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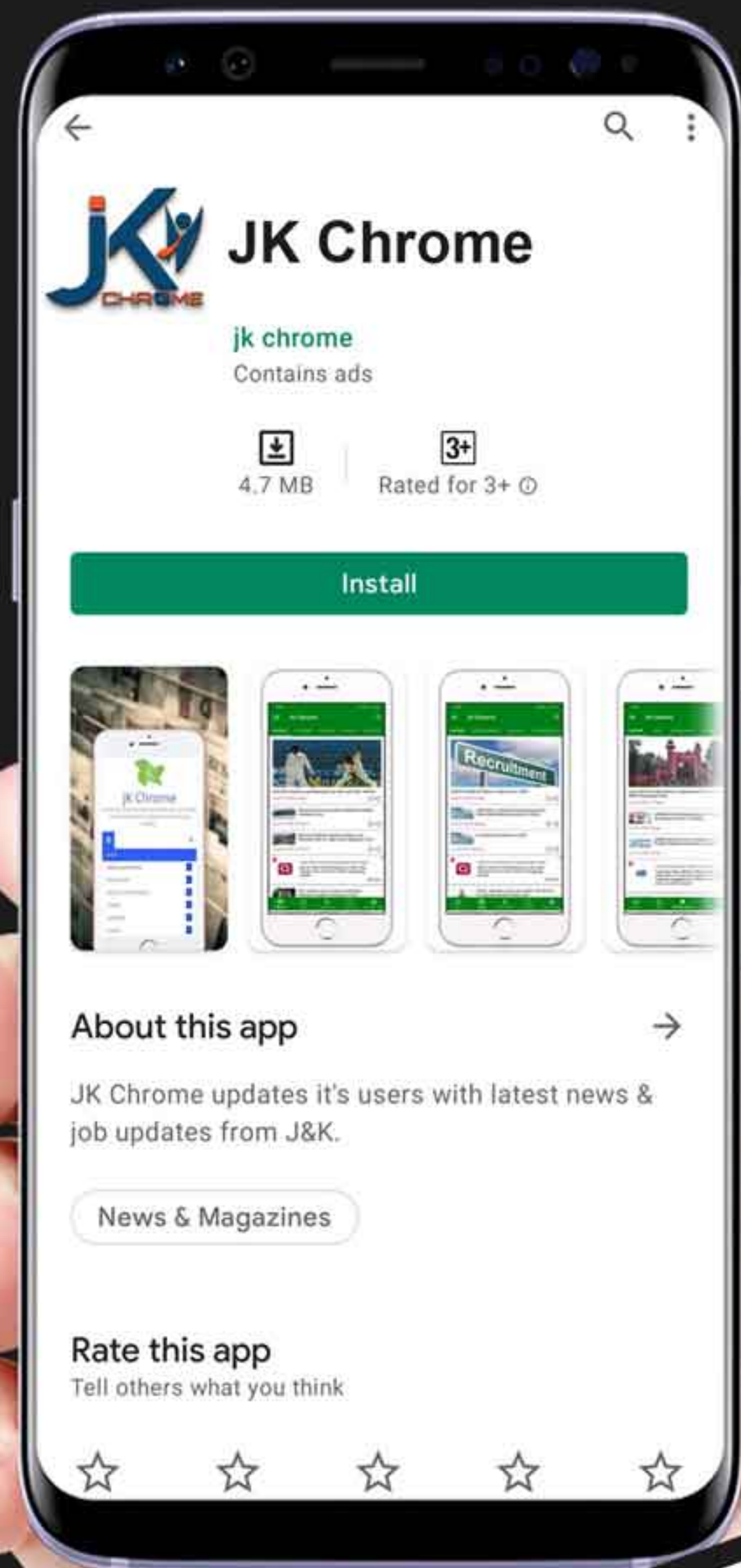
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Fill in the Blanks & Cloze Test

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-5) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2010)

- The hotel was not too expensive, _____
(a) was it ? (b) wasn't it ?
(c) is it ? (d) isn't it ?
- Like humans, zoo animals must have a dentist _____ their teeth.
(a) fill (b) filled
(c) filling (d) to be filled
- It was very kind of you to do the washing-up, but you _____ it.
(a) didn't have to do (b) hadn't to do
(c) mightn't have done (d) mustn't have done
- He went _____ sea alone.
(a) in (b) to (c) into (d) on
- The _____ of our civilization from an agricultural society to today's complex industrial world was accompanied by war.
(a) adjustment (b) migration
(c) route (d) metamorphosis

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6-10) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2010)

- The court _____ cognizance of the criminal's words.
(a) took (b) made
(c) gave (d) allowed
- _____ wins this civil war there will be little rejoicing at the victory.
(a) Whichever (b) Whoever
(c) Whatever (d) Wherever
- As he got older his belief in these principles did not _____.
(a) wither (b) shake
(c) waver (d) dither
- Everyone in this world is accountable to God _____ his actions.
(a) about (b) for
(c) to (d) over
- Your father used to be the principal of this college _____ ?
(a) did he ? (b) does he ?
(c) didn't he ? (d) doesn't he ?

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-15) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word. Our alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2011)

- The housewife _____ the cakes burning, and ran to switch off the oven.
(a) smell (b) smells
(c) smelt (d) smelling
- _____ an old legend, King Shirham lived in India.
(a) In the event of (b) Due to
(c) According to (d) In reference to
- _____ you leave now, you will be late.
(a) Until (b) Till
(c) Unless (d) Although
- The _____ were arrested for illegally hunting the bears.
(a) poachers (b) rangers
(c) soldiers (d) villagers
- If you had followed the rules, you _____ disqualified.
(a) will not be
(b) would not be
(c) will not have been
(d) would not have been

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 16-20) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2011)

- The company let me _____ time off work.
(a) take
(b) taking
(c) to take
(d) took
- I assume _____ with me.
(a) every one agreeing
(b) that every one agrees
(c) every one to agree
(d) that every one to agree
- _____ the rain forests is very important, if we do not want the flora and fauna found there to become extinct.
(a) Reserving
(b) Destroying
(c) Preserving
(d) Maintaining
- If I had helped him, he _____.
(a) will not be drowned
(b) would not be drowned
(c) will not have drowned
(d) would not have drowned
- When will you head _____ your assignment?
(a) in (b) back
(c) down (d) into

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21–30) : *In the following questions, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.*

Passage (Q no. 21–30)

Almost every full moon night, the officials in Andaman and Nicobar Islands take part in a cautious ritual. The tribesmen watch from a safe distance as the officials 21 the island in a boat 22 gifts for them. The islanders come 23 hesitantly only after the officials 24 dumbbed the coconuts brought 25 them onto the beach and begin 26 away from their small island. On some nights the tribals even 27 up enough courage to swim upto a few feet 28 from the boat. The officials maintain that they do 29 want to interfere with the way of life of the tribals. The island 30 heavily on the mainland for most goods. (SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2011)

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| 21. (a) approach | (b) depart |
| (c) present | (d) absent |
| 22. (a) coming | (b) leaving |
| (c) carrying | (d) relieving |
| 23. (a) forward | (b) backward |
| (c) sides | (d) upward |
| 24. (a) has | (b) have |
| (c) had | (d) be |
| 25. (a) by | (b) to |
| (c) in | (d) for |
| 26. (a) watching | (b) seeing |
| (c) sailing | (d) stopping |
| 27. (a) leave | (b) muster |
| (c) come | (d) present |
| 28. (a) correctly | (b) distantly |
| (c) near | (d) away |
| 29. (a) no | (b) neither |
| (c) not | (d) nor |
| 30. (a) spy | (b) rely |
| (c) occupy | (d) reply |

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31–40) : *In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First, read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.*

PASSAGE (Q.Nos. 31–40)

The Solar System has been a complicated wonder for the astronomers. This is a (31) to which we may never have the exact answer. Man has wondered (32) the age of the Earth (33) ancient times. There were all kinds of (34) that seemed to have the (35). But man could not begin to (36) about the question scientifically until about 400 years (37). When it was proved that the (38) revolved round the Sun and the Earth was a (39) of our Solar System, then scientists knew where to (40).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2011)

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| 31. (a) problem | (b) question |
| (c) matter | (d) query |
| 32. (a) around | (b) out |
| (c) about | (d) on |
| 33. (a) since | (b) during |
| (c) around | (d) from |
| 34. (a) ideas | (b) opinions |
| (c) stories | (d) matters |

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| 35. (a) solution | (b) novel |
| (c) book | (d) answer |
| 36. (a) read | (b) think |
| (c) open | (d) guess |
| 37. (a) now | (b) time |
| (c) then | (d) ago |
| 38. (a) Moon | (b) time |
| (c) Earth | (d) Mars |
| 39. (a) part | (b) division |
| (c) opening | (d) centre |
| 40. (a) end | (b) begin |
| (c) think | (d) work |

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 41–45) : *In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.*

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2012)

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| 41. The Union Budget is likely to be presented on February 26, two days ahead of the _____ date. | |
| (a) critical | (b) conventional |
| (c) suitable | (d) convenient |
| 42. I am sorry _____ the mistake. | |
| (a) from | (b) with |
| (c) for | (d) at |
| 43. He _____ her that she would pass. | |
| (a) insured | (b) ensured |
| (c) assumed | (d) assured |
| 44. Your father _____ worry. I'm a very careful driver. | |
| (a) needn't | (b) none |
| (c) can't | (d) doesn't |
| 45. The _____ chosen for construction of the building is in the heart of the city. | |
| (a) cite | (b) slight |
| (c) sight | (d) site |

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 46–50) : *In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative.*

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2012)

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| 46. The ladies black purse, which is on sale has a beautiful _____ carved on it. | |
| (a) motif | (b) patch |
| (c) layout | (d) schematic |
| 47. Who is the person you _____ at the cinema last night? | |
| (a) were recognising | (b) recognised |
| (c) have recognised | (d) had recognised |
| 48. As you sow _____ shall you reap. | |
| (a) when | (b) as |
| (c) like | (d) so |
| 49. He complimented her _____ new dress. | |
| (a) for | (b) of |
| (c) on | (d) about |
| 50. It took him a long time _____ the candidate's application. | |
| (a) to considering | |
| (b) to consider and weigh | |
| (c) considering weighing | |
| (d) to consider and to weigh | |

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 51-55) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2012)

51. I _____ lunch one hour ago.
(a) have had (b) had had
(c) have (d) had
52. He thought that my car _____ for sale.
(a) is (b) was
(c) has been (d) will be
53. He tried to prevent me _____ doing my duty.
(a) against (b) at
(c) with (d) from
54. To the dismay of the student body, the class president was _____ berated by the principal at the school assembly.
(a) ignominiously (b) privately
(c) magnanimously (d) fortuitously
55. I would apologize if I _____ you.
(a) am (b) was
(c) have been (d) were

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 56-60) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2012)

56. _____ pollution control measures are expensive, many industries hesitate to adopt them.
(a) Although (b) However
(c) Because (d) Despite
57. It is not _____ for a man to be confined to the pursuit of wealth.
(a) healthy (b) easy
(c) possible (d) common
58. _____ his being innocent of the crime, the judge sentenced him to one year imprisonment.
(a) In spite of (b) In case of
(c) On account of (d) In the event of
59. It is a story of two men and a batch of _____ armoured cars.
(a) deceased (b) diseased
(c) decrepit (d) defeated
60. Although there is _____ gunfire, there is no stiff resistance to the revolutionary army.
(a) bitter (b) meagre
(c) continuous (d) sporadic

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 61-65) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word (s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2012)

61. He will dispense _____ your services.
(a) of (b) off
(c) on (d) with
62. I have given her _____.
(a) a work (b) some works
(c) a piece of work (d) many works

