accused involved in the case were cleared of all charges by a trial court in 1996 and that is what activists have called a complete failure of justice in prevailing the truth.
- (II) In 1996, by letting go all accused by clearing all charges against them, the trial court once again proved the incompetence of judicial system in justifying the truth.
- (III) Activists have felt that the decision by trial court in 1996 of clearing of all the charges against the accused is a serious negligence of true justice by the system.

- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Both (I) and (III) are correct
- (d) None is correct
- (e) All are correct

84. Having studied the laws of social development and of capitalism, Marx sought to prove that the destruction of capitalism was inevitable, for it had given rise to its **own grave diggers**.

- (I) After studying the laws of social development and of capitalism, Marx was assured that there would be complete destruction of capitalism as the ones who constructed it would themselves be responsible for its downfall.
- (II) The laws of social development and of capitalism were so deplorable that Marx felt that it would destroy capitalism and sooner it would give rise to a new destructive method.
- (III) Marx's studies suggested that the laws of social development and capitalism were so woeful that desolation of capitalism was certain and nobody else than these laws themselves would be accountable for its destruction.

- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Only (III) is correct
- (d) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (e) All are correct

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 85-88): In each of the questions an inference is given in bold which is then followed by three paragraphs. You have to find the paragraphs(s) from where it is inferred. Choose the option with the best possible outcome as your choice.

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85. **The major concern is security.**

- (I) The major dilemma for many security professionals is whether the Brexit will make the UK more or less safe

when it comes to cybersecurity. One poll found that most security professionals believed there would not be any major cybersecurity implications; however, another poll offered different conclusions, with most respondents believing that a Brexit would weaken cybersecurity because of additional bureaucratic hurdles to information sharing with the EU.

- (II) Most debate over Brexit has been about economics, trade and migration. But when David Cameron called the EU referendum in February he cited a new factor, asserting that membership made Britain safer. This week the prime minister went further, hinting that Brexit might increase the risk related to security—and adding that, every time Britain turned its back on Europe, it had come to regret it
 - (III) Prime Minister Shinzo Abe touted the implementation of the legislation as an event of “historic importance that makes peace and security of our country even more secure” and “upgrades our deterrence and enables the nation to proactively contribute more than ever to peace and stability of regional and international communities.”
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Both (II) and (III)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (III)
 - (e) All are correct

86. **Country's economic standard can be best adjudged by per capital income.**

- (I) Exports and imports, a swelling favourable balance of trade, investments and bank-balances, are not an index or a balance sheet of national prosperity. Till the beginning of the Second World War, English exports were noticeably greater than what they are today. And yet England has greater national prosperity today than it ever had. Because the income of average Englishmen, working as field and factory labourers, clerks, policemen, petty shopkeepers and shop assistants, domestic workers and other low-paid workers, has gone up.
- (II) It is possible that while per capita real income is increasing per capita consumption of goods and services might be falling. This happens when the Govt. might itself be using up the increased income for massive military buildup necessitating heavy production of arms and ammunitions.
- (III) A rise in national income may occur as a result of increased spending on items such as defence. National income often rises in time of war, or the threat of war, because money is spent on weapons. This will push up GNP, but the people may be acutely short of goods to buy.

- (a) Both (II) and (III)
- (b) Both (I) and (II)
- (c) Only (I)
- (d) Only (II)
- (e) All are correct

87. GDP fluctuates because of the business cycle.

- (I) The downturn of a business cycle is called a recession, which is defined as a period in which real GDP declines for at least 2 consecutive quarter years. The recession begins at a peak and ends at a trough. After the downward phase reaches bottom and economic conditions begin to improve, the economy gradually enters the expansionary phase.
 - (II) As interest rates rise, companies and consumers cut back their spending, and the economy slows down. Slowing demand leads companies to lay off employees, which further affects consumer confidence and demand. To break this vicious circle, the central bank eases monetary policy to stimulate economic growth and employment until the economy is booming once again. Rinse and repeat.
 - (III) High levels of investment as a share of GDP might be superb for creating extra capacity to produce but at the expense of consumer goods and services for the current generation. This imbalance is one of the reasons why GDP data may give a distorted picture of living standards in a country.
- (a) Only (I) (b) Both (II) and (III)
(c) Both (I) and (II) (d) Only (II)
(e) All are correct

88. The calorie count of foods that are high in carbohydrates is significant.

- (I) Moderate use of nonnutritive sweeteners like aspartame for low calorie count could have a positive effect on insulin and blood sugar by aiding weight control. It is also important to keep in mind that many foods containing aspartame still provide calories and carbohydrate from other ingredients, even though they may be labeled "sugar-free."
 - (II) Ironically, people who use aspartame as a sweetener to reduce their calorie intake could wind up defeating their purpose, since studies show that high levels of aspartame may trigger a craving for carbohydrates by depleting the brain of a chemical that registers carbohydrate satiety.
 - (III) Forty-five to 65 percent of your total calories should come from carbs, recommends the Institute of Medicine. If you consume carbs on a regular basis, glycogen stores stay full and become a normal part of your total body weight. The rise in the popularity of Aspartame is due to its comparatively low calorie count.
- (a) Only (I) (b) Only (II)
(c) Both (I) and (II) (d) Both (II) and (III)
(e) All are correct.

DIRECTION (Q. 89): In this question a small paragraph is given followed by three possible inferences which may or may not be correct. The question is then followed by five options. You have to choose the option which gives the best possible outcome.

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89. Techniques to increase productivity in the performance of discrete tasks, by requiring less human labour in each step of the production process, are widely utilized. Consultants on productivity enhancement point out, however, that although these techniques achieve their specific goal, they are not without drawbacks. They often instill enough resentment in the work force eventually to lead to a slowdown in the production process as a whole.

- (I) The fact that productivity enhancement techniques are so widely employed has led to a decline in the ability of American business to compete abroad.
 - (II) Productivity enhancement techniques do not attain their intended purpose and should not be employed in the workplace.
 - (III) Ironically, an increase in the productivity of discrete tasks may result in a decrease in the productivity of the whole production process.
- (a) Only (I) is correct
(b) Only (II) is correct
(c) Only (III) is correct
(d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
(e) None of the given inferences is correct.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 90-92): In the question given below few sentences are given which grammatically correct and meaningful. Connect them by the word given above the statements in the best possible way without changing the intended meaning. Choose your answer accordingly from the options to form a correct, coherent sentence.

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90. Moreover

- (A) such as wind-driven dust and unpaved roads, will be watered at least twice a day.
 - (B) implementation of concrete mitigating measures to tackle environmental issues that arise due to the construction work on various projects
 - (C) Any increases in the noise level that stems from the construction activity should not go higher since the project area is already a noisy environment.
 - (D) a noise control plan should be prepared. This will ensure that equipment noise is reduced at source through proper designs and maintenance and by repairing construction machinery and equipment with the promise to ensure as far as possible that construction activity near schools would be conducted during their vacation period.
- (a) Only D-A (b) Only B-A
(c) Only A-C (d) Only C-D
(e) No connection possible

91. Along with

- (A) In the long-run, our biggest challenge is global climate change. As rivers dry up and chronic drought becomes the norm, the country needs policies in place to ensure the equitable distribution of water. Conservation policies will have to be put in place and the use of water prioritised.

