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## Reasoning

## Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

## Question 1

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

A Festoon

B Garnish

C Adorn

D Demolish
Answer: D

## Question 2

Find the unlike pair of words

A tomcat: queen cat
B chick: hen

C ant: queen ant

D stag: doe
Answer: B

## Question 3

In a distinct code language ATISH is written as AHIST and MAHEK is written as AEHKM. In that language, how will NARGIS be written?

A ANIGRS

B ANGIRS

C AGINRS
D AGNIRS
Answer: C

Question 4
A, B, C, D, E,F, G and H are sitting in a circle in the same order for lunch at equal distances. Their positions are clockwise. If $\mathbf{C}$ is sitting in the cast, then what is be the position of $\mathbf{G}$ ?

A South-east

B West
C North-east

## D East

Answer: B

## Question 5

Find the odd letter.

A N

B I

C B

D P
Answer: B

## Question 6

Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term.
Humble: Courteous :: Destitute:?

A Poor

B Sufficient

C Well off

D Rich
Answer: A

## Question 7

Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term.
EK: MS :: AG: ?

A 10

B IJ
C IM
D JP
Answer: A

## Question 8

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series.
43, 48, 58, 73,

A 83

B 78
C 88

D 93
Answer: D

## Question 9

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series.
GJM, KLN, ONO,

A SRS

B SOP

C SPP

D SQQ
Answer: C

## Question 10

Select the term that is related to third term in the same way as second term is related to first term. 17: 306: : 13 : ?

A 275

B 182
C 144

D 169
Answer: B

## Question 11

Which one set of letters when sequentially placed at the gaps in the given letter series would complete it?
ybb _ byy _ y _ byb_yby

A $y$ ybb
B ybby
C ccyc

D yb yb
Answer: B

## Question 12

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series.
16, 15, 12, 7 , $\qquad$

A 0

B -2
C 1

D 2
Answer: A

## Question 13

Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term.
3:90, $5: 130:: 7:$ $\qquad$ 9:738

A 2540
B 2450

C 2504
D 2405
Answer: B

Question 14
In a code language. DRONE is written as WILMV How will DONKEY be written in that code language?

A WLPVMB
B WLVMPB

C WLPMVB

D WLMPVB
Answer: D

## Question 15

Choose the alternative which most closely resembles the mirror image of the given word when mirror is placed at XY line.


A


B


C

D


Answer: D

Question 16
Six friends - A, B, C, D, E and F are sitting in a circle facing center. F is sitting immediate left of A and B is sitting opposite to $E$. A and $D$ is sitting opposite to each other. Who is sitting opposite to F?

A A

B E

C C

D F
Answer: C

## Question 17

Find out the two signs to be interchanged for making following equation correct.
$18-2 \times 7 \div 6+10=67$

A - and :

B $\times$ and :

C + and $x$

D + and -
Answer: A

## Question 18

Select the option that will fill in the blank and complete the given series.
ZCC, XEE, VGG, $\qquad$ RKK

A TII

B RGG

C SII
D SGG
Answer: A

Question 19
Rahman went from his office to the district headquarters. He started his journey facing West. First, he went 20 km straight; then he turned to his left and went 9 km ; finally, he turned right and went 20 km to reach the district headquarters.
What is the shortest distance between Ftahman's office and the district headquarters?

A 24.5 km

B 49 km

C 41 km

D 34.5 km
Answer: C

## Question 20

Select the option that will come next in the given series.


D
E

A


B


C


D


Answer: A

## Question 21

In a morning after sunrise, a boy rode his bicycle 4 km towards West. Then he took right turn and rode 6 $\mathbf{k m}$ then he took right turn and rode 6 km to reach his school. In which direction the School is form the starling point?

A North-West

B North-East

C South-East
D South-West
Answer: B

## Question 22

Select the option that is related to the fourth term in the same way as the first term is related to the second term.
Kind : Altruistic :: ? : Lamenting

A Anger

B Sad

C Truth
D Joy
Answer: B

Question 23
Four words have been given out of which three are alike in some manner. while one is different. Choose the odd one.

A Gold
B Platinum
C Silver

D Ruby
Answer: D

Question 24
Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series. AKT, BLU, CMV, DNW, ......