63. He is a popular teacher. He seems to be _____ for that profession.
(a) cut down (b) cut off
(c) cut in (d) cut out
64. He was _____ pertaining his innocence.
(a) stridently (b) harshly
(c) confidently (d) quickly
65. If you were found guilty of exceeding the speed limit, you _____ to pay a fine.
(a) would have (b) would had
(c) will have (d) have

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 66-70) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four:

(SSC CHSL 2012)

66. Let us quickly _____.
(a) muddle (b) huddle
(c) hurdle (d) puddle
67. Rajesh's car wasn't _____ Ramesh's, so we were too exhausted by the time we reached home.
(a) such comfortable (b) as comfortable as
(c) comfortable enough (d) so comfortable that
68. I don't suppose that Pramod will be elected _____ how hard he struggles as he is not completely supported by the committee.
(a) although (b) seeing as
(c) no matter (d) however
69. Regular exercise is conducive _____ health.
(a) in (b) to
(c) for (d) of
70. Can you please _____ my website just before I publish it ?
(a) find out (b) go through
(c) set out (d) look up

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 71-80) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First, read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

Growing urbanization and literacy, especially female education, will no doubt change the plight of women in India. But the _____ 71 will be slow and painful. Are we _____ 72 to wait until this happens while more and more girls meet their _____ 73 end? Not if we lay calim to an India that is _____ 74 and aspires to attain superpower status. there is only one quick _____ 75, which is not to wait for _____ 76 to change, but to compel the police force to _____ 77 their attitude. The attitude of the police force will become _____ 78 if there is a big stick poised to hit them. They will be more _____ 79 to women victims and keener to catch the _____ 80 if they knew that they themselves will be punished or sacked. In an insensible society, fear is the only key. (SSC Sub. Ins. 2012)

71. (a) method (b) manner
(c) process (d) section

72. (a) keen (b) prepared
(c) made (d) asked
73. (a) tragic (b) lethal
(c) systematic (d) methodical
74. (a) growing (b) shining
(c) competing (d) plodding
75. (a) decision (b) thought
(c) idea (d) solution
76. (a) attitudes (b) nature
(c) behaviour (d) opinions
77. (a) alter (b) reverse
(c) change (d) cleanse
78. (a) democratic (b) lenient
(c) liberal (d) easy
79. (a) affectionate (b) considerate
(c) attentive (d) concerned
80. (a) culprits (b) rowdies
(c) hooligans (d) law-breakers

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 81-95) : You have following two brief passages with 10 questions in **Passage-I** and 5 questions in **passage-II**. Read the passages carefully and fill up the blanks with suitable words out of the four alternatives given.

PASSAGE - I

Parents tend to spoil their own children either by overindulgence or by deprivation. Childhood should be the time for 81 from primary selfishness to sharing, for learning to 82 with deprivation and disappointment and learning to 83 failure, since breaking a toy and forgetting a homework assignment are 84 serious than breaking a marriage or forgetting to prepare for career advancement. But 85 deprivation, as is common in 86 families, leaves many children 87 the stage of personal gratification. They lack resources for developing a sense of 88 towards others and a wish to care for them. And children 89 be poor to be underprivileged. The 90 are also deprived, cheated out of learning how to face life.

(SSC CHSL 2012)

81. (a) changing (b) turning
(c) shifting (d) removing
82. (a) cope up (b) adjust
(c) fight (d) cope
83. (a) overcome (b) eliminate
(c) remove (d) forget
84. (a) far better (b) far less
(c) far worse (d) far more
85. (a) much (b) exhaustive
(c) excessive (d) every
86. (a) undernourished (b) uncoordinated
(c) uncooperative (d) underprivileged
87. (a) stuck in (b) stuck on
(c) stuck about (d) stick in
88. (a) gratitude (b) responsibility
(c) concern (d) friendship
89. (a) would not (b) should not
(c) need not (d) had not
90. (a) over-confident (d) over-cautious
(c) over-enthusiastic (d) over-indulged

PASSAGE - II

Auctions are public 91 of goods, conducted by an 92 auctioneer. He encourages buyers to 93 higher prices and finally names the 94 bidder as the buyer of the goods. This is called 'knocking down' the goods, for when the bidding ends the auctioneer 95 a small hammer on a table in front of him.

91. (a) sale (b) marketing
(c) promotion (d) viewing
92. (a) authoritative (b) allowed
(c) authentic (d) approved
93. (a) bid (b) buy
(c) get (d) bargain
94. (a) smartest (b) highest
(c) biggest (d) strongest
95. (a) bangs (b) thrashes
(c) smashes (d) hits

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 96-100) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with an appropriate word(s).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2013)

96. He was assured by his friends _____ every type of help in an emergency.
(a) about (b) by
(c) of (d) with
97. He was not a man _____ intelligence.
(a) empty of (b) lacking of
(c) devoid of (d) absent of
98. The work _____, he left his office.
(a) having been over
(b) having completed
(c) having been completed
(d) on being finished
99. Our monthly expenditure _____ by five hundred rupees when we decided to buy milk from the milkman.
(a) grew up (b) shot up
(c) got up (d) lifted up
100. _____ to people looked well enough, but when one looked more closely one saw that their faces were filled with despair.
(a) At first sight
(b) At first looking
(c) At first observation
(d) On first sight

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 101-105) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2013)

101. Google is one of the most popular search engines, it is _____ by the internet users.
(a) utilized
(b) effected
(c) examined
(d) flabbergasted

102. Raj was tired of Puja's _____ approach, so he asked her to make her final decision by that evening.
 (a) silly-willy (b) dilly-dally
 (c) wasting (d) dilly-nally
103. Ria is _____ at speaking languages. It is difficult to _____ only one puppy for animal shelter.
 (a) adept, adapt (b) adapt, adept
 (c) adept, adopt (d) adapt, adopt
104. School days are considered to be the best years of your life. When my _____ year in school began, I began to think of those past enjoyable days and of my future also.
 (a) penultimate (b) absolute
 (c) integral (d) termination
105. Being _____, the judge gave a favourable verdict.
 (a) sagacious (b) pugnacious
 (c) malicious (d) tenacious

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 106-110) : In these questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2013)

106. All is not well _____ the automobile sector.
 (a) of (b) down
 (c) in (d) to
107. Many premier educational institutions come forward to have a _____ with flourishing industries.
 (a) tie-down (b) tie-up
 (c) tie-in (d) tie-on
108. He slipped _____ his old ways and started drinking again.
 (a) into (b) off
 (c) by (d) in
109. They reached the railway station before the train _____.
 (a) had left (b) had been left
 (c) left (d) was leaving
110. The Information and Communication Technology has _____ age and employes very highly paid technocrats.
 (a) come of (b) come upon
 (c) come out of (d) come through

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 111-115) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2013)

111. Mr. Murugan has been in this college _____ 2010.
 (a) for (b) since
 (c) after (d) before
112. We attended a _____ discourse.
 (a) spiritual (b) spirituous
 (c) spirituality (d) spiritually
113. The valley is known for its _____ growth of vegetation.
 (a) luxurious (b) luxury
 (c) luxuriant (d) luxuriously

114. Satyajitray's films _____ all barriers of caste, creed and religion. They are universal.
 (a) transcend (b) transcends
 (c) trancend (d) transend
115. I could hardly recognize him _____ I saw him.
 (a) after (b) but
 (c) and (d) when

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 116-120) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate and suitable word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2013)

116. Student-parking should be _____; students should not be charged to buy parking stickers.
 (a) fined (b) free
 (c) costly (d) cheap
117. If you have roses growing in your garden, you can make a lovely _____ of flowers at home.
 (a) bouquette (b) bucquete
 (c) bouquete (d) bouquet
118. The _____ of the middle school is a woman of _____.
 (a) Principles, Principal
 (b) Principals, Principal
 (c) Principal, Principle
 (d) Principle, Principals
119. With the changing times, most of the students have become business-like they are _____ and want to take only those courses which they find rewarding.
 (a) idealistic (b) pragmatic
 (c) enthusiastic (d) partial
120. 1. John's at _____ institute studying French.
 2. They're building _____ school at the end of our street.
 3. Do they live in _____ United Kingdom or somewhere else?
 (a) a, the, an (b) the, a, an
 (c) an, a, the (d) the, an, a

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 121-125) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2013)

121. There are not solitary, free-living creatures ; every form of life is _____ other forms.
 (a) dependent on
 (b) parallel to
 (c) overshadowed by
 (d) segregated from
122. I'll take _____ now as I have another appointment some where else.
 (a) departure (b) your leave
 (c) permission (d) leave from work
123. A garden knife is _____ used for right pruning.
 (a) generally (b) compulsorily
 (c) systematically (d) daily

124. Serious threat to our ecology and environment can be _____ with organic cultivation.
 (a) hastened (b) impeded
 (c) aggravated (d) combated
125. 'My India' by Corbett deals _____ the author's familiarity with and love of India.
 (a) in (b) of
 (c) at (d) with

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 126-130) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CHSL 2013)

126. The human mind seems to have built-in _____ against original thought.
 (a) prejudices (b) ideas
 (c) interests (d) safeguards
127. A child is the future of a family _____ nation.
 (a) just as (b) as a
 (c) like a (d) as well as of a
128. If strict security measures were taken, the tragedy might have been _____.
 (a) restrained (b) averted
 (c) removed (d) controlled
129. The deceased left _____ children.
 (a) behind (b) for
 (c) with (d) by
130. The statue _____ a global symbol of freedom
 (a) stands against (b) stands to
 (c) stands for (d) stands as

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 131-140) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC Multitasking 2013)

131. The new government took _____ last year.
 (a) out (b) after
 (c) over (d) upon
132. Mohan's career has taken some _____ twists and turns.
 (a) incentive (b) interesting
 (c) interactive (d) intuitive
133. The bus _____ fifty passengers fell _____ the river.
 (a) with; into (b) for; upon
 (c) over; on (d) of; at
134. It is raining _____. Do not go out.
 (a) heavily (b) fast
 (c) soundly (d) strongly
135. She tries to adjust _____ her relations.
 (a) for (b) at
 (c) so (d) with
136. She was remarkably _____ in singing and dancing.
 (a) accomplished
 (b) conducive
 (c) fluctuating
 (d) cooperative

137. Sheila gained an advantage _____ me.
 (a) upon (b) from
 (c) on (d) over
138. Take this medicine regularly and you will get rid _____ this disease.
 (a) at (b) from
 (c) of (d) over
139. Statistics _____ always my worst subject.
 (a) are (b) were
 (c) is (d) have
140. When she retired, she handed _____ the charge to the Vice-President.
 (a) over (b) out
 (c) across (d) off

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 141-145) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks.

One fine morning, a 141 man knocked at the doors of the home for the aged run by nuns. He told the nun in charge that as he was 142 to Delhi, he wanted to leave his servant-maid to the 143 of the nuns. He assured the nun of sending some money every month 144 she was an orphan. The nun 145 her saying that she had got an excellen master.