- (B) Water is inefficiently diverted for agricultural use, where allocation is done on the basis of the size of landholdings rather than need.
- (C) water, steps to check our burgeoning population will also be needed. In the political realm, the Indus Waters Treaty may need to be renegotiated and updated to better reflect the reality of climate change.
- (D) Even within the same communities, women are often dependent on men for access to safe drinking water
- (a) Only C-D (b) Both D-C & A-B
(c) Only D-A (d) Only A-C
(e) No connection possible
92. In the question given below, parts of sentences are jumbled up. Arrange them sequentially to form a correct, coherent sentence.
Russia, wary of NATO expansion plans, was being pilloried by the West for the conduct of its war in Chechnya since 1994. It was defended by China, in return for which Moscow stopped criticising China's human rights record and reiterated its support for China's policies on Taiwan and Tibet.
- (a) While Russia, wary of NATO expansion plans, was being pilloried by the West for the conduct of its war in Chechnya since 1994, it was defended by China, in return for which Moscow stopped criticising China's human rights record and reiterated its support for China's policies on Taiwan and Tibet.
- (b) In spite of the fact that Russia, wary of NATO expansion plans, was being pilloried by the West for the conduct of its war in Chechnya since 1994, it was still supported by China in return for which Moscow stopped criticising China's human rights record and reiterated their support for China's policies on Taiwan and Tibet.
- (c) Russia being wary of NATO expansion plans is pilloried by the West for the conduct of its war in Chechnya since 1994, it was defended by China, in return for which Moscow stopped criticising China's human rights record and reiterated its support for China's policies on Taiwan and Tibet.
- (d) Notwithstanding of the fact that Russia, wary of NATO expansion plans, was being pilloried by the West for the conduct of its war in Chechnya since 1994, it was still supported by China in return for which Moscow stopped criticising China's human rights record and reiterated its support for China's policies on Taiwan and Tibet.
- (e) None of these.
- (III) There are chronic shortages of everything, from language and area specialists, to personnel with specialist technology skills.
- (IV) India has been unable to fulfil its commitment to modernise basic policing and emergency services — the first responders at the time of a crisis.
- (V) Forensics, investigation and intelligence capabilities are abysmal
93. Which among the following sentences can REPLACE Statement (II) IN CONTEXT completely?
- (a) Time enough, perhaps, to ask if India, as a state and civil society, has learned anything from it other than to mourn.
- (b) For all the fighting words 26/11 gave rise to, though, neither of these issues can be said to have been addressed in any meaningful way.
- (c) It led to a distillation of public frustration with police and intelligence services, which seemed unable to protect India's citizens.
- (d) The arrival of various fronts with their anti terrorism agenda can never undermine the fact that the government agencies responsible for the security of the nation are well below requirement, quantitatively and qualitatively.
- (e) None of these
94. Which one of the following statements can be a suitable choice that FOLLOWS statement (V)?
- (a) In March, Minister of State for Home R.P.N. Singh told Parliament that the IB had 18,795 personnel on its rolls, against a sanctioned strength of 26,867
- (b) The organisation is short of some 130 management-level staff, the sources said, particularly cutting-edge under-secretaries and deputy secretaries.
- (c) Put simply, the systematic nuts-and-bolts work needed to defend India has not been done.
- (d) Long years of neglect, intelligence officials said, had contributed to the staffing crisis at the RAW and the I(b)
- (e) None of the above
95. Which one of the following sentences can be placed in between Statement (III) and Statement (IV) without altering the context of the paragraph?
- (a) The Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), officials said, faces endemic shortages of personnel both with specialist language and area skills, and technology experts critical to modern espionage.
- (b) Figures show staff deficits are endemic across the intelligence services. IB had 18,795 personnel on its rolls, a shortfall of over 30 per cent.
- (c) The most critical deficiencies, however, are in critical technology positions — the core of modern espionage.
- (d) The Intelligence Bureau (IB), in turn, has been unable to expand its counter-terrorism efforts, despite mounting threats.
- (e) None of the above

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 93-96): Given below is a set of statements viz, (I), (II), (III), (IV) & (V). Read them to answer the question that follow without changing the tone of the paragraph.

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- (I) Although there is a thick alphabet soup of new organisations meant to fight terrorism, most are chronically under-resourced.
- (II) India's intelligence services remain desperately short of resources, running some 30 per cent below officially-sanctioned staffing levels that were decided on before 26/11.

96. In the question given below, parts of sentences are jumbled up. Arrange them sequentially in order to form a correct, coherent sentence.
- The way children are reprimanded if their attention wanders as they learn how to focus, the same can be explained when training to e-read off while reading on paper
 - off while reading on paper can be explained when training to e-read as they learn how to focus, the same if their attention wanders the way children are reprimanded
 - if their attention wanders can be explained when training to e-read as they learn how to focus, the same the way children are reprimanded off while reading on paper
 - as they learn how to focus, the same the way children are reprimanded off while reading on paper can be explained when training to e-read if their attention wanders
 - The way children are reprimanded if their attention wanders off while reading on paper as they learn how to focus, the same can be explained when training to e-read.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 97-101): In each of the following questions, a word has been used in sentences in THREE different ways. Choose the option corresponding to the sentences in which the usage of the word is CORRECT or APPROPRIATE.

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97. **REMATCH**
- Although the defeated boxer wanted a rematch after being beaten, the now reigning champion refused to face him in the ring again.
 - The losing contestant demanded a rematch since he believed that he was cheated and wanted a second chance to prove himself.
 - Algebra has always been a major rematch for me, and I really have to struggle through it even when I'm motivated.
- Only (i)
 - Only (ii)
 - Only (iii)
 - Only (ii) and (i)
 - None of the above
98. **COWARDLY**
- He had behaved like a cowardly recruit who mutilates himself to escape military service.
 - The Management was feeble and cowardly.
 - It was cowardly of you not to admit your mistake.
- All (i), (ii) and (iii)
 - Both (ii) and (iii)
 - Only (iii)
 - Only (i)
 - None of the above
99. **BREVITY**
- The relief agency will brevity the food among several countries.
 - During the meeting, we must encourage brevity so everyone will have time to speak.
 - The president made his points with praiseworthy brevity.
- Only (i)
 - Both (i) and (iii)
 - Both (ii) and (iii)
 - Only (ii)
 - None of the above

100. **DISCREET**

- If you want to be discreet, do not drive a flashy car.
 - He seemed an amiable discreet man.
 - The total sales of the company didn't discreet to more than a few million dollars.
- Only (ii)
 - Only (i)
 - Only (iii)
 - Both (iii) and (ii)
 - None of the above

101. **SYMPATHIZE**

- I sympathize, but I don't know how to help.
 - Don't always rely on others to understand and sympathize.
 - Because my mother loves to wear bright colors, she never makes a sympathize arrival.
- All (i), (ii) and (iii)
 - Only (iii)
 - Only (ii)
 - Both (i) and (ii)
 - None of the above

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 102-106): In each of the following questions a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is given and four words are put in BOLD. One of these four words may be misspelt. You have to identify the misspelt word and choose the appropriate option as your answer. If all the words are correctly spelt, then mark 'All Correct' as your answer.