A FOY

B FOX
C EOY

D EOX

## Answer: D

## Question 25

Select the Venn diagram that best represents the given set of classes.
Ostriches, Snakes, Frogs

A


B


C


D


Answer: D

Question 26
If ' + ' is ' $\times$ ', ' - ' is ' + ', ' $\times$ ' is ' $\div$ ' and ' $\div$ ' is ' - ',then what will be the value of the following expression? $6+\stackrel{2}{3}^{-}-\stackrel{1}{2} \div{ }_{4}^{4} \times 9$

A $\quad \begin{aligned} & 35 \\ & 21\end{aligned}$
B $\quad \begin{aligned} & 53 \\ & 12\end{aligned}$

C $\quad \begin{aligned} & 35 \\ & 12\end{aligned}$
D $\quad \begin{aligned} & 53 \\ & 21\end{aligned}$
Answer: B

## Question 27

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

A Temple

B House

C Park

D School
Answer: B

## Question 28

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series.
6, 11, 20, 45, 134, .......

A 497
B 749

C 479

D 794
Answer: C

Question 29
Choose the odd number pair.

A $32: 19$
B 43:95

C 21:51

D 58: 26
Answer: D

## Question 30

If ' $\div$ ' means ' + ', ' - ' means ' $\div$ ', ' $\times$ ' means ' - ', and ' + ' mean ' $\times$ ' then find the value of $24 \quad 8 \div 6 \quad 4 \times 7$ $83 \times 19$

A 5

B 1

C 4

D 7
Answer: C

## Question 31

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series.
4, 5, 14, 39, 88, 169,

A 209
B 200

C 290

D 299
Answer: C

## Question 32

Choose the odd number pair.

A 2564: 21

B 3797:42

C 1479:83

D 4632: 23
Answer: D

## Question 33

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

A Scurvy

B Rickets

C Phosphorus
D Goitre
Answer: C

## Question 34

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series.
$16,2,15,4,13,7,10,11,6$,

A 17

B 14
C $\quad 15$

D 16
Answer: D

Question 35
In a code language. SWEET is written as RXDFS. and PLATE is written as OMZUD. How will TRAIN. be written in that code language?

A USBJO
B UQBHO

C SSZJM
D SQZHM
Answer: C

## Question 36

Select a flame from amongst the four alternatives; which when placed in the blank space (?) of figure would complete the pattern (rotation is NOT allowed).


A


B


C


D


Answer: B

## Question 37

The statements below are followed by two conclusions labeled II and II. Assuming that the information in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with generally established facts, decide which conclusion(s) logically and definitely follow(s) from the information given in the statements.
Statements:
All books are grapes.
Some grapes are fruits.
Conclusions:
I. No grape is a book.
II. Some grapes are books.

A Either conclusion I or conclusion II follows.
B Only conclusion II follows.
C Only conclusion I follows.

D Both conclusions I and II follow.
Answer: B

Question 38
Choose the odd number pair.

A 123:49
B 912: 144

C 324:100

D 813:169
Answer: B

Question 39
Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series. BPCW, DPEW, FPGW, ........., JPKW

A IPHW
B HPIW

C HPJW
D IPJW
Answer: B

## Question 40

Select the Venn diagram that best represents the given set of classes.
Social Science, Psychology, Sociology

A


B


C


D


Answer: B

## Question 41

In a class, five children wrote aptitude test.
In the result report, it was noted that the child A got less marks than the child B. The child C got less marks than the child $D$. The child $B$ is got less mark than the child $C$ and child $A$ got more marks than the child E. which child got the second highest marks?

A D
B B

C C

D A
Answer: C

## Question 42

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series.
22, 4, 16, 24, 6, 36, 26, 8, 64, 28, 10, ......

A 3
B 100

C 30

D 9

Answer: B

Question 43
Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series.
3, 7, 11, 15, .....

A 19
B 18

C 21

D 23
Answer: A

## Question 44

Kedar starts from his house and travels 25 km towards the south by bicycle and reaches the bus stand. Then he takes a left turn and travels 15 km, take takes a left turn again and travels 25 km more. How far is he from his original position?

A 10 km

B $\quad 15 \mathrm{~km}$

C 25 km
D 20 km
Answer: B

Question 45
Select the option that will come next in the given series.


A


B


C


A


B


C


D


Answer: C

## Question 46

The statements below are followed by two conclusions labeled I and II. Assuming that the information in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with generally established facts, decide which conclusion(s) logically and definitely follow(s) from the information given in the statements.

## Statements:

All whites are pink.
All greens are pink.

## Conclusion:

I. Some pinks are green.
II. Some pinks are white.

A Only conclusion I follows.
B Only conclusion II follows.
C Both conclusions follow.