(SSC CHSL 2013)

141. (a) gentle (b) bad
 (c) nice (d) good
142. (a) moved (b) shifted
 (c) changed (d) transferred
143. (a) care (b) home
 (c) custody (d) protection
144. (a) because (b) and
 (c) though (d) if
145. (a) loved (b) praised
 (c) consoled (d) condoled

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 146-150) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be field in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 2014)

146. The student was punished for his _____.
 (a) impudence (b) prudence
 (c) modesty (d) elemency
147. My father was too _____ to push the heavy door.
 (a) faint (b) feeble
 (c) fragile (d) faltering
148. The flood damaged the books so much that it was impossible to _____ them.
 (a) retrieve (b) retrace
 (c) retract (d) retreat
149. His bungalow went through a make _____.
 (a) up (b) out
 (c) over (d) for
150. This auspicious beginning _____ well for a successful completion of our project.
 (a) attunes (b) argues
 (c) augurs (d) answers

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 151-155) : In the following questions below, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2014)

151. China is a big country, in area it is bigger than any other country _____ Russia.
(a) accept (b) except
(c) expect (d) access
152. The masks worn by the men helped them _____ their identity.
(a) conceal (b) congeal
(c) masquerade (d) cheat
153. On the _____ occasion of Laxmi Puja, the Mathurs bought a new car.
(a) officious (b) auspicious
(c) fortuitous (d) prosperous
154. Precautions are to be taken with any one who seems _____.
(a) contagious (b) infectious
(c) diseased (d) defiled
155. The treasure was hidden _____ a big shore.
(a) on (b) underneath
(c) toward (d) off

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 156-160) : In the following questions, some parts of the sentences given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CHSL 2014)

156. Is not learning superior _____ wealth ?
(a) than (b) from
(c) by (d) to
157. A group of agitators _____ the mob to break down the Vice-Chancellor's door.
(a) wished (b) excited
(c) threatened (d) incited
158. Turn the lights _____ before you go to bed.
(a) on (b) off
(c) out (d) down
159. There is no _____ evidence to support your assertion.
(a) facile (b) fictitious
(c) facetious (d) factual
160. Throw a stone _____ the fierce dog.
(a) at (b) upon
(c) on (d) above

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 161-170) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC Multitasking 2014)

161. It is cool today, _____?
(a) aren't it (b) didn't it
(c) wasn't it (d) isn't it
162. The book ultimately reached the person _____ it belonged.
(a) who (b) where
(c) to whom (d) to who

163. Besides being reputed, he is famous for his _____.
(a) humanities (b) hostility
(c) humility (d) humiliation
164. There was a queue of people in the rain, patiently waiting to get _____ the coach.
(a) at (b) on
(c) onto (d) in
165. I _____ a terrible dream last night.
(a) had (b) got
(c) saw (d) have
166. Mr. Ahamad went _____ a very tough time, when he incurred a loss in his business.
(a) about (b) off
(c) through (d) over
167. The lawyer advised the convict not to _____.
(a) hold up (b) hold over
(c) hold back (d) hold in
168. Hospital services across the capital _____ for three hours due to the strike.
(a) were disrupted (b) had been disrupted
(c) are disrupted (d) have disrupted
169. The School Annual Sports Day is postponed and it would now _____ on the 14th of next month.
(a) to be held (b) been held
(c) being held (d) be held
170. The coach leaves at 5.20, so get to the station _____ that.
(a) before (b) after
(c) until (d) from

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 171-180) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks.

Delhi 171 the capital of India. People from all parts of the country and the world 172 to Delhi. There 173 many historical buildings. People 174 the Rajghat, Shantivan and Vijayghat. We visited Delhi last year 175 our cousins. There 176 many other historical cities. Agra 177 one of them. We 178 visit Agra and Jaipur next time. The Red Fort of Delhi and the Hawa Mahal of Jaipur were 179 famous for their Mughal 180 Rajasthani architecture respectively.

(SSC CHSL 2014)

171. (a) was (b) are
(c) is (d) were
172. (a) came (b) comes
(c) come (d) coming
173. (a) has (b) were
(c) is (d) are
174. (a) visit (b) visited
(c) visiting (d) visits
175. (a) for (b) on
(c) of (d) with
176. (a) is (b) are
(c) were (d) was
177. (a) are (b) was
(c) is (d) were
178. (a) will (b) would
(c) could (d) can

179. (a) much (b) very
(c) too (d) more
180. (a) either (b) because
(c) or (d) and

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 181-185): In the following Five Questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2015)

181. You must _____ your career with all seriousness.
(a) follow (b) complete
(c) direct (d) pursue
182. Making pies and cakes _____ Mrs. Reddy's speciality.
(a) are (b) were (c) is (d) has
183. The deserted garden was infested _____ weeds.
(a) for (b) into (c) on (d) with
184. He went there _____.
(a) walking on foot (b) by foot
(c) with foot (d) on foot
185. After your long illness _____, I am happy to see you.
(a) up and about (b) by and by
(c) up and down (d) up and round

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 186-190): In Question given below are sentences given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2015)

186. When the morning _____ the murder was discovered.
(a) came (b) happened
(c) arrived (d) occurred
187. The smell of the Sea called _____ memories of her childhood.
(a) on (b) back (c) up (d) for
188. He has the full facts _____ but is deliberately hiding them.
(a) under his sleeves (b) upon his sleeves
(c) up his sleeve (d) in his sleeves
189. The appearance of the city _____ day by day.
(a) could change (b) changed
(c) had changed (d) is changing
190. The police fired on the mob when it _____.
(a) turned noisy (b) turned violent
(c) became abusive (d) fizzled out

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 191-195): In questions below, sentences are given with blanks are to be filled in with an appropriate word (s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by blackening the appropriate circle [•] in the Answer Sheet.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2015)

191. There were so many _____ points in his speech that the audience _____ to get the message.
(a) superficial - listened
(b) relevant - hastened
(c) interesting - tried
(d) irrelevant - failed

192. The little boy ran _____ fast that he was _____ for breath.
(a) so - gasping
(b) too - fighting
(c) so - inhaling
(d) very - struggling

193. He was so _____ at his job that he was asked to give a _____ to the visitors.
(a) adept - demonstration
(b) able - disclosure
(c) agile - demolition
(d) accurate - display

194. She was so _____ that she was _____ by all.
(a) proud : respected (b) excellent : warned
(c) talented : praised (d) stupid : admired

195. The _____ of the 'chief' was _____ upon him.
(a) title, bestowed (b) name, dismissed
(c) title, imposed (d) appointment, thrown

DIRECTONS (Qs. 196-199): In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CHSL 2015)

196. All orders must _____ the rules.
(a) conform to (b) conforms to
(c) conforming with (d) conforms with
197. She failed to _____ to her name.
(a) line up (b) shine up
(c) keep up (d) rise up
198. As the doctor _____ into the room, the nurse handed him the temperature chart of the patient.
(a) came (b) was coming
(c) comes (d) is coming
199. The economic _____ has affected our sales tremendously.
(a) slowdown (b) slowdown
(c) crackdown (d) touchdown

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 200-203): In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CHSL 2015)

200. This house _____ ten rooms
(a) consisted with (b) consist of
(c) consists of (d) consists by
201. Have you even _____ the wolf cry ?
(a) heard (b) heard of
(c) hear out (d) hear
202. A freen _____ that the weather was very pleasant that day.
(a) suggested (b) argued
(c) announced (d) remarked
203. Mrs. Hall was prepared to excuse the scientist's strange habits and _____ temper.
(a) irritate (b) irate
(c) irritable (d) irritation

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 204-208) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks.

A team of Indian engineers 204 shown that digital photographs of the hand may 205 cholesterol levels in the body and serve as an early warning signal 206 poor lipid health without a standard blood test. Researchers believe the programme may be 207 in the future and 208 into mobile phones to enable it to analyse digital images of the hand captured in the camera on a mobile phone.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2015)

204. (a) has been (b) are
(c) have (d) has
205. (a) conceal (b) conjecture
(c) reveal (d) conduct
206. (a) of (b) before
(c) at (d) by
207. (a) resolved (b) refined
(c) retracted (d) recorded
208. (a) formulated (b) featured
(c) loaded (d) fixed

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 209-218) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks.

In civilised life is a rule 209 violence, against taking 210 into our hands. It is a rule which 211 of us observe so often, indeed, that a great 212 of people go through life 213 orderliness and non-violence as part of the scheme of nature. But when 214 comes into their midst 215 refuses to observe the current rules, and 216 the simple rule that might is right, the law abiding members 217 society do not know what to do, and look on in 218 bewildered confusion.

(SSC CHSL 2015)

209. (a) after (b) at
(c) against (d) upon
210. (a) police (b) people
(c) rule (d) law
211. (a) most (b) none
(c) many (d) every
212. (a) amount (b) number
(c) capacity (d) sum
213. (a) not expecting (b) expecting
(c) not accepting (d) accepting
214. (a) no one (b) any one
(c) none (d) everyone
215. (a) who (b) how
(c) where (d) whom
216. (a) following (b) followed
(c) follows (d) follow
217. (a) of (b) at
(c) in (d) on
218. (a) helping (b) helped
(c) helpless (d) helpful

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 219-228) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternative and fill in the blanks.

Although we can 219 the 220 bodies of our solar system 221 a telescope, it is only 222 who can 223 the depth of outer space. It is reported that they have seen 224 galaxies, stars taking 225 and 226, and 'black holes'. They say that the deeper they look 227 the universe, the more they know 228 the universe originated.

(SSC CHSL 2015)

219. (a) reach (b) observe
(c) look (d) find
220. (a) heaver (b) heavy
(c) heavier (d) heavenly
221. (a) by (b) through
(c) with (d) at
222. (a) astronomers (b) astronomy
(c) Stunned (d) astrologers
223. (a) viewed (b) views
(c) overview (d) view
224. (a) shine (b) stunning
(c) stunned (d) stun
225. (a) born (b) borne
(c) birth (d) berth
226. (a) die (b) died
(c) dyeing (d) dying
227. (a) into (b) at
(c) through (d) on
228. (a) why (b) where
(c) how (d) what

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 229-230) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. For each question, choose the correct alternative.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2016)

229. The starving man _____ able to walk.
(a) can barely (b) were barely
(c) are barely (d) was barely
230. The new railway counter at Dwarka should _____ all travellers.
(a) benefit (b) reward
(c) reserve (d) provide

DIRECTONS (Qs. 231-233) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. For each question, choose the correct alternative.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2016)

231. The director congratulated Mr. Varma _____ his success.
(a) on (b) for
(c) at (d) about
232. The boys were _____ to hear that we were going to build a bridge.
(a) delight (b) delights
(c) delighted (d) delighting

233. The revolting players and the game's administrators held _____ discussions to resolve the payment dispute.

- (a) unnecessary (b) obligatory
(c) preliminary (d) silent

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 234-236) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks are to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. For each question, choose the correct alternative.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2016)

234. Since last year, his condition has been _____.

- (a) deteriorate
(b) deteriorating
(c) severely deteriorated
(d) deterioratingly

235. Most children remain _____ school between the ages of seven and ten.

- (a) in (b) under (c) at (d) inside

236. The quake also _____ mudslides on the outskirts of the city.

- (a) tempered (b) tampered
(c) erupted (d) triggered

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 237-239) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks are to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. For each question, choose the correct alternative.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2016)

237. It is _____ university of excellence.

- (a) a (b) an (c) also (d) one

238. They have not had much time for social activities and I have not _____.

- (a) done so (b) either
(c) also (d) gone

239. Food was packed, and they _____, a merry, delighted party.

- (a) went off (b) start off
(c) cut off (d) set off

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 240-249) : In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks :

I will always _____ 240 _____ the trip I made to the zoo in 1988. It was then that I _____ 241 _____ measles from one of my friends. Peter, who had _____ 242 _____ along too. Before he met us at the zoo, he had gone to visit his cousin who was _____ 243 _____ from measles. The next day, Peter was _____ 244 _____ of a sore throat, a bad cold and high fever. When he was diagnosed by a doctor as having measles, his parents rang me up to warn me that I had been _____ 245 _____ to measles too. By the next day, I was also showing / having the same symptoms. My doctor _____ 246 _____ me to stay at home for the next two weeks.