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102. **Touted** as the most **expansive** film made in Indian cinema, it looks like 2.0 might become the **biggest** film that we have seen till date.
- touted
 - expansive
 - cinema
 - biggest
 - All Correct
103. **Learning** tools and **technology** enable students to develop **effactive** self-directed learning skills.
- learning
 - technology
 - enable
 - effactive
 - All Correct
104. **Interective** social skill games are excellent learning tools that teach children discipline because playing games requires children to follow rules and **guidelines** in order to participate.
- interective
 - discipline
 - guidelines
 - participate
 - All Correct
105. Learning tools and **technologies** like social learning **platforms** make it easy for **teachers** to create and manage groups.
- technologies
 - platforms
 - teachers
 - manage
 - All Correct
106. **Educators** can also join online **profesional** learning **communities** to ask **questions** and share tips and stay connected with a global educators' **community**.
- educators
 - profesional
 - questions
 - community
 - All Correct

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 107-111): In each of the following questions, a word has been used in sentences in four different ways. Choose the option corresponding to the sentence in which the usage of the word is **INCORRECT** or **INAPPROPRIATE**.

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107. Wait

- A. I am just waiting to see him lose in one of his reckless wagers.
 B. He needs to have a cup of coffee waiting in the bed every morning to get up.
 C. He augmented his income by waiting on tables in small restaurants.
 D. I had to wait in line for almost an hour to get to the ATM.
- (a) only A (b) only B
 (c) A and C (d) only D
 (e) only C

108. Quick

- A. She prepared a quick and tasty dinner.
 B. I was taken by surprise by the quick turn in the road.
 C. You need to do some quick thinking to get the answer right.
 D. The streets are generally quick with traffic in the morning.
- (a) only A (b) only B
 (c) A and B (d) only D
 (e) only C

109. Fill

- A. The story of her brave life filled our hearts with joy.
 B. The marriage party filled two floors of the house.
 C. The young prince will soon fill the throne.
 D. He filled up on his favorite dessert.

- (a) only A (b) only B
 (c) only C (d) only D
 (e) A and B

110. Use

- A. He gained practice in the use of the camera.
 B. This method is a handy use for prototyping and testing queries.
 C. Though she liked art, she had no use for modern art.
 D. After the litigation, she had the use of the estate for life.
- (a) only A (b) only B
 (c) A and C (d) only D
 (e) only C

111. Enjoy

- A. The children enjoyed a lot at the birthday party.
 B. He had enjoyed great success in life.
 C. She enjoys his company.
 D. I cannot enjoy the music as I am worried about my exams.
- (a) only A (b) only B
 (c) D and B (d) only D
 (e) only C

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 112-113): Choose the word that is most nearly the **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the word as used in passage.

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112. Jeopardized

- (a) safe (b) risked
 (c) benefit (d) secure
 (e) endangered

113. Peering

- (a) leaning (b) looking
 (c) staring (d) peeking
 (e) peeping

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 114-118): In the following questions two columns are given containing three sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B and C and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination or none of them connects, mark (e), i.e. "None of the above" as your answer.

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114.

COLUMN I		COLUMN II	
A.	Shorn of the personalities, what we are witnessing now is a fascinating tussle between an institution	D.	he said that public sector enterprises would register mandatorily in the TreDS platform in 90 days.
B.	In the ongoing drama of the Government of India vs. the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the scene shifts to Mumbai	E.	covered by an Act of Parliament and the executive, with one fighting for its autonomy and the other for its interests.
C.	The Annual Wealth Report of Credit Suisse released in August 2018 shows that the share of wealth commanded by the top 1%	F.	it published a white paper on the successes of the initiatives it had taken since 2014 to increase this flow.

- (a) A-E (b) B-D (c) C-F and A-E (d) B-F (e) B-D and C-E

115.

COLUMN I		COLUMN II	
A.	In order to lessen its dependence on nuclear weapon, the U.S. developed layered missile defences	D.	It is no longer a bi-polar world, and nuclear arms control is no longer governed by a single binary equation.
B.	The most important achievement of nuclear arms control	E.	Russian nuclear arsenals would be unconstrained by any agreement.
C.	The key difference with today's return of major power rivalry is that	F.	And conventional Prompt Global Strike (PGS) capabilities that use conventional payloads against strategic targets.

- (a) B-D (b) C-E (c) C-D and B-E (d) A-F and C-D (e) A-F

116. COLUMN I		COLUMN II	
A.	It felt like we were in a different time, with the forest blocking out sun,	D.	to sign for the imaginary mistake that he had made.
B.	The villagers have to walk about 6 km that includes trekking across the forests,	E.	that often makes headlines for violence.
C.	I left for Chhattisgarh with the usual apprehensions about the State	F.	Take the same route to get their monthly ration from the fair price shop.

- (a) A-D (b) B-E
(c) C-F (d) C-E
(e) B-E

117. COLUMN I		COLUMN II	
A.	Technology will always be under our control and	D.	rather than other characteristics of human beings.
B.	The real worry about these technologies is the emphasis on intelligence	E.	we have very little idea of the cost that AI will extract from us.
C.	All technologies come with a cost (not just economic but also social and psychological) and	F.	so we can literally pull the plug when we want.

- (a) A-F and B-D (b) C-E
(c) A-D, B-F and C-E (d) A-F, B-D and C-E
(e) None of the Above

118. COLUMN I		COLUMN II	
A.	Weak AI builds on mathematical techniques that have been developed since the 1940s,	D.	but have only more recently been computationally feasible.
B.	Additionally, regulators across the world need to be working closely	E.	That of beneficial change at a faster rate than ever before, and accelerating.
C.	While it may sound trite, the greatest promise of AI is	F.	everything from joblessness to discrimination when AI is used to make decisions.

- (a) A-D and B-F (b) C-E and A-D
(c) C-E and B-F (d) B-D and A-F
(e) None of the Above

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 119-123): In the questions given below few sentences are given which are grammatically correct and meaningful. Connect them by the word given above the statements in the best possible way without changing the intended meaning. Choose the answers accordingly from the options to form a correct and coherent sentence(s).

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119. Nevertheless

- (A) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Thursday approved norms to improve governance in mutual funds and credit rating agencies and deepen the securities markets
(B) War between the two countries had never happened before
(C) the decision will help participants in various markets to be part of a highly regulated, safer, more transparent trading, clearing and settlement framework when implemented fully.
(D) they were headed straight down that path.
(a) A-C (b) B-C
(c) C-A (d) B-D & A-C
(e) A-D

120. However

- (A) The Union government has given about Rs133 crore so far and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 20 December said he will consider the requests for more funds, pending an ongoing assessment of the damages.

(B) Last week the Union government moved an amendment to Union finance minister Arun Jaitley's supplementary demand for grants, without including a major central compensation package for Ockhi victims, a move sharply criticised last week in Parliament by Kerala MPs such as Shashi Tharoor.

(C) The next mention of Qatna after the Story of Sinuhe comes from Mari in the 18th century BC, during the reign of ISHi-Addu of Qatna.

(D) A tablet found in Tuttul, dating to the early reign of the Mariote king Yahdun-Lim in the late 19th century BC, mentions a king named Amut-pi?el, who is most probably the father of ISHi-Addu; this would make him the first known king of Qatna.

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

121. Besides

(A) handing out compensation for loss of equipment for affected fishermen, such as boats and nets, apart from promises to address re-employment, education and rehabilitation of the affected families, the package includes awarding Rs20 lakh to the kin of 74 killed so far by the cyclone.