I was quite pleased with the doctor's instruction. I spent the time reading story-books, _____ 247 _____ to music and watching television. When I get bored, I would call up Peter who also had to spend two weeks at borne, for a chat. Unfortunately, the two weeks passed toothy quickly. When we _____ 248 _____ to school, we had to work twice

as hard to _____ 249 _____ with our classmates. It was definitely not worth the 'holiday'.

(SSC Stenographer 2016)

240. (a) be remember

(b) remembering

(c) remember

(d) remembered

241. (a) caught

(b) catching

(c) catch

(d) will catch

242. (a) going

(b) go

(c) went

(d) gone

243. (a) removed

(b) recovering

(c) recover

(d) revealed

244. (a) complaining

(b) explained

(c) complained

(d) complain

245. (a) expose

(b) exposable

(c) exposed

(d) exposing

246. (a) is advised

(b) advising

(c) advise

(d) advised

247. (a) listen

(b) listened

(c) listening

(d) looking

248. (a) return

(b) returned

(c) returns

(d) is returned

249. (a) catch up

(b) catch

(c) caught up

(d) catching up

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 250-259) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks :

The Red Indians _____ 250 _____ for the arrival of the bison. The beasts, which come only once a year, are a good source of meat and hide.

The Red Indians _____ 251 _____ to survive the cold, bitter winter.

Tikki, the young boy, _____ 252 _____ to look out for the herd's arrival. Everyday, he _____ 253 _____ top of the hill to see if he could spot them on the vast horizon.

One night, while he _____ 254 _____, the ground shook _____ 255 _____ and his bag of arrows fell off from its hook on the wall. Tikki _____ 256 _____ of his wigwam and felt a strong gust of wind and dust gush past him. Shouting excitedly, he ran to the other wigwams and woke everyone up. A big fire _____ 257 _____ built and the Red Indians danced around it, giving praises to their God who had, at last, _____ 258 _____ their food and clothing of animal hide. The next morning, all to hunt down the beasts to the the warriors _____ 259 _____ to hunt down the beasts which were grazing near the river.

(SSC Stenographer 2016)

250. (a) were waited

(b) are waited

(c) were waiting

(d) is waiting

251. (a) needed their

(b) needing this

(c) needing these

(d) needed these

252. (a) was chose

(b) was chosen

(c) was choosē

(d) is choosē

253. (a) would run

(b) will be running

(c) would running

(d) will running

254. (a) was asleep

(b) were slept

(c) is sleep

(d) was sleeping

255. (a) violent

(b) violet

(c) violently

(d) violence

256. (a) rushed out

(b) rushed in

(c) rushing out

(d) rust out

257. (a) were immediate (b) was immediately
(c) were immediately (d) was immediate
258. (a) sent their (b) send their
(c) send them (d) sent them
259. (a) were assigned (b) were assigning
(c) is assigned (d) was assigning

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 260-264) : In the following Five Questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with the most appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the most correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC Stenographer 2016)

260. We all have _____ the widowed girl.
(a) sympathy with
(b) sympathy of
(c) sympathy at
(d) sympathy for
261. They organized an event last month in _____ with another company.
(a) connection
(b) regulation
(c) competition
(d) collaboration
262. He _____ to help me and called me a fool.
(a) offered (b) thought
(c) refused (d) denied
263. One who tries may fail but one who does not try never _____
(a) prosper (b) sain
(c) succeeds (d) success
264. The lady _____ to be a close relative of ours.
(a) turned up (b) turned about
(c) turned out (d) turned in

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 265-269) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by blackening the appropriate oval in the Answer Sheet.

(SSC Stenographer 2016)

265. Raju willingly _____ my request for financial assistance.
(a) complied to (b) complied with
(c) complied on (d) complied for
266. My friend _____ at seven this morning.
(a) took away (b) got up
(c) left up (d) kept up
267. A lady _____ I know helped me.
(a) who (b) whom
(c) which (d) that
268. The government has identified food processing as the key _____ rapid industrialization in Bihar.
(a) for (b) to
(c) of (d) in
269. Rajan was so tired _____ he could not walk.
(a) as (b) than
(c) that (d) still

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 270-279) : In the following question, you have the following two passage in in which some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives.

(SSC Stenographer 2016)

PASSAGE - I

The Indian Ocean earthquake of 2004, also 270 as the Sumatra-Andaman earthquake, was an undersea earthquake that 271 on the morning of 26 December 2004. It had a 272 of 9.15 on the Richter scale, which makes it one of the most 273 earthquakes even recorded. The only earthquake of 274 magnitude was the Great Earthquake of Chile (magnitude 9.5) in 1969. The Indian Ocean earthquake 275 more than, 100 people, making it one of the deadliest 276 in modern history. It lasted 277 to ten minutes, when most earthquakes last no more than a few seconds. It caused the 278 planet to move off its course by at least a few centimeters and 279 earthquakes elsewhere, as far away as Alaska.

270. (a) known (b) called
(c) recognized (b) referred
271. (a) happened (b) arose
(c) occurred (d) began
272. (a) dimension (b) magnitude
(c) height (d) reference
273. (a) great (b) beautiful
(c) wonderful (d) powerful
274. (a) different (b) distinct
(c) comparable (d) likewise
275. (a) destructed (b) murdered
(c) saved (d) killed
276. (a) blows (b) disasters
(c) failures (d) breakdowns
277. (a) close (b) near
(c) open (d) nearby
278. (a) full (b) entire
(c) complete (d) total
279. (a) prompted (b) elicited
(c) triggered (d) invited

PASSAGE - II (Q. Nos. 280 to 289)

Socrates who was a great thinker and 280 never liked to write 281. He wanted to make people 282 well. Plato was the most 283 pupil of Socrates. With boundless love and 284 for his 285, Plato wrote all the teachings of Socrates. Years 286 when printing was invented, Plato's books were also 287. They have been 288 into many 289.

(SSC Stenographer 2016)

280. (a) teacher (b) preacher
(c) speaker (d) announced
281. (a) letters (b) essays
(c) books (d) poems
282. (a) speak (b) think
(c) act (d) play
283. (a) known (b) loving
(c) obedient (d) famous
284. (a) kindness (b) respect
(c) anger (d) hatred
285. (a) pupil (b) guardian
(c) master (d) servant
286. (a) later (b) after
(c) before (d) over

287. (a) published (b) released
(c) sold (d) printed
288. (a) changed (b) translated
(c) written (d) published
289. (a) waya (b) varieties
(c) languages (d) sizes

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 290-294): In the following five Questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate words(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternatives out of the four and indicate it by blackening the appropriate.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2016)

290. His profession is teaching but his _____ is photography.
(a) vocative (b) vacation
(c) vocation (d) avocation
291. He quarrelled with his boss, _____ of the consequences.
(a) confident (b) heedless
(c) weary (d) devoid
292. As the driver swerved violently at the turning, the wheel came off, as it was already _____,
(a) loss (b) lose
(c) lost (d) loose
293. Some verbs need a _____ to convey the full meaning.
(a) compliment (b) complimentary
(c) complement (d) component
294. The demonstration passed off without _____.
(a) coincidence (b) incidence
(c) incident (d) accident

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 295 – 296) : In the following questions, the sentences are given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

(SSC CGL 2017)

295. The higher you climb, the more difficult it _____ to breathe.
(a) became (b) becomes
(c) has become (d) is becoming
296. Neha has been crying _____ morning.
(a) from (b) of
(c) since (d) till

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 297 – 301) : In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

The 297 of lectures could be enhanced by introducing the lecture with a brief review of the work 298 it should also be indicated how the day's lecture 299 into the course pattern. A lecture should 300 be presented in one unbroken discourse. Unless exceptionally interesting, a long lecture strains the 301 of a concentrated listening, causing intermittent wandering of attention and loss of continuity in thought.

(SSC CGL 2017)

297. (a) condition (b) effectiveness
(c) efficiency (d) interest
298. (a) ascending (b) preceding
(c) reciting (d) succeeding

299. (a) adds (b) fits
(c) gets (d) lets
300. (a) continuously (b) often
(c) randomly (d) seldom
301. (a) authority (b) capacity
(c) comfortability (d) reasonability

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 302 – 303) : In the following questions, the sentence are given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

(SSC CGL 2017)

302. Fourteen kilometres _____ not a short distance, to reach to my office daily.
(a) are (b) has
(c) have (d) is
303. Good reading _____ the sense of liberal educated mind.
(a) beliefs (b) leads
(c) reflects (d) starts

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 304 - 308) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Job performance is 304 by a number of factors. Motivation alone does not lead to increased performance. Ability and technology moderates the relationship between motivation and performance. The higher the levels of ability and motivation the 305 the level of performance will be. However, increasing motivation beyond an 306 level tends to 307 a dysfunctional result because it is 308 by an increased level of anxiety.

(SSC CGL 2017)

304. (a) affected (b) effected
(c) influenced (d) measured
305. (a) higher (b) larger
(c) lower (d) smaller
306. (a) certain (b) desired
(c) increased (d) optimal
307. (a) deduce (b) introduce
(c) produce (d) reduce
308. (a) abandoned (b) accompanied
(c) affilated (d) amalgamated

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 309 – 310) : In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

(SSC CGL 2017)

309. Don't toilet _____ the corridor.
(a) around (b) off
(c) of (d) at
310. I will scold him when _____.
(a) he will come
(b) he comes
(c) he would come
(d) he had come

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 311 – 315) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Democracy should __311__ dignity of the individual. It should also aim at the __312__ good of the greatest __313__. The opposition party should __314__ the wrong plans, policies and decisions of the government in power. The government should cater to the __315__ needs of the people to make its position solid. (SSC CGL 2017)

311. (a) built (b) ensure
(c) keep (d) support
312. (a) greatest (b) smallest
(c) largest (d) heaviest
313. (a) people (b) digit
(c) number (d) individual
314. (a) rely on (b) against
(c) support (d) oppose
315. (a) genuine (b) mere
(c) emotional (d) luxurious

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 316 – 317) : In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option. (SSC CGL 2017)

316. Keith has _____ with a failure in English examination thrice.
(a) caught (b) gone
(c) got (d) met
317. The manager was _____ an explanation of his conduct.
(a) called for (b) called off
(c) called to (d) called up

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 318 – 322) : In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Corruption is a __318__ which has been spread in the mind of wrong people of the society, community and __319__. It is the mistreatment of public resources just for getting some __320__ advantage to fulfil little wish. It is concerned with the unnecessary and wrong use of both power and __321__ by anyone whether the government or non government organisation. It affects the growth and development organisation. It affects the growth and development of the nation in all aspects like socially, __322__ and politically. (SSC CGL 2017)

318. (a) havoc (b) poison
(c) pollutant (d) grassroot
319. (a) country (b) world
(c) universe (d) company
320. (a) fruitful (b) wishful
(c) favourite (d) unfair
321. (a) position (b) growth
(c) status (d) symbol
322. (a) emotionally (b) scientifically
(c) manually (d) economically

323. In the following question, the sentence given with blank is to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Arun's financial _____ has helped him earn a fortune on the stock market. (SSC CHSL 2017)

- (a) dexterity (b) readiness
(c) expertise (d) knack

324. In the following question, sentence given with blank is to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Fuel suppliers will _____ the national oil shortage by raising prices to increase their bottom lines. (SSC CHSL 2017)

- (a) use (b) misuse
(c) ventuse (d) exploit

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 325 – 329) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

The scenario __325__ dramatically today. We have the __326__ of powerful Internet monopolies that are much bigger __327__ the telcos. Not surprisingly, these companies now see the __328__ of monopoly. They would like to combine with telcos to create monopolies for their platforms, ensuring that they control the future of the Internet and freeze their competition __329__. (SSC CHSL 2017)

325. (a) change (b) had changed
(c) has changed (d) changing
326. (a) emerging (b) emerge
(c) emergence (d) emergency
327. (a) then (b) than
(c) to (d) of
328. (a) virtues (b) respectability
(c) trust (d) innocence
329. (a) off (b) about
(c) in (d) out

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 330 – 334) : In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option. (SSC Sub. Insp. 2017)

330. Suman has _____ for the final round of the competition.
(a) Superior (b) decided
(c) declared (d) qualified
331. Her supporters began to _____ and she was left alone.
(a) fall over (b) fall away
(c) fall off (d) fall on
332. No _____ than fifteen boys failed in a class of forty.
(a) little (b) less
(c) few (d) fewer
333. Sania was compensated _____ the loss of her belongings at the airport.
(a) for (b) of
(c) against (d) over

334. Suraj is acquainted _____ Kafil.

- (a) of (b) with
(c) from (d) to

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 335 – 339) : *In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.*

Youth is the _____335_____ gift of the god, says an old "upanishad". Let us _____336_____ in it. It is the great formative _____337_____ of our life, brief but powerful. We are then able to _____338_____ the world with feelings pure and with _____339_____unworldly. (SSC Sub. Insp. 2017)

335. Youth is the _____ gift of the god, says an old "upanishad".

- (a) inexpensive (b) best
(c) useless (d) small

336. Let us _____ in it. It is the great formative.

- (a) rejoice (b) live
(c) dance (d) sleep

337. _____ of our life, brief but powerful.