(B) The state's coffers are severely short of money, as the shock from goods and services tax (GST) continues, according to Kerala finance minister Thomas Issac

- (C) When Cyclone Ockhi slammed Kerala's coast on 30 November, chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan asked the state's inmates to generously donate to his disaster relief fund to help the victims.
- (D) In the face of shortage of money, the Kerala government devised a rehabilitation package that goes far ahead in terms of scope and extent of coverage in the state's history.
- (a) A-B (b) C-B
(c) B-C & A-B (d) D-A
(e) A-D & B-C

122. Moreover

- (A) The Supreme Court had outlawed instant triple talaq in August and asked the government to frame a law within six months. Ending the controversial divorce practice was also the BJP's electoral promise.
- (B) Trading in non-agri commodity contracts will be launched first on the BSE platform. SEBI's move is welcome.
- (C) BSE is all geared up for action and will provide commodity trading facility to more than 3.71 crore registered investors
- (D) E T Mohammed Basheer of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) and Asaduddin Owaisi of the AIMIM alleged that through the bill the government was trying to bring in a Uniform Civil Code.
- (a) A-D (b) B-C
(c) C-B (d) A-C
(e) NOTA

123. Although

- (A) it often (and in its better moments) has that quality. Major "literary" historians include Herodotus, Thucydides and Procopius, all of whom count as canonical literary figures
- (B) there are many historical prototypes, so-called "novels before the novel"
- (C) the writing in these fields often lacks a literary quality
- (D) the modern novel form emerges late in cultural history—roughly during the eighteenth century
- (a) A-C (b) D-B
(c) C-D (d) A-B & C-D
(e) A-C & D-B

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 124-128): Four words are given below. Choose the pair of words that most nearly mean the SAME or OPPOSITE of each other.

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124. (A) Deception (B) Delusion
(C) Hallucination (D) Demolish
(a) A-B (b) A-C
(c) A-D (d) B-C
(e) B-D
125. (A) Union (B) Attachment
(C) Dissociation (D) Puncture
(a) A-B (b) A-C
(c) A-D (d) B-C
(e) B-D
126. (A) Futile (B) Pride
(C) Vacant (D) Unprofitable
(a) A-B (b) A-C

- (c) A-D (d) B-C
(e) B-D
127. (A) Habit (B) Routine
(C) Usage (D) Fashion
(a) A-B (b) A-C
(c) A-D (d) B-C
(e) B-D
128. (A) Mentor (B) Preacher
(C) Accomplice (D) Accessory
(a) A-C (b) A-B
(c) B-C (d) C-D
(e) B-D

129. Choose the word which is the Synonym of the first word as well as the Antonym of the second word.

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- I. Sceptical
II. Sanguine
(a) Spirited (b) Convivial
(c) Perky (d) Buoyant
(e) Dubious

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 130-134) : In each of the questions given below four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it then select option (e) as your choice.

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130. The **explanation** of the (a) Gandhi Smriti **convincing** (b) that the panels have been **removed** (c) for digitisation is not **authorities** (d).
- (a) A-B (b) A-C
(c) B-D and A-C (d) B-D
(e) The sentence is correct
131. Many attempt to **advise** (a) their parents to **accept** (b) permanently, a very difficult **option** (c) for most parents to **emigrate** (d).
- (a) Only A-B (b) Only B-D
(c) Both A-B and B-D (d) Both A-C and B-D
(e) The sentence is correct.
132. Emotional **absence** in (a) the form of **frequent** phone and (b) video **calls** is necessary to (c) make up for their **support** (d).
- (a) A-B and C-D (b) Only B-C
(c) A-C and B-D (d) A-D
(e) The sentence is correct.
133. That is why in **days** of (a) crises, **debated** such as these (b) were **deliberated** upon and will (c) continue to be **ideas** in the future (d).
- (a) Both A-C and B-D (b) Both A-D and B-C
(c) Only B-D (d) C-D
(e) The sentence is correct.
134. To **drive** home the point, (a) he **deprived** of one passenger who lost (b) her check-in bag, another was **spoke** of (c) his **wallet** and a third of his umbrella (d)
- (a) Both A-C and B-D (b) Both A-D and B-C
(c) Only B-C (d) C-D
(e) The sentence is correct

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 135-141): In each of the questions given below four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it then select option (e) as your choice.

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135. Though India (a) **remained** its civilian nuclear facilities under (b) **perpetual** safeguards, its nuclear assets (c) **placed** fully insulated against external (d) **scrutiny** and interference.
 (a) A-B (b) A-C (c) B-D
 (d) C-D (e) The sentence is correct
136. India secured (a) **safeguards** to receive uninterrupted (b) **nuclear fuel** (c) **supplies** as a trade-off against (d) **rights**.
 (a) A-D (b) A-C (c) B-D
 (d) C-D (e) The sentence is correct
137. It kept open its (a) **negotiations** to acquire advance (b) **enrichment** and reprocessing (c) **technologies**, although it would require bilateral (d) **right** with the U.S. and others.
 (a) A-B (b) A-C (c) A-D
 (d) C-D (e) The sentence is correct
138. India's (a) **sovereign** right to test a nuclear (b) **intact** in the future has remained (c) **device**, although the deal would be in (d) **jeopardy** in such an eventuality.
 (a) A-B (b) A-C (c) B-C
 (d) C-D (e) The sentence is correct
139. Presidents George W. Bush and (a) **negotiations** Minister Manmohan Singh remained (b) **committed** to the deal throughout the (c) **Prime** and made (d) **decisive** interventions at crucial moments.
 (a) A-B (b) A-C (c) B-D
 (d) C-D (e) The sentence is correct
140. Apart from the (a) **specific** gains in the nuclear area, the new India-U.S. (b) **partnership**, which promised investment and (c) **high** technology, was a turning point in Indian (d) **foreign** policy.
 (a) A-B (b) A-C (c) B-D
 (d) C-D (e) The sentence is correct
141. On the (a) **generated** side, the deal (b) **negative** mistrust in Russia and China, (c) **which** had to be dealt with in (d) **future** years.
 (a) A-B (b) A-C
 (c) B-D (d) C-D
 (e) The sentence is correct

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 142-145): In the following questions two columns are given containing three Sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B and C and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, mark (e), i.e. "None of these" as your answer.

(IBPS Clerk Main-2019)

142. **Column 1**

- A. Education helps in the development
 B. Most noteworthy, the more the education,
 C. Important developments in war equipment

Column 2

- D. And innovation of technology.
 E. The more technology will spread.
 F. Medicine, computers, take place due to Education.
 (a) A-E (b) A-F (c) B-E
 (d) C-D (e) A-D and C-E

143. **Column 1**

- A. First of all, Education helps in
 B. This is perhaps the most
 C. There is a quick propagation of

Column 2

- D. Knowledge in an educated society.
 E. Spreading knowledge in society.
 F. Noteworthy aspect of Education.
 (a) A-D (b) C-E (c) B-F
 (d) A-F and C-E (e) A-D and C-E

144. **Column 1**

- A. Uneducated youth is the
 B. Above all, the governments of all countries
 C. It cannot be stressed enough that health is the

Column 2

- D. Primary thing after which everything else follows.
 E. Must ensure to spread Education.
 F. Worst thing for Humanity.
 (a) A-D (b) A-E (c) B-D
 (d) C-D (e) A-D and C-E

145. **Column 1**

- A. Education is a ray of
 B. It certainly is a
 C. Education is a basic right

Column 2

- D. To deny this right is evil.
 E. Light in the darkness.
 F. Of every Human on this Planet.
 (a) A-D (b) C-E (c) B-F
 (d) A-F and C-E (e) None

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 146-147): In the following questions two columns are given containing three sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B and C and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Choose the pair(s) which make(s) a grammatically meaningful sentence.