- (a) lesson (b) resource
(c) period (d) idea

338. We are then able to _____ the world with feelings pure

- (a) challenge (b) roam
(c) target (d) face

339. and with _____ unworldly.

- (a) ambitions (b) Passively
(c) religiously (d) resources

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 340 – 349) : *In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.*

You can spend hours looking for _____340_____, days waiting for that Eureka _____341_____, moving things around on screen, starting at blank pieces of paper, _____342_____ down half-formed ideas, all to _____343_____ no avail. Sometimes coming up with just one creative idea can feel _____344_____. You feel this way because creativity is a process, a _____345_____ that has to be learned and honed. _____346_____ you're a marketer, designer, entrepreneur or any thing in between, creative thinking is a valuable skill to _____347_____. It can help us find _____348_____, tailored solutions to problems and create memorable and effective _____349_____. (SSC Steno. 2017)

340. You can spend hours looking for _____.

- (a) dedication (b) inspiration
(c) solutions (d) ideas

341. Days waiting for that Eureka _____.

- (a) moment (b) movement
(c) type (d) day

342. _____ down half-formed ideas

- (a) idea (b) pencil
(c) jotted (d) writes

343. _____ no avail.

- (a) absolutely (b) silence
(c) full (d) rightly

344. Creative idea can feel _____.

- (a) impossible (b) lazy
(c) cold (d) hot

345. A _____ that has to be learned and honed.

- (a) talent (b) hobby
(c) skill (d) sense

346. _____ you're a marketer

- (a) and (b) but
(c) still (d) Whether

347. Creative thinking is a valuable skill to _____.

- (a) possess (b) have
(c) should (d) get

348. It can help us find _____.

- (a) senseless (b) unique
(c) ugly (d) worst

349. Create memorable and effective _____.

- (a) memories (b) communications
(c) borders (d) relations

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 350 – 359) : *In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.*

(SSC Steno. 2017)

Art movement is described as a _____350_____ or way of doing art of art that spans over a _____351_____ of time that is subtly or _____352_____ different than another movement of art. The style or method "moves" or changes to a different way if you will. These styles are used to _____353_____ art practiced by a group of _____354_____ within the same time period and/or region. Some art _____355_____ that have been influenced by another art movement show obvious _____356_____ while others seem to defy their cousins because of _____357_____. It is interesting to study the differences between art _____358_____ and also to study the different _____359_____ of art.

350. Art movement is described as a _____.

- (a) type (b) style
(c) like (d) practice

351. Art that spans over a _____ of time.

- (a) tide (b) wait
(c) period (d) during

352. _____ different than another movement of art.

- (a) distinctly (b) easy
(c) newly (d) otherwise

353. These styles are used to _____ art practiced.

- (a) visualise (b) describe
(c) imagine (d) ignore

354. Group of _____ within the same period and/or region.

- (a) businessmen (b) actors
(c) ventors (d) artists

355. Some art _____ that have been influenced.

- (a) movements (b) pictures
(c) books (d) scenes

356. Art movement show obvious _____ while others.
 (a) alike (b) same
 (c) eagerness (d) similarities
357. Defy their cousins because of _____.
 (a) limitations (b) benefits
 (c) distance (d) time
358. Study the differences between art _____.
 (a) movements (b) flow
 (c) revolution (d) adequate
359. Study the different _____ of art.
 (a) length (b) timezone
 (c) periods (d) duration

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 360 – 364) : In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

(SSC Steno. 2017)

360. Each item was sold _____ a pound
 (a) at (b) for
 (c) in (d) of
361. Be just _____ fear nothing.
 (a) but (b) while
 (c) and (d) until
362. He came two hours _____ us.
 (a) before (b) ago
 (c) above (d) ahead
363. Sunaina said, "She is sick _____ the whole business."
 (a) by (b) of
 (c) for (d) with
364. He was quite _____ when he heard what had happened.
 (a) laughing (b) amused
 (c) lovable (d) beautiful

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 365 – 374): Sentence given with blank to be filled in with appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the most appropriate alternative out of the four and indicate it by blackening the corresponding circle in the Answer sheet.

(SSC MTS 2017)

365. As soon as this workshop is over, I am going to _____ every duty and go on a holiday.
 (a) sidetrack (b) abandon
 (c) overthrow (d) close down
366. She _____ great pleasure and satisfaction from cooking.
 (a) wants (b) has
 (c) draws (d) derives
367. Poetry is a _____ form of expression in which the particularity of the word and the image to evoke feeling, assumes great importance.
 (a) suppressed (b) patronized
 (c) compressed (d) digressed

368. He was so filled with contempt for the prisoner that he gave him a _____ look.
 (a) humiliated (b) derisive
 (c) pitying (d) hurtful
369. Next summer we're going _____ a trip to Canada.
 (a) to (b) for
 (c) on (d) over
370. Romeo and Juliet's _____ affairs is probably the most loved of all times.
 (a) secret (b) covert
 (c) candid (d) clandestine
371. The _____ towards the school was very steep.
 (a) ascend (b) ascent
 (c) assent (d) accent

372. Some interesting matters _____ in our discussion yesterday.

- (a) came up (b) got up
 (c) came in (d) came about

373. He loaded the _____ of cotton on the truck.

- (a) baskets (b) bales
 (c) bunches (d) bundles

374. Anything is _____ which is not against the nature of things.

- (a) practicable (b) parable
 (c) probable (d) possible

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

The employees of our company are not _____ of their freedom.

(SSC CHSL 2018)

- (a) deployed (b) denied
 (c) dissipated (d) deprived

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 376-380): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

The two men bowed to one (1) _____ and parted. D'Artagnan found himself in a difficult (2) _____. He was going to have to (3) _____ three duels in a (4) _____ of three hours. He thought, "If they kill me, (5) _____ I shall be killed by a Musketeer.

376. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no. 1

(SSC CHSL 2018)

- (a) each (b) other
 (c) self (d) another

377. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no. 2

(SSC CHSL 2018)

- (a) location (b) relation
 (c) situation (d) station

378. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no. 3

(SSC CHSL 2018)

- (a) figure out (b) think out
 (c) fight (d) fix

379. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no. 4

(SSC CHSL 2018)

- (a) place (b) matter
 (c) gap (d) time

380. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no. 5
(SSC CHSL 2018)
- (a) maximum (b) at least
(c) least (d) even though
381. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
The Prime Minister was ___ a ceremonial welcome.
(SSC CHSL 2018)

- (a) initiated (b) extended
(c) expected (d) invited
382. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
I am quite satisfied that I have not been _____ in doing whatever was needful for building up their character.
(SSC CGL 2018)

- (a) negligent (b) devoted
(c) caring (d) affectionate
383. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Today, _____ society is literally poisoning the earth with acid rain.
(SSC CGL 2018)
- (a) cosmopolitan
(b) developing
(c) growing
(d) industrialised

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 384-388) : In the following questions, select the related word pair from the given alternatives.

In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

Marine Conservation Society is hosting the Anjarle Turtle festival 2019, aiming to make more people aware about Olive Ridley turtles. The sea (1) ___ get their names from their olive- coloured (2) ____ They grow to about two feet in (3) _____ and reportedly mate at around 1000 kilometers from the Anjarle (4) ____ These turtles come to the beach to lay (5) _____.

384. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(1)
(SSC CGL 2018)
- (a) snakes (b) fish
(c) animal (d) turtles

385. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(2)
(SSC CGL 2018)
- (a) wings (b) shells
(c) feathers (d) beaks

386. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(3)
(SSC CGL 2018)
- (a) length (b) growth
(c) weight (d) depth

387. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(4)
(SSC CGL 2018)
- (a) festival (b) beach
(c) sea (d) sand

388. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(5)
(SSC CGL 2018)
- (a) young ones (b) eggs
(c) pebbles (d) shells

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 389-398) : Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks in the given passage.

The Earth's temperature is rising (1) ____ Scientists say that the rise in the average temperature ranges from 1.8°C to 4°C. This (2) ____ in temperature is called global warming or climate change. Although it is a natural phenomenon, human action is the (3) _____ cause of global warming. The burning of fossil fuels such as petroleum and coal (4) _____ a lot of greenhouse gases into the Earth's atmosphere. Carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide are the main greenhouse gases (5) _____ for global warming. Besides greenhouse gases, deforestation is (6) _____ major cause of this problem. Global warming has led to changes in temperature and rainfall patterns which have severely (7) _____ agriculture. No one can (8) _____ that this is the most serious environmental challenge that mankind is facing today. While it is not possible to reverse the process, the rate of global warming can be checked if all the countries (9) _____ some measures. (10) _____ of the measures is the recycling and reusing articles like paper, glass, aluminum and plastic.

389. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 1.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) strongly (b) steadily (c) stability (d) simply

390. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 2.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) high (b) increase (c) incline (d) raise

391. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 3.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) major (b) slowest (c) rapid (d) mutual

392. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 4.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) realizes (b) releases (c) revives (d) Leads

393. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 5.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) responsible (b) dependent
(c) account (d) available

394. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 6.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) another (b) together (c) other (d) further

395. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 7.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) renewed (b) reduced (c) affected (d) effected

396. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 8.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) deny (b) accept (c) mean (d) regret

397. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 9.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) check (b) watch (c) adapt (d) adopt

398. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 10.
(SSC Steno 2018)
- (a) one (b) none (c) all (d) few

399. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
These medicines will be _____ only if they are taken regularly.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) useful (b) efficient
(c) affective (d) effective

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 400 -409) : Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks in the given passage.

It is essential to prepare for an interview. Interviewers like to see (1) _____ who are prepared to ask questions. (2) _____ good interviewer is going to be looking for candidates (3) _____ demonstrate that they will (4) _____ something new to the company. Think of the things you (5) _____ contribute to the organization. Looking good is also very important. (6) _____ many companies now allow (7) _____ formal clothes in the workplace, this does not mean it is no (8) _____ essential to wear neat and formal dress for an interview. The most important thing is to be yourself. (9) _____ you must never do is (10) _____ to be something you are not, in order to get the job.

400. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 1.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) individuals (b) people
(c) candidates (d) men

401. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 2.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) all (b) any (c) some (d) that

402. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 3.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) whose (b) whom (c) which (d) who

403. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 4.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) carry (b) fetch (c) take (d) bring

404. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 5.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) need (b) could (c) know (d) ought

405. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 6.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) despite (b) but (c) although (d) still

406. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 7.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) low (b) little (c) less (d) least

407. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 8.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) longer (b) need (c) more (d) further

408. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 9.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) How (b) What (c) Why (d) That

409. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 10.
(SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) like (b) have (c) try (d) want

410. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
You must _____ your goals with all seriousness if you want to succeed in your life. (SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) realize (b) pursue
(c) chase (d) direct

411. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
The library expects you to return each and every book that you have _____. (SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) borrowed (b) kept
(c) selected (d) lent

412. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
We can meet tomorrow to _____ the chief guest's programme. (SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) reveal (b) call
(c) confirm (d) declare

413. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
The truck was _____ the traffic and the policeman asked the driver to move off. (SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) obstructing (b) hiding
(c) closing (d) holding

414. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
Mr. Sharma may be late but I am sure Mr. Kapoor _____ be. (SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) would (b) can't
(c) should (d) won't

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 415-419): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.

Lord Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting was himself an army scout. During _____ (1) war in South Africa, when soldiers _____ (2) not easily available, he selected a few boys _____ (3) worked as messengers and did a wonderful _____ (4) as little scouts. Since then, the Scout Movement has _____ (5) throughout the world.

415. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1.
(SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) an (b) one
(c) any (d) a

416. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2.
(SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) were (b) are
(c) had (d) have

417. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 3,
(SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) whose (b) whom
(c) which (d) who

418. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4.
(SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) work (b) thing
(c) job (d) post

419. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 5.
(SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) spread (b) extended
(c) stretched (d) scattered

420. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
His new job is connected _____ developing software for teaching. (SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) from (b) with
(c) by (d) about

421. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
The plant will die _____ you look after it.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) if (b) unless
(c) otherwise (d) until

422. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
Next week I _____ visiting my friend and staying with him for a day.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) intending (b) intend
(c) intended (d) intends

423. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
The children had made a mess on the floor, so I asked Sana to clean _____ up.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) it (b) they
(c) them (d) its

424. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
_____ they are twins, they are worlds apart in their attitude to life.

(SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) Although (b) Despite
(c) Whereas (d) However

425. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank and make a meaningful sentence.
He _____ me up on his way to work.

(SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) picked (b) raised
(c) lifted (d) dropped

426. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
The company _____ its first all electric car in the Indian market soon.

(SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) is launching (b) launched
(c) launch (d) has launched

427. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank and make a meaningful sentence.
Conservative parents usually do not give their _____ for uncommon career choices of their children.

(SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) consent (b) agreement
(c) allowance (d) dissent

DIRECTIONS: (428-432): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

Bengaluru is becoming an exciting destination for higher education for students (12) _____ all over the world. International students (13) _____ close to 20% of the student population (14) _____ the city and this number is (15) _____ increasing. The city has almost 900 colleges-the maximum in any city (16) _____ the country.

428. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 1.
(SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) in (b) for
(c) from (d) by

429. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 2.
(SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) constitute (b) consist
(c) construct (d) collect

430. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 3.
(SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) at (b) in
(c) to (d) on

431. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 4.
(SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) readily (b) barely
(c) rarely (d) steadily

432. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 5.
(SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) about (b) along
(c) across (d) through

Directions (Qs. 433-437): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.
(SSC CGL 2019-20)

Communication plays a (1) _____ role in the overall development of man. It can be learnt by our (2) _____ efforts. Today, success in our professional life depends on our (3) _____ to read, write and speak well which results in effective communication. Barriers (4) _____ communication hinder the communication process. It is very important to (5) _____ these barriers so that the transmission of the message can be smooth.

433. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 1

- (a) better (b) total
(c) vital (d) lifeless

434. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 2

- (a) unclear (b) conscious
(c) contradictory (d) important

435. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 3

- (a) variety (b) agility
(c) facility (d) ability

436. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 4

- (a) against (b) by
(c) to (d) from

437. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 5

- (a) strengthen (b) overcome
(c) create (d) succeed

438. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.

Handle this glass table with care because it is _____.

(SSC CGL 2019-20)

- (a) volatile (b) ductile
(c) fragile (d) frugal

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

Her parents always _____ her in her studies.

(SSC MTS 2019-20)

- (a) encouraged (b) interested
(c) impressed (d) expected

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

The entry gates were closed _____ we could enter in.

(SSC MTS 2019-20)

- (a) till (b) before
(c) after (d) until

441. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
 _____ you like some water? (SSC MTS 2019-20)
 (a) Do (b) Would
 (c) Shall (d) Can
442. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
 We must start now _____ it will be too late.
 (SSC MTS 2019-20)
 (a) until (b) unless
 (c) or (d) but

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 443-447): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

The choices we make in life determine who we are. One's life is (1) _____ marked by the exemplary choices one has made (2) _____ one's journey. The mega icon Ratan Tata has described his journey (3) _____ being a seven-year-old boy who played his (4) _____ the freedom struggle to being moved by the plight of a family on a two-wheeler which became the genesis of the world's most (5) _____ car the Tata Nano.

(SSC CHSL 2019-20)

443. Select the most appropriate option for blank number 1.
 (a) rarely (b) often
 (c) seldom (d) never
444. Select the most appropriate option for blank number 2.
 (a) toward (b) into
 (c) along (d) upon
445. Select the most appropriate option for blank number 3.
 (a) above (b) for
 (c) though (d) from
446. Select the most appropriate option for blank number 4.
 (a) part in (b) part of
 (c) part from (d) part with
447. Select the most appropriate option for blank number 5.
 (a) economical (b) economize
 (c) economic (d) economist
448. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
 Those earning less than '10,000 are _____ from paying income tax. (SSC CHSL 2019-20)
 (a) adjusted (b) exempted
 (c) collected (d) accepted
449. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
 The teacher _____ the student for cheating.
 (SSC CHSL 2019-20)
 (a) refused (b) invoked
 (c) praised (d) rebuked
450. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
 The door _____ in the strong wind.
 (SSC CGL 2020-21)
 (a) Slammed (b) Hooted
 (c) sizzled (d) slapped

451. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
 The advanced nations face no population problem since they were already settling down to zero growth _____ in population.
 (SSC CGL 2020-21)
 (a) scale (b) degree
 (c) rate (d) frequency
452. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
 Scientists all over the world are engaged in _____ how to find a vaccine for COVID-19. (SSC CHSL 2020-21)
 (a) Scrutinizing (b) Researching
 (c) Investigating (d) Inspecting
453. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
 The marketing of answer papers is _____ out by the course teacher. (SSC CHSL 2020-21)
 (a) crossed (b) checked
 (c) done (d) carried
454. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
 Watching one's pet cat is therapeutic and can make one quite _____ to the real world outside.
 (SSC MTS 2020-21)
 (a) obvious (b) envious
 (c) studious (d) oblivious
455. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
 Did you visit _____ Nehru Planetarium in Delhi during the eclipse? (SSC MTS 2020-21)
 (a) a (b) the
 (c) any (d) an
456. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
 _____ you please help me with my computer?
 (SSC MTS 2020-21)
 (a) May (b) Dare
 (c) Shall (d) Could
457. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
 I like to go on a trip with Rahul as he is cheerful and _____.
 (SSC MTS 2020-21)
 (a) easy-going (b) closed
 (c) uncaring (d) tense
458. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
 The evidence in the murder case _____ presented before the jury. (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)
 (a) had (b) has (c) were (d) was
459. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
 He fell _____ the swing in the garden.
 (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)
 (a) off (b) away (c) below (d) along
460. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
 There _____ considerable room for improvement in your drawing. (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)
 (a) is (b) be (c) are (d) were
461. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.
 The mid-day meal ensures _____ each child studying in a government school has at least one nutritious meal a day.
 (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)
 (a) those (b) that (c) this (d) these

462. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word. She is eagerly waiting for the day when she _____ to her fiancé. (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)
 (a) will marries (b) has married
 (c) gets married (d) got marry
463. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank. Let us know _____ you change your mind. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)
 (a) however (b) although
 (c) suppose (d) in case
464. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank. I'm sure I _____ them at the party last night. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)
 (a) was seeing (c) saw
 (b) am seeing (d) have seen
465. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank. We respect you but we don't agree _____ your ideas. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)
 (a) for (b) to (c) by (d) with
466. Select the most appropriate words to fill in the blanks. Today computer viruses spread _____ a dizzying speed _____ way of file downloads. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)
 (a) by; by (b) at; from (c) at; by (d) in; from
467. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank. I _____ something burning now. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)
 (a) smelt (b) have been smelling
 (c) smell (d) have smelt

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1. (a) was it? – is the correct question tag
 2. (c) Must have a dentist filling is the correct use of tense.
 3. (d) Correct use of tense in the given context
 4. (c) Alone supports the preposition 'into'
 5. (d) It means a striking alteration in appearance, character etc.
 6. (a) Idiom **take cognizance of something** means: to understand or consider something to take notice of something.
 7. (b) Whoever wins is the correct use
 8. (a) The word **wither** means : to become less or weaker.
 9. (b) Accountable to God for his actions is the correct use.
 10. (c) Didn't he? – is the correct question tag.
 11. (c) Correct use of past tense
 12. (c) Correct use for saying where information or ideas have come from.
 13. (c) Unless the conjunction is correctly used here for saying that if something does not happen, something else will happen.
 14. (a) Poachers are those people who catch and kill animals illegally and thus, it is the right option in the given context.
 15. (d) Correct use of type 3 conditional.
 16. (a) correct use of zero infinitive
 17. (b) I assume that every one agrees is correct use.
 18. (c) Preserving is the right option in the given context.
 19. (d) Correct use of conditional
 20. (a) Head in the phrasal verb here means to begin.
 21. (a) 22. (c) 23. (a) 24. (b) 25. (d)
 26. (c) 27. (b) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (b)
 31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (a) 34. (c) 35. (d)
 36. (b) 37. (d) 38. (c) 39. (a) 40. (b)
 41. (b) Two days ahead of conventional date is correct use as the fixed date february 26 is given.
 42. (c) Sorry for the correct prepositional use
 62. (c) 63. (d) 64. (a)
 65. (a) correct use of tense
 66. (b) Huddle : come close in a group
 67. (b) Right use of as - as comparison
 68. (c) No matter is used to say that the truth of a statement is not changed or affected by the way a situation is thought about or described.
 69. (b) Conducive to is the correct prepositional use.
 70. (b) 71. (c) 72. (b) 73. (a) 74. (b)
 75. (d) 76. (a) 77. (c) 78. (c) 79. (b)
 80. (a) 81. (c) 82. (d) 83. (a) 84. (b)
 85. (c) 86. (d) 87. (a) 88. (b) 89. (c)
 90. (d) 91. (a) 92. (d) 93. (a) 94. (b)
 95. (a) 96. (c) 97. (c) 98. (b) 99. (a)
 100. (a)
 101. (a) Utilize means to use something, especially for a practical purpose
 102. (b) **Dilly-dally** means to take too long to do something, go somewhere or make a decision.
 103. (c) **Adept** means good at doing something; skilful. Adopt means to take some-body's child into your family.
 104. (a) **Penultimate** means before the last one.
 105. (a) Pugnacious = having a strong desire to fight with other people
 Malicious = having or showing hatred and a desire to harm somebody
 Sagacious = showing good judgement
 Tenacious = persistent; continuing to exist
 106. (c) All is not well in is the correct use.
 107. (b) **Tie-up** = an agreement between two companies to join together.
 108. (a) **Slip into** = to go in earlier situation.
 109. (c) Here, Simple Past should be used.
 110. (a) **Come of** = to be the result of something.
 111. (b) Since is usually followed by a time expression ('last

44. (a) Needn't worry is correct
 45. (d) Site which means location is the correct use.
 46. (a) Motif means a pattern or design.
 47. (d) had recognised is the correct tense
 48. (d) so shall you reap is correct.
 49. (c) On is the correct use of preposition
 50. (b) correct use of to infinitive
 51. (d) 52. (b) 53. (d) 54. (a) 55. (d)
 56. (c) Because
 57. (a) Healthy
 58. (a) In spite of
 59. (c) Decrepit
 60. (d) Sporadic
 61. (d) dispense with is the correct phrasal verb

- perfect in the other clause.
 112. (a) spiritual discourse
 113. (c) 114. (a) 115. (d) 116. (b) 117. (d)
 118. (c) 119. (b) 120. (c)
 121. (a) **Dependent on** = needing somebody/ something in order to survive or be successful; affected or decided by something.
 122. (b) **Take your leave** = to say good bye.
 123. (c)
 124. (d) **Combat** = to stop something unpleasant or harmful from happening.
 125. (d) **Deal with** = to be about something.
 Example: Her poems often deal with the subject of death.