(SBI PO Prelim-2019)

146. **Column 1**

- A. The good thing is that this budget is
 B. We believe even if the monsoon is subnormal
 C. if the government proactively takes pre-emptive supply-side measures

Column 2

- D. not inflationary as the deficit is under check

- E Such as releasing food grain stocks, making timely imports and cracking down on hoarders.
 F The account had been used to mobilise people
 (a) A-E (b) A-F (c) B-D
 (d) C-D (e) A-D and C-E

147. Column 1

- A. Expectations from the Union Budget were
 B. After all, a decisive election mandate is always
 C. But the expectations of the common man

Column 2

- D. Considered crucial to executing an economic rebound.
 E. Reeling under high inflation and reduced job opportunities are beyond what a budget can deliver in a short span of time.
 F. running ahead of reality and not without reason
 (a) A-D (b) C-E (c) B-F
 (d) A-F and C-E (e) A-D and C-E

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 148-152): In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts consisting of a highlighted word in each part. Choose the option reflecting the word which is either misspelt or grammatically incorrect. If all the highlighted words are correct, choose option (e) i.e. "all are correct" as your answer choice.

(SBI Clerk Prelim-2019)

- 148.** The **average** age for a child to be **appropriate** to work is **considered** fifteen years and **more**.
 (a) Average (b) Considered
 (c) Appropriate (d) More
 (e) All are correct
- 149.** If we wish to **iradicate** child labour, we need to **formulate** some very **effective** solutions which will save our **children**.
 (a) Iradicate (b) Formulate (c) Effective
 (d) Children (e) All are correct
- 150.** In a **democratic** age, when the duty of forming clear **opinions** on practical and social problems **devolves** on all of us, the study of history should be regarded as **emperative**.
 (a) Democratic (b) Opinions (c) Devolves
 (d) Emperative (e) All are correct
- 151.** I could not **wear** to see her punished. It wasn't the first time she had seen a **bear** track, but it was the **first** time she had **scene** one that fresh.
 (a) Wear (b) Bear (c) First
 (d) Scene (e) Both (a) and (d)
- 152.** It **seemed** very doubtful **whether** he would **accomplice** his **desire**.
 (a) Seemed (b) Whether
 (c) Accomplice (d) Desire
 (e) All are correct

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 153-157): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the highlighted word given in the sentence.

(SBI Clerk Main-2019)

- 153.** A few of the modern Jewish houses have been **embellished** at an enormous cost, but they are wanting in taste.
 (a) Simplified (b) Decorated
 (c) Dilapidated (d) Tarnished
 (e) None of these
- 154.** While the Deans were pleased that Martha had confided in them about her **gruesome** discovery, her pending exit

remained an ever-present pall that hung over the remainder of the evening like a chilly fog.

- (a) Sullen (b) Exhausting (c) Hideous
 (d) Insulting (e) None of these
- 155.** The **vivacious** lilac still grows, unfolding its sweet-scented flowers each spring.
 (a) Crestfallen (b) Languid (c) Vibrant
 (d) Effete (e) None of these
- 156.** His talent is quite **prodigious** and we are looking forward seeing him at this level where I am sure he will be very effective.
 (a) Paltry (b) Phenomenal
 (c) Mediocre (d) Nugatory
 (e) None of these
- 157.** The **articulate** speaker intrigued the audience with his message.
 (a) Impotent (b) Frigid (c) Eloquent
 (d) Hesitant (e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 158-160): In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning of the highlighted word given in the sentence.

(SBI Clerk Main-2019)

- 158.** The filibuster began to **irk** everyone in the senate.
 (a) Vex (b) Pique (c) Delight
 (d) Exasperate (e) None of these
- 159.** Alas for the **vanity** of man's judgement and man's prescience!
 (a) Humility (b) Haughtiness
 (c) Self-admiration (d) Ostentation
 (e) None of these
- 160.** Alone in the middle of the ocean, the survivor could think of nothing that would make the **insipid** days seem shorter.
 (a) Mundane (b) Exhilarating
 (c) Vapid (d) Prosaic
 (e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 161-165): In each of the following questions a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is given and four words are put in BOLD. One of these four words may be misspelt or contextually wrong. You have to identify the misspelt or contextually wrong word and choose the appropriate option as your answer. If all the words are correctly spelt, then mark 'No error' as your answer.

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- 161.** Stem **cells** can be **harvest** from adults, but **another** source is **umbilical chord** blood.
 (a) cells (b) harvest
 (c) umbilical chord (d) another
 (e) No error
- 162.** Scientists in Finland have **developed** what they believe is the world's first **vaccine** to protect bees against disease, raising hopes for tackling the **drastic** decline in insect numbers which could cause a **globalization** food crisis.
 (a) developed (b) drastic
 (c) globalization (d) vaccine
 (e) No error
- 163.** Bees are vital for **growing** the world's food as they help **fertilise** three out of four crops **around** the globe, by **transferring** pollen from male to female flowers
 (a) growing (b) fertilise
 (c) around (d) transferring
 (e) No error

164. The vaccine, **develoved** by the team at Helsinki University in Finland, works by giving bees **resistance** to fight off severe **microbial** diseases that can be fatal for **pollinator** communities.
 (a) develoved (b) resistance
 (c) microbial (d) pollinator
 (e) No error
165. It was not **until** 1959 that the Soviet Union **captured** the first images of the **heavily** cratered surface, uncloaking some of the **mystery** of the moon's "dark side".
 (a) until (b) captured (c) heavily
 (d) mystery (e) No error

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 166-170): In the following questions two columns are given containing three Sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B and C and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, mark (e), i.e. "None of these" as your answer.

(IBPS RRB PO Main-2019)

166. **Column (1)** **Column (2)**
 (A) Public sector health capacities (D) are constrained at all levels.
 (B) Forward movement is **feasible** only through private sector (E) Coalitions with partnership and provider
 (C) The National Health Policy 2017 proposed "strategic purchasing" of services (F) secondary and tertiary from hospitals for a fee.
 (a) A-F, B-D (b) B-E, C-D
 (c) A-D, B-E, C-F (d) A-F, B-E, C-D
 (e) None of these
167. **Column (1)** **Column (2)**
 (A) In such a situation, the sound of the gong continues to be a (D) mobile phone network as well.
 (B) It is out of reach for the (E) for attend the funeral, the gong is beaten twice.
 (C) To call the villagers (F) means of communication for around 35 tribal families living in he tvillage.
 (a) A-F (b) B-F, A-E, C-D
 (c) A-F, B-D (d) B-F, A-E
 (e) None of these
168. **Column (1)** **Column (2)**
 (A) If I had lasting pain, (D) then gain five at the end of the month
 (B) She eventually came to realise that (E) I would have got it checked by her.
 (C) I would lose two kilograms at the end of the first week, (F) it wasn't a race - she needed to take it slow.