126. (a) The word 'prejudice' will fill in the blank because here, it means something or opinion which is not based on reason or experience and hence, it seems to get conflicted with original thoughts
 127. (d) The phrase 'as well as of a' will fill in the blank as children are considered to shape the future of a nation along with carrying the goodwill of a family.
 128. (b) The word 'averted' will fill in the blank. It is also the synonym for the word 'avoid' and hence it can be understood that if strict measures were taken then the tragedy would have been avoided.
 129. (a) The word 'behind' will fill in the blank. The sentence means that the deceased (the person who recently died), left behind him children.
 130. (d) The phrase 'stands as' will fill in the blank because it means to signify.
 131. (c) 'Take over', here, means came into force or effect
 132. (b) interesting, exciting or fortunate
 133. (a) with; into, here, it means consisting of and plunged
 134. (a) heavily or massively
 135. (d) with is the right preposition
 136. (a) accomplished, proficient or skilful
 137. (d) Over; Advantage over means to have an edge.
 138. (c) of, here it means cured of, get rid of to be free
 139. (c) is, as it is a singular word
 140. (a) Hand over or give the responsibility to other person
 141. (a) 142. (d) 143. (c) 144. (a) 145. (c)
 146. (a) The correct word that will fit the blank is 'impudence'. 'Impudence' means 'not to show the proper respect'. Hence, the word suits the meaning of the sentence.
 147. (b) The correct word that will fit the blank is 'feeble'. 'Feeble' means 'weak'. Hence, the word suits the meaning of the sentence.
 148. (a) The correct word that will fit the blank is 'retrieve'. 'Retrieve' means to 'get or bring back'. Hence, the word aptly suits the meaning of the sentence.
 149. (c) The correct word that will fit the blank is 'over'. As it is given in the sentence, 'make over' means to 'renew or renovate something'. Hence, the preposition 'over' will suit the meaning of the sentence.
 150. (c) The correct word that will fit the blank is 'augurs'. 'Augurs' means 'something that will proceed well'. Hence,
 151. (d) The treasure was hidden off the shore. When something is hidden "off the shore," it just means that it's hidden somewhere near it.
 152. (d) Is not learning superior to wealth?
 153. (d) A group of agitators incited the mob to break down the Vice-Chancellor's door. (Incited means encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behaviour).
 154. (b) Turn the lights off before you go to bed.
 155. (d) There is no factual evidence to support your assertion.
 156. (a) Throw a stone at the fierce dog. To throw a stone to someone is so that they catch it, though if they do not you might unintentionally hit them with the stone instead. But, to throw a Stone at someone is intentionally to hit them with the stone.
 157. (d) It is cool today, isn't it? is the right question tag
 158. (c) The book ultimately reached the person to whom it belonged.
 159. (c) Besides being reputed, he is famous for his humility.
 160. (c) There was a queue of people in the rain, patiently waiting to get onto the coach. Onto has the word to in it, which reminds us that its meaning includes the sense of movement towards something. The preposition on does not have this sense of movement, and it tells you only about location.
 161. (a) I had a terrible dream last night.
 162. (c) Mr. Ahamad went through a very tough time, when he incurred a loss in his business.
 163. (c) The lawyer advised the convict not to hold back anything.
 164. (a) Hospital services across the capital were disrupted for three hours due to the strike.
 165. (d) The school Annual Sports Day is postponed and it would now be held on the 14th of next month. The sentence is in passive form of past participle.
 166. (a) The coach leaves at 5:20, so get to the station before that.
 167. (c) Delhi is the capital of India. (The sentence is in present tense).
 168. (c) People from all parts of the country come to Delhi.
 169. (d) There are many historical buildings.
 170. (a) People visit the Rajghat, Shantivan and Vijaygath.
 171. (d) We visited Delhi last year with our cousins.

- other country except Russia. [except means other than, accept means consent, expect means to anticipate and access means entrance].
152. (a) The masks worn by the men helped them conceal their identity. Conceal means hide.
153. (b) On the auspicious occasion of Laxmi puja, the Mathurs bought a new car.
154. (b) Precautions are to be taken with anyone who seems infectious. [infectious means likely to transmit or spread in a rapid manner. Contagious and diseased is not used in this context because they refers to already having infection].
178. (a) We will visit Agra and Jaipur next time.
179. (b) The Red Fort of Delhi and Hawa Mahal of Jaipur were very famous.
180. (d) for their Mughal and Rajasthani architecture respectively.
181. (d) Pursue means carry out or participate in an activity; be involved in or go in search of or hunt for something. Ex: She pursued many activities.
182. (c) Making is in singular; hence, 'is' the correct helping verb.
183. (d) Infested with is the correct prepositional phrase in the given context.

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184. (d) On foot means running or walking using the feet. Example—My car won't work so I have to travel on foot. We go everywhere around the campus on foot. He went there on foot.
185. (a) Up and about means no longer in bed (after sleep or an illness).
186. (a) Arrive means to reach a destination by movement or progress; happen denotes an event coming to pass (in time, so that it is real and actual at some time); occur also means (of an event) coming to pass (in time, so that it is real and actual at some time); come means happen or arrive, example: Dawn comes early in June.
187. (c) The phrase call up here denotes having and bringing to mind a memory of something; bringing back knowledge from memory.
188. (c) Up (one's) sleeve means hidden but ready to be used: He still has a few tricks up his sleeve.
189. (d) The phrase day by day means gradually and progressively; "his health is weakening day by day."
190. (b) The police could only fire the mob when it turned violent.
191. (b) 192. (a) 193. (a) 194. (c) 195. (a)
196. (a) The phrase means to reach the necessary stated standard
197. (c) 'Keep up' means move or progress at the same rate.
198. (a) 'Came' is the correct use of tense
199. (b) 'Slowdown' means a decline or a reduction.
200. (c) Consists of means comprises of
201. (a) Have you heard is correct use.
202. (d) Here 'remarked' refers to giving your opinion about something or stating a fact.
203. (c) Since 'irritable' means showing a tendency to be easily annoyed, it is the correct option.
204. (d) 205. (c) 206. (a) 207. (b) 208. (c)
209. (c) 210. (d) 211. (c) 212. (b) 213. (b)
214. (b) 215. (a) 216. (c) 217. (a) 218. (c)
219. (b) Since 'observe' means to watch something carefully, it is correct option
220. (d) Since 'heavenly' means belonging to the heavens or sky, it is the correct option in the given context.
221. (c) 'With' is the right preposition.
222. (a) Since 'astronomers' are the experts who study the stars and planets using scientific equipments such as
223. (b) I have no either is the correct option in the given context.
239. (d) 240. (c) 241. (a) 242. (d) 243. (b)
244. (c) 245. (c) 246. (d) 247. (c) 248. (b)
249. (a) 250. (c) 251. (c) 252. (b) 253. (a)
254. (a) 255. (c) 256. (a) 257. (b) 258. (d)
259. (a) 260. (d) 261. (d) 262. (c) 263. (c)
264. (c) 265. (b) 266. (b) 267. (b) 268. (a)
269. (c) 270. (a) 271. (c) 272. (b) 273. (d)
274. (d) 275. (d) 276. (b) 277. (a) 278. (b)
279. (c) 280. (c) 281. (c) 282. (b) 283. (c)
284. (b) 285. (c) 286. (a) 287. (a) 288. (b)
289. (c) 290. (d) 291. (b) 292. (d) 293. (c)
294. (d) 295. (b) 296. (c) 297. (b) 298. (b)
299. (b) 300. (d) 301. (b) 302. (d) 303. (c)
304. (a) 305. (a) 306. (d) 307. (c) 308. (b)
309. (a) 310. (b) 311. (b) 312. (a) 313. (c)
314. (d) 315. (a) 316. (d) 317. (a) 318. (b)
319. (a) 320. (b) 321. (a) 322. (d)
323. (c) 'Expertise' refers to expert knowledge or skill in a particular subject or activity. 'Financial expertise' is the correct usage in the given context.
324. (d) 'Exploit' means to treat someone unfairly to get benefit for yourself. In the given context, it is the most appropriate usage of the word.
325. (c) Since, the sentence refers to something that has happened in present tense. So, the its verb form should be in present perfect tense. Only option (c) is in the appropriate tense.
326. (c) The 'of' after the blank indicates that there should be a noun in the blank. In the given context 'emergence of powerful internet monopolies' makes the most appropriate sense.
327. (b) There is comparative form 'bigger' before the blank. It should be followed by 'than' to make the sentence correct.
328. (a) In the given context, 'Virtues of monopoly' is the correct usage.
329. (d) The phrase 'freeze out' means to prevent someone from taking part in something. In the given context, its use is appropriate.
330. (d) 'qualified' is the most appropriate word.
331. (b) 'fall away' is the most appropriate option.

228. (c) 229. (d) 230. (a)
 231. (a) 'On' is the correct prepositional use
 232. (c) delighted is the correct use of tense
 233. (c) 'Preliminary discussions' means 'initial discussions'
 234. (b) has been deteriorating is the correct tense.
 235. (c) at is the correct preposition
 236. (d) Mudslides do not erupt, they trigger.
 237. (a) 'A' university is the correct use of article. We can't use 'An' before university because despite the pureness of 'U' in the word (which is a vowel), it does not have a vowel pronunciation.

334. (b) 'with' is the most appropriate option.
 335. (b) 'best' is the most appropriate word.
 336. (a) 'rejoice' is the most appropriate word.
 337. (c) 'period' is the most appropriate word.
 338. (d) 'face' is the most appropriate word.
 339. (a) 'ambitions' is the most appropriate word.
 340. (b) 'inspiration' is the most appropriate option.
 341. (a) 'moment' is the most appropriate option.
 342. (c) 'jotted' is the most appropriate option.
 343. (a) 'absolutely' is the most appropriate option.
 344. (a) 'impossible' is the most appropriate option.

345. (c) 'skill' is the most appropriate option.
 346. (d) 'whether' is the most appropriate option.
 347. (a) 'possess' is the most appropriate option.
 348. (b) 'unique' is the most appropriate option.
 349. (b) 'communications' is the most appropriate option.
 350. (b) 'style' is the most appropriate option.
 351. (c) 'period' is the most appropriate option.
 352. (a) 'distinctly' is the most appropriate option.
 353. (b) 'describe' is the most appropriate option.
 354. (d) 'artists' is the most appropriate option.
 355. (a) 'movements' is the most appropriate option.
 356. (d) 'similarities' is the most appropriate option.
 357. (a) 'limitations' is the most appropriate option.
 358. (a) 'movements' is the most appropriate option.
 359. (c) 'periods' is the most appropriate option.
 360. (b) 'for' is the most appropriate word.
 361. (c) 'and' is the most appropriate word.
 362. (a) 'before' is the most appropriate word.
 363. (b) 'of' is the most appropriate word.
 364. (b) 'amused' is the most appropriate word.
 365. (b) As soon as this workshop is over, I am going to abandon every duty and go on a holiday.
 366. (c) She draws great pleasure and satisfaction from cooking.
 367. (c) Poetry is a compressed form of expression in which the particularity of the word and the image to evoke feeling, assumes great importance.
 368. (a) He was so filled with contempt for the prisoner that he gave him a humiliated look.
 369. (c) Next summer, we are going on a trip to Canada.
 370. (b) Romeo and Juliet's covert affair is probably the most loved of all times.
 371. (b) The ascent towards the school was very steep. [Ascent means go up or climb.]
 372. (a) Some interesting matters came up in our discussion yesterday.
 373. (b) He loaded the bales of cotton on the truck. [Bales mean large quantity of something tied together tightly]
 374. (d) Anything is possible which is not against the nature of things.
 375. (d) The use of 'deprived' makes the sentence meaningful. Rest of the options are contextually incorrect.
 383. (d) The most appropriate word is the adjective 'industrialised' which means 'Develop industries in (a country or region) on a wide scale, 'the industrialized nations'. Other options do not fit into the context.
 384. (d) The word 'turtles' has already been mentioned in the paragraph, hence the correct option (a).
 385. (b) Turtles are reptiles which have shells. Other options are related to 'birds'.
 386. (a) The sentence talks of the turtles being grown which must be in length, hence, option (a).
 387. (b) Since the paragraph talks of the mating place of turtles, it must be on the beach.
 388. (b) Most of reptiles including turtles lay eggs.
 389. (b) 390. (b) 391. (a) 392. (b) 393. (a) 394. (a)
 395. (c) 396. (a) 397. (d) 398. (a) 399. (d) 400. (c)
 401. (b) 402. (d) 403. (d) 404. (b) 405. (c) 406. (c)
 407. (a) 408. (b) 409. (c)
 410. (b) 'pursue' is the most suitable word to make the sentence contextually correct.
 411. (a)
 412. (c) 'Confirm' is the most appropriate word to use in this sentence.
 413. (a) 'obstructing' is the correct word to fill the blank correctly. Obstruct means to block or get in the way.
 414. (d) The use of 'won't' makes the sentence contextually correct.
 415. (d) 416. (a) 417. (d) 418. (c) 419. (a) 420. (b)
 421. (b) 422. (b)
 423. (a) 'Clean it up' is a phrasal verb which means to make a place clean and tidy.
 424. (a) Here two contrasting situations are mentioned so conjunction 'although' is correct choice.
 425. (b) 'picked' is the correct option as 'raised' and 'lifted' are used to improve level of something, 'lifted' to take something up by hand and 'dropped up' is not possible.
 426. (a) launched and 'has launched' are used when the action has taken place and 'launch' shows regularity but the action is going to happen so 'is launching' is the correct answer other options do not fit correct.
 427. (a) 'Consent' is the correct option 'agreement' and 'allowance' (informer) are used formally and dissent does not make proper sense.

378. (c) From the later part of the passage, it can be ascertained that 'fight' will be the correct word to fill the blank.
379. (b) 'Matter' is the most appropriate word to be used here.
380. (b) Use of 'at least' makes the sentence meaningful and contextually correct.
381. (b) Extended
382. (a) Negligent means failing to take proper care over something. Devoted means very loving or loyal; caring means displaying kindness and concern for others and affectionate means readily feeling or showing fondness or tenderness.
429. (a) 'Constituted' means 'to be one of the parts that form something' is the correct option.
'Construct' means 'to build or make something'
'Consist' means be composed or made up of
'Collect' means 'to gather something'
430. (b) 'In' is the correct preposition before the place name (city)
431. (d) The word 'steadily' means 'in a regular way, continuously' is the correct option.
432. (c) Preposition 'across' is the correct option.

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433. (c) Vital
The word 'vital' means *important, significant* is the right option. Other options are not correct contextually.
434. (b) Options (a) and (c) are get eliminated being irrelevant here. The word 'conscious' is the more suitable word than 'important'. Hence, option (b) is the right option.
435. (d) Ability
If someone is able to read, write and speak then his chances of success get higher. Hence, option (d) is the right answer.
436. (c) Preposition 'to' is the right option in the given context grammatically.
437. (b) *Overcome* means defeat or conquer (passivity, evil, barriers). Hence, option (b) is the right answer.
438. (c) Fragile
Fragile means easily broken; damaged.
Frugal means persons who live frugal lives do not eat much or spend much.
Volatility and ductility are not the properties of glass. Hence, option (c) is the right option.
439. (a) Encouraged which is option a is the correct response as the rest of the options don't make much sense.
440. (b) The hint is- doors were closed. Thus, the response is before we could enter it.
441. (b) 'Would' you like some water? Would is used to express an intention or plan after a verb in a past tense.
442. (c) We must start now 'or' it will be too late. Two alternatives are stated here one says we must leave now and the other says it will be too late. The word or links these alternatives.
443. (b) The tone of the sentence is a general one so we use 'often'.
444. (c) Along means moving a constant direction.
445. (d) From here indicates a starting point and the mention when he was a seven year old is a starting point.
446. (a) part in- indicates to be involved in.
447. (a) Economical- means giving good value.
448. (b) Exempted means to be free from a liability imposed on words which go together like- sit down and stand up etc.
452. (c) Because the question states that scientists are engaged in finding out a vaccine for Covid, the word for it is investigating and not researching. As verbs the difference between investigate and research is that investigate is to inquire into or study, while research is to search or examine. Therefore, the answer is option c- investigating.
453. (d) Carried out: to put into execution.
454. (d) Oblivious means to not be aware of the real world outside. Option (d) -oblivious is the correct response as other options don't fit in.
455. (b) Nehru Planetarium is not common noun that article 'a' will be employed. It does not begin with vowels -AEIOU, that article 'an' should be employed. Its only one singular entity, so any cannot be used. Therefore, 'The' is used here as it's a proper noun.
456. (d) 'Could you please help me with my computer?' is the appropriate words to fill in the blank as the rest of the options are not grammatically correct.
457. (a) Someone who is cheerful is often easy-going as well.
458. (d) 'Was' is a past simple of 'be'. When something is to take place we use 'be' and when it has taken place we use 'was'.
459. (a) Off as a preposition means moving away and often down from.
460. (a) 'Is' is the third person singular of the present tense of be.
461. (b) That is sometimes used to state an idea.
462. (c) Because of the preposition 'to' it will be simple past tense 'gets married'.
463. (d) In case- as a provision against something happening or being true. However and although are used to negate an already stated statement. And suppose is hypothetical/ to think of something as true or probable. Therefore, in case is the correct response.
464. (b) 'last night' serves as a hint that it's in the past tense so

449. (d)
450. (a) Slammed means shut forcefully or loudly. 'Strong wind' in the sentence is a hint which suggests that the door shut loudly due to it.
451. (c) Option (c) is the correct response. 'Growth rate' goes well together and thus is a collocation. Collocations are
452. (a) Preposition 'with' means someone or something's possessions, qualities. For example in the given sentence its stated that 'I don't agree 'with' your ideas. These ideas belong to someone and therefore the usage of with.
466. (c) At is used to describe the object's location. Whereas, 'by' is used to indicate the means of achieving something.
467. (c) The sentence is in simple present tense and thus 'smell'.



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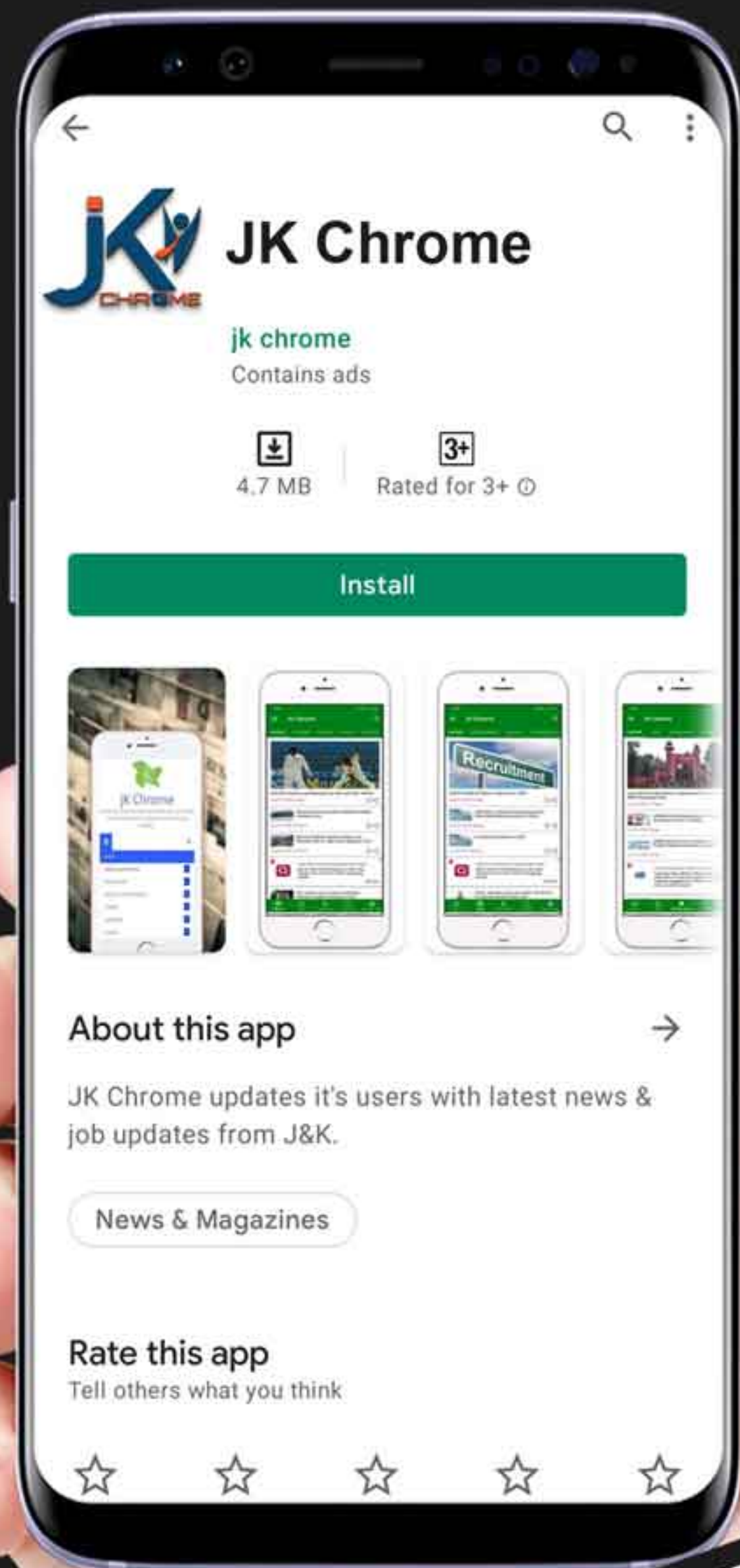
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