- (a) A-F (b) A-E, B-F, C-D
 (c) C-D, A-E, B-F (d) A-E, B-F
 (e) None of these
169. **Column (1)** **Column (2)**
 (A) Ferdinand Magellan led the first expediton (D) The court and lost the king's favour
 (B) As a young Portuguese noble, (E) He served the king of Portugal.
 (C) But he involved in quagmire of political intrigue, (F) To sail around the world.
 (a) A-F, B-D (b) B-E, C-D
 (c) A-D, B-E, C-F (d) A-F, B-E, C-D
 (e) None of these

170. **Column (1)** **Column (2)**
 (A) There is not the slightest doubt (D) The whale and elephants, lions and eagles, go.
 (B) And it is always the largest and, (E) That birds and mammals are being killed off faster than they can breed.
 (C) But it is wanton killing off, (F) This is inevitable in certain case.
 (a) A-E (b) B-F, A-E, C-D
 (c) A-F, B-D (d) B-F, A-E
 (e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 171-175): In each of the questions given below four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it is then select option (e) as your choice.

(IBPS RRB Clerk Main-2019)

171. (1) **Solving** the first math (2) **problem** was easy, but the (3) **second** one was a (4) **lot** harder.
 (a) 1-2 (b) 2-3 (c) 3-4
 (d) 1-3 (e) No change
172. I was not (1) **proud** of my (2) **was** project which (3) **science** a crude (4) **representation** of a planet.
 (a) 1-3 (b) 2-3 (c) 3-4
 (d) 1-4 (e) No change
173. Eating (1) **essentially** and (2) **drinking** soda will (3) **bread** break your (4) **low** carb diet.
 (a) 3-4 (b) 2-3 (c) 1-3
 (d) 2-4 (e) No change
174. Learning (1) **the** scales is (2) **a** fundamental **musician** (3) **of** being a (4) **part**.
 (a) 2-4 (b) 1-3 (c) 3-4
 (d) 1-2 (e) No change
175. The pirates (1) **crude** map was a (2) **treasure** depiction, but (3) **we** were still able to (4) **follow** the directions.
 (a) 2-4 (b) 1-2 (c) 2-3
 (d) 3-4 (e) No change

DIRECTIONS (176-178): In the following questions, a sentence is given with four bold words. One of these words may be contextually incorrect. Choose the incorrect word as your answer. If all of the given words are correct then choose option (e).

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176. One day, while the Bodhisattva was **walking** through the forest with his **discipline** Ajita, he saw a **hungry** tigress about to eat her own **cubs**.
- (a) walking (b) discipline
(c) hungry (d) cubs
(e) None of these

177. Kids made a **beautiful agreement** by putting **coloured** rocks on the **sides** of the table.
- (a) beautiful (b) agreement
(c) plural (d) sides
(e) None of these.
178. Eight-year-old Gabi Mann sets a **bead storage container** on the dining room **table**, and **shuts** the lid open.
- (a) bead (b) container
(c) table (d) shuts
(e) None of these

Answers & Explanations

1. (c) The word **Nascent (Adjective)** means: beginning to exist; not yet fully developed.
The word **nascent** and **emerging** are synonymous.
2. (a) The word **Eccentric (Adjective)** means: considered by other people to be strange or unusual.
The word **eccentric** and **abnormal** are synonymous.
3. (e) The word **Plethora (Noun)** means: an amount that is greater than is needed; excess.
The word **Abundance (Noun)** means: a large quantity that is more than enough.
4. (a) The word **Inadvertently (Adverb)** means: unintentionally; without intending to; by accident.
The word **purposefully** and **inadvertently** are antonymous.
5. (e) The word **Germane (Adjective)** means: connected with something in an important or appropriate ways; relevant.
The word **germane** and **irrelevant** are antonymous.
6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (e)
11. (e) **Dictionary Meaning of MASK -**
1. A covering worn on the face to conceal one's identity,
2. A protective covering for the face or head.
12. (d) 13. (a)
14. (c) **Dictionary Meaning of MEAN -**
1. (a) To be used to convey; denote.
(b) To act as a symbol of; signify or represent
2. To be mean – cheap, selfish or negativity attached to it.
15. (b) **Dictionary Meaning of ALONE -**
1. Being apart from others; solitary.
2. Being without anyone or anything else; only.
3. Considered separately from all others of the same class.
4. Being without equal; unique
Synonyms: alone, lonely, lonesome, solitary
16. (a) Disdain means disrespect, to consider unworthy of one's consideration or respect. all the others are synonyms meaning unfaithfulness.
17. (d) Naïve means unsophisticatedly simple. All the others are synonyms meaning clever, shrewd.
18. (e) Eviscerate means deprive of essential contents. All the others are synonyms meaning infer.
19. (d) Reserved means to keep to oneself. All the others are synonyms meaning confused.
20. (d) Lurid means unpleasantly bright in color, shocking, sensational, horrifying. All the other words have positive connotations related to beauty pageant or contest.
21. (c) **Dominate (Verb)** = to control or have a lot of influence over somebody/something; to be the most important feature of something.
Monopolise (Verb) = to have or take control of the larger part of something.
Hence, synonymous relationship.
22. (b) **Equitable (Adjective)** = fair and reasonable; treating everyone in an equal way.
Impartial (Adjective) = not supporting one person or group more than other; unbiased.
Hence, synonymous relationship.
23. (c) **Flourish (Verb)** = to develop quickly and be successful; to grow well; thrive.
Look at the sentence:
Few businesses are flourishing in the present economic climate.
24. (a) **Affable (Adjective)** = pleasant, friendly and easy to talk to; genial.
Rude (Adjective) = discourteous; impolite; showing lack of respect for other people.
Hence, antonymous relationship.
25. (e) **Partial (Adjective)** = showing or feeling too much support for one person, idea etc. in a way that is unfair; biased.
Dispassionate (Adjective) = not influenced by emotion; impartial.
Hence, antonymous relationship.
26. (b) 27. (c) 28. (b) 29. (d) 30. (c)
31. (d) Option (d) does not fit into the theme of the passage as the given passage delineates the systematic observations of reptiles. It does focus the nature of crocodiles particularly.
32. (b) Option (b) is odd one out into the theme of the passage. The passage tells about the changing role of HR in the context of radically altered environment not about HR competencies.

33. (e) The passage depicts about the strategies followed by politicians during the election campaign. It does not pay attention upon economies.
34. (c) Option (c) does not fit into the theme of the passage.
35. (b) Option (b) is odd one out, all other options describes the modern uses of metals while option (b) is related to analysis of metals.
36. (c) This option deviates from main line of thought which is centered round China-Pak developing relationship.
37. (e) This option deviates from the Paris Agreement and India's ratification.
38. (a) Logically Corporate Social Responsibility does not fit with pro bono cases.
39. (e) This statement differs from IMF's optimism bias.
40. (b) The statement differs as the logical sequence talks about pollution in Indian cities.
41. (a) Only suitable starter is 'since the landowners' which fits with the context of the sentence well.
42. (a) Suitable starter is 'though the mineral rich' which fits the context of the sentence well.
43. (e)
44. (a) Suitable starter is 'In order to discuss' which fits the context of the sentence well.
45. (e) 46. (e) 47. (c) 48. (b) 49. (c) 50. (c)
51. (d) Only option (d) is not a part of the coherent paragraph as other options form an opening to an article the option (d) talks about the sustainability of "New Urban Agenda" which is not yet mentioned.
52. (b) Only option (b) is not a part of the coherent paragraph as the reason for the call made by the Indian corporate sector for lower interest rates and a competitive exchange rate on an auto-replay mode is not given and thus is redundant in this paragraph and does not fit into the theme of the paragraph.
53. (c) Option (c) is the one that doesn't fit the theme of the paragraph properly as from the other options it can be concluded that paragraph is an introductory part of the article while option (c) is not the part of this paragraph, it can be indicated by 'most of them' as we don't know anything about them.
54. (a) Option (a) is the one which is not a part of the coherent paragraph as we can see the other options are talking about the effects and the shock that is caused by the malware option (a) is just defining a term Dyn hence is the correct choice.
55. (e) Option (e) is correct as it does not fit into the theme of the paragraph.
56. (d) Snitch and Sneak both have same meaning. Snitch and Sneak both mean to inform on someone.
57. (c) A porch or verandah means a covered shelter projecting in front of the entrance of a building. Both have same meaning.
58. (d) Vituperate and compliment both are antonyms. Vituperate means to insult someone in violent language while, compliment means to praise someone politely.
59. (c) Conundrum or Riddle means a confusing and difficult problem.
60. (b) Praise means to express warm approval while lash means to beat with a stick.
61. (a) Notional or Quixotic means not existing in reality.
62. (c) Vacillate or Dither means to wave between different opinions or actions.
63. (e) Prodigy refers to a particular quality and its close meaning is the word 'epitome' that refers to, example of a particular quality or type.
64. (b) Nondescript refers to, lacking distinctive or interesting features or characteristics. Option (b) 'discern' has the nearest meaning that refers to, distinguish someone or something with difficulty by sight or with the others senses which means it lacks distinctive characteristics.
65. (b) Savant means a person who knows a lot about a particular subject. Option (b) postulant refers to a candidate, especially one seeking admission into a religious order that means he knows more about religion.
66. (d) Corpulent means fat or well-built and its same meaning is expressed in option (d) obese that means grossly fat or overweight.
67. (a) Embezzle means, steal or misappropriate money placed in one's trust or belonging to the organization for which one works. Its near word, option (a) 'misappropriate' means; dishonestly or unfairly take something, especially money, belonging to another for one's own use.
68. (a) At the risk of investing in mutual funds RBI is likely to ask banks to reduce their investments in mutual funds.
69. (b) Since twelve million youth enter the Indian work force every year, eight per cent of these youth are unskilled.
70. (a) Although food inflation is touching twenty per cent, the government will have to tighten monetary policy to prevent further rise.
71. (e) None of these
72. (a) Though the company's sales were low at the beginning of the year, its sales have picked up in the past few months.
73. (c) B and C
Tranquility- the quality or state of being calm
74. (d) Only D
Assailants- a person who physically attacks another
75. (d) C and D
Stigmatize- describe or regard as worthy of disgrace or great disapproval
76. (a) Only A
Turmoil- a state of great disturbance
77. (b) Only B
Aberrant- diverging from normal type
78. (a) Among the given options, all sentences, except (a) are either contextually different or grammatically incorrect. Only sentence (a) forms the correct sentence which follows the sentences given in the question both grammatically and contextually.
79. (d) All other options except (d) are either grammatically incorrect or contextually meaningless. Hence (d) is the correct option which is both grammatically correct and contextually similar to the given question.
80. (b) Among the given options, only (b) forms the correct sentence which is correct and meaningful both in terms of grammar and context. Other options are either grammatically incorrect or contextually meaningless. Hence (b) is the correct choice.
81. (a) Among the given options, all other sentences, except (a) are either contextually meaningless or grammatically incorrect. Only sentence (a) forms the correct sentence which follows the sentences given in the question both grammatically and contextually. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

82. (b) The phrase “a western construct” in the sentence denotes the culture and practices followed in western societies. Among the given statements, only (II) is able to explain the meaning correctly. Hence (b) is the correct choice.
83. (e) The phrase used in the sentence “a grave miscarriage of justice” means a wrong decision made by a court, as a result of which an innocent person is punished. In this case, it means a wrong decision made by a court which failed in justifying the actual truth, as a result of which innocent person failed to get the justice. Hence all three statements (I), (II) and (III) define the same meaning. So (e) is the correct choice.
84. (c) The phrase “own grave diggers” is an adjusted phrase of “digging one’s own grave” which means doing something unwise that will result in one’s own failure or downfall in the future. In this case means, the laws of Capitalism would themselves be responsible for the destruction of Capitalism. Hence only sentence (III) is correct in explaining the sentence properly.
85. (d) Statement (II) is incorrect, refer to “Most debate overand migration” therefore it is definitely not the major concern but is just a new factor. Statement (I) and (III) both are correct as security is the major concern. You may get confused with cyber-security but it is also a part of the security system.
86. (c) Per capita income is the ratio of real national income and total income. Statement (III) is talking specifically about the per capita income and therefore is not the parent statement. Statement (II) is incorrect as it is in conflict with the idea conveyed by the inference. Only statement (I) is correct and therefore option (c) is the correct choice for the given question.
87. (d) Only statement (II) is correct as the given inference is about the reasons for fluctuation in GDP and is not indicating about the living standard which was the case in statement (III). Statement (II) on the other hand is talking about the “lay off” which is indirectly connected to the GDP fluctuation. Important thing here is the understanding of the concept.
88. (c) Both the paragraphs (I) and (II) are correct and the given statement is inferred from these two. Paragraph (III) is incorrect as it is not indicating in any manner that food containing carbohydrates are significantly high in calories. Both (I) and (II) are emphasizing the impact of aspartame for reducing calorie intake and then are contradicting it by stating that somehow it has failed in its purpose as carbohydrate gets successful in finding its way in our food system.
89. (c) Only option (c) is correct, refer “slowdown in the production process as a whole”. Other options are giving conclusions which were not intended by the statement at all.
90. (d) The paragraph suggests that increase in noise level should not go higher and a noise control plan should be prepared. Hence, C and D is the correct combination.
91. (d) 92. (a)
93. (d) Option d replaces statement II in best way.
94. (c) Option c is the most appropriate choice that follows statement V. It concludes the discussion in best way providing a coherent meaning to it.
95. (b) Statement b complements III in best way. III highlights “chronic shortage of area specialists...” which b explains further.
96. (e) Option b, c and d can be easily ruled out as they have incorrect sentence structure. Between A and option E, we can eliminate A as “when to re-read off while reading on paper...” here use of read off is incorrect and in comparison choice E has more coherent meaning.
97. (d) 'Rematch' means to attempt again. Thus, Only (ii) and (i) are correct.
98. (a) 'Cowardly' means lacking courage. All (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct.
99. (c) 'Brevity' means concise and exact use of words in writing or speech. Both (ii) and (iii) are correct.
100. (b) 'Discreet' means careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment. Only (i) is correct.
101. (d) 'Sympathize' means feel or express sympathy. Both (i) and (ii) are correct.
102. (b) The correct spelling according to the context of the sentence is 'expensive'.
103. (d) The correct spelling is 'effective'.
104. (a) The correct spelling is 'interactive'.
105. (e)
106. (b) The correct spelling is 'professional'.
107. (b) Statement B should read: "waiting by the bed" and not "waiting in the bed."
108. (d) None of the meanings of quick will fit in this context. Swarming with traffic many correct the sentence.
109. (c) The word occupy instead of fill will correct the sentence. A-To engage or occupy completely; make full: filled the child's mind with strange ideas B-to occupy the whole of. D-fill up means: eat until one is sated.
110. (b) The sentence would be correct if the word 'utility' is used in place of 'use'. A-a method or manner of employing or applying something gained practice in the use of the camera D-the legal enjoyment of property that consists in its employment, occupation, exercise, or practice she had the use of the estate for life C-favourable attitude: had no use for modern art.
111. (a) Enjoy in intransitive senses is usually followed by the 'self' word e.g. the children enjoyed themselves a lot would be correct. The other sentences use the word in its transitive sense.
112. (d) 113. (e)
114. (a) A-E is the correct choice here.
115. (d) A-F and C-D make meaningful sentences.
116. (d) C-E makes a correct and meaningful sentence.
117. (d) A-F, B-D and C-E make correct and meaningful sentences.
118. (b) C-E and A-D make correct and meaningful sentences.
119. (e) Nevertheless is used "to contrasts a second point with the first point. It has a similar meaning to despite this" a-c combination is not contradictory because the decision of sebi is helping the participants.
120. (e) You use however when you are adding a comment which is surprising or which contrasts with what has just been said.
121. (d) Besides = besides means in addition to/moreover. It tells about additional information.
122. (c)

123. (b) Although = used to show a contrast. After although we use a subject and a verb.
124. (d) 'Deception' means 'the act of deceiving someone'. 'Delusion' means 'an illusion or mistaken conviction'. 'Hallucination' means 'a false image or belief'. 'Demolish' means 'to destroy'. Thus clearly, 'delusion' and 'hallucination' are synonyms.
125. (b) 'Union' means 'the action of joining together'. 'Attachment' means 'affection towards someone'. 'Dissociation' means 'the action of disconnection or separation'. 'Puncture' means 'to put a hole in something'. Thus, 'union' and 'dissociation' are clearly antonyms.
126. (c) 'Futile' means 'to be incapable of accomplishing a specified result'. 'Pride' means 'a consciousness of one's own dignity'. 'Vacant' means 'empty'. 'Unprofitable' means 'not beneficial or useful'. Thus, 'futile' and 'unprofitable' are clearly synonyms.
127. (a) 'Habit' means 'a repeated action or condition'. 'Routine' means 'the doing of customary acts in a mechanical repetition'. 'Usage' means 'the manner of using something'. 'Fashion' means 'style'. Thus, 'habit' and 'routine' are clearly synonyms.
128. (d) 'Mentor' means the person who guides and instructs. 'Preacher' means a person who preaches, especially a minister of religion. 'Accomplice' and 'Accessory' both mean a person who helps another commit a crime and are therefore synonyms.
129. (e)
130. (d) Only B-D options are split
131. (b) Only B-D options are split
132. (d) A-D options are split
133. (c) Only B-D options are split in the sentence
134. (c) Only B-C options are split
135. (b) The word 'remained' and 'placed' should be interchanged with each other.
136. (a) The words 'safeguards' and 'rights' should be interchanged with each other.
137. (c) The words 'negotiations' and 'right' should be interchanged with each other.
138. (c) The words 'intact' and 'device' should be interchanged with each other.
139. (b) The words 'prime' and 'negotiations' should be replaced with each other.
140. (e) All the options are on the right place. Hence, it is the correct sentence.
141. (a) The word 'generated' and 'negative' should be interchanged.
142. (c) Most noteworthy, the more the education, the more technology will spread.
143. (c) This is perhaps the most, Noteworthy aspect of Education.
144. (d) It cannot be stressed enough that health is the Primary thing after which everything else follows.
145. (e) None of the sentences match .
146. (e) Both the matching A-D and C-E and are correct combination.
147. (d) Both the matching A-F and C-E are correct combination.
148. (c) "Appropriate" is the correct spelling.
149. (a) "Eradicate" is the correct spelling.
150. (d) "Imperative" is the correct spelling.
151. (e) "Bear and seen" should be used.
152. (c) "Accomplish" is the right word.
153. (b) The word 'embellished' means 'make something more attractive by the addition of decorative details or features'. 'Simplified' means 'make something simpler or easier to do or understand'; decorated means 'make something look more attractive by adding extra items or images to it'; dilapidated means 'cause something to fall into disrepair or ruin' and tarnished means 'lose or cause to lose lustre, especially as a result of exposure to air or moisture'. Thus, it can be clearly be ascertained that the words embellished and decorative are synonymous to one another; making option (b) the right answer.
154. (c) The word gruesome means disgusting or extremely unpleasant; Sullen means 'bad-tempered and sulky' exhausting means 'making one feel very tired'; hideous means 'extremely ugly or unpleasant' and insulting means to speak to or treat with disrespect or scornful abuse'. Hence, option (c) is the right answer.
155. (c) The word 'vivacious' means 'lively' or 'bright'; Vibrant and vivacious are synonymous to each other; hence, option (c) is the right answer.
156. (b) The word 'prodigious' means remarkably or impressively great in extent, size or degree' is the synonymous to the word 'phenomenal' which means 'remarkable or exceptional, especially exceptionally good.' Thus, option (b) is the right answer.
157. (c) The word 'articulate' means 'having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently', impotent means 'unable to take effective action; helpless or powerless'; eloquent means 'fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing' and the word 'hesitant' means 'tentative, unsure or slow in acting or speaking'; thus, 'eloquent' is the correct answer.
158. (c) The word 'irk' means 'irritate or annoy'. Vex means 'make someone feel annoyed, frustrated, or worried, especially with trivial matters'; pique means 'feel irritated or resentful'; delight means 'please someone greatly and EXASPERATE means 'irritate and frustrate someone intensely'; thus, option (c) is the right answer.
159. (a) The word 'vanity', haughtiness, self-admiration and ostentation are synonyms of one another which means 'excessive pride in or admiration of one's own appearance or achievements'. Humility means 'the quality of having a modest or low view of one's importance'; Thus, making option (a) the correct answer.
160. (b) Insipid means 'lacking vigour or interest or excitement; dull'; exhilaration means 'making one feel very happy, animated, or elated; thrilling'; vapid means 'offering nothing that is stimulating or challenging' and prosaic means 'lacking imaginativeness or originality'. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.
161. (b) The word 'harvest' should be replaced with 'harvested'.
162. (c) 'Globalization' is wrong here. It should be 'global'.
163. (b) The correct spelling is 'fertilize'.
164. (a) The word developed should be replaced with developed
165. (d) The correct spelling is 'mystery'.
166. (c) A-D, B-E, C-F
167. (c) A-F, B-D
168. (b) A-E, B-F, C-D
169. (d) A-F, B-E, C-D
170. (a) A-E
171. (e) No change
172. (c) 'Was' and 'science' are to be replaced by each other.
173. (a) 'Essentially' and 'bread' are to be replaced by each other.
174. (c) Musician and part should be replaced with each other
175. (b) 'Crude' and 'treasure' are to be replaced by each other
176. (b) The use of word 'disciple' makes the sentence contextually correct. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (b).
177. (b) The word 'arrangement' is contextually correct here. Hence, the correct answer is (b)
178. (d) From the last part of the sentence it can be clearly seen that the usage of 'shuts' should be replaced with 'clicks'. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (d).