D Either conclusion I or conclusion II follows.
Answer: C

## Question 47

Select the correct option that will fill in the blank and complete the series.
JBKA, LBMA, NBOA, ........

A PQBA

B PBQA

C PABQ

D PAQB
Answer: B

## Question 48

If moon is called sea, sea is called water, water is called air, air is called sun and sun is called river, then what gives us light and heat?

A Sun
B Water

C River
D Sea
Answer：C

Question 49
Out of the given four words，three words are similar in some way whereas one word is different．Choose the different word．

A Hole：Driller

B Cut：Knife

C Photo：Frame

D Paint：Brush
Answer：C

Question 50
Choose the alternative which most closely resembles the mirror image of the given word when mirror is placed at XY line．

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A ävjor

B G $⿴ 囗 十$

C $\quad$ ヨコヘ702

D $\boxed{\exists \wedge \wedge 70 S}$
Answer：A

## General knowledge

## Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually
Question 51
The folk dance LAVANI is associated with the state of

A Gujarat
B Maharashtra

C Madhya Pradesh
D Rajasthan
Answer: B

## Question 52

Thar desert is also known as $\qquad$

A Great desert of South Asia
B The great Indian desert
C Desert of Asia
D Desert of the East
Answer: B

## Question 53

Most rivers in India pour their water into the $\qquad$

A Indian Ocean

B Bay of Bengal
C Lakshadweep Sea

D Arabian Sea
Answer: B

Question 54
Who was Dantidurga?

A Travancore chief

B Mysore chief

C Rashtrakuta chief

D Malabar chief

## Answer: C

## Question 55

Which Governor General decided that Bahadur Shah Zafar would be the last Mughal king and after his death, none of the descendants would be recognized as kings?

A Irvin

B Hastings

C George
D Canning
Answer: D

Question 56
In which year was the first battle of Tarain fought?

A 1100

B 1291
C 1391
D 1191
Answer: D

Question 57
Hand gestures used in Indian classical dances are called $\qquad$

A Mudra

B Karah

C Padah

D Vadanam
Answer: A

Question 58
Pedapalli district, which is ranked as the third cleanest district in India as per Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018, is in which State?

A Sikkim

B Manipur

C Telangana
D Karnataka
Answer: C

## Question 59

The first shooter from India to claim a gold medal at the Youth Olympic Games is $\qquad$

A Rahi Sarnobat

B Manu Bhaker

C Jitu Rai
D Sanjeev Rajput

Answer: B

## Question 60

Awarded with the Tagore Award for cultural harmony in 2016, Ram Vanji Suthar is a famous $\qquad$

A Musician

B Dancer

C Sculptor

D Painter
Answer: C

Question 61
The $\qquad$ Constitution is the longest in the world.

A American

B Indian

C Canada

D New Zealand
Answer: B

## Question 62

As per the ranking undertaken by Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2018, which district is the second cleanest in India?

A Dehradun
B Agra
C Rewari

D Cochin
Answer: C

## Question 63

As on 2018 which is the longest river bridge in India?

A Dunila-Solahpur
B Godavari Sethu
C Diga- Sonpur

D Dhola- Sadiya
Answer: D

## Question 64

In 2018, who received the prestigious Hridaynath award for Life time achievement?

A Asha Bhonsle

B KJ Yesudas

C K S Chitra

D Mohammed Zahur Khayyam
Answer: D

## Question 65

Name the National park in which 23 lions reportedly died in 2018?

A Jim Corbett National Park
B Ranthampore National Park

C Gir Sanctuary

D Kanha National Park
Answer: C

Question 66
Who developed the binomial nomenclature for living organisms?

A Alexander

B Carlson

C Flemming

D Carolus Linnaeus
Answer: D

## Question 67

Who was the captain of India's first World Cup winning cricket team?

A Lala Amarnath

B Kapil Dev

C Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi

D MS Dhoni
Answer: B

## Question 68

Who among the following is Justice Dipak Misra's successor as the Chief Justice of India?

A Venugopal
B Ranjan Gogoi
C Chelameswar

D Manjula
Answer: B

## Question 69

Which of the following is not a kingdom of living organisms?

A Albumina
B Monera

C Fungi

D Protista
Answer: A

## Question 70

Latent heat of vaporization of steam is

A $423 \mathrm{cat} / \mathrm{g}$
B $267 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{g}$

C $324 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{g}$

D $540 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{g}$
Answer: D

## Question 71

Which of the following represents the reproductive part of a plant?

A Twig
B Flower

C Scales
D Wood
Answer: B

## Question 72

How many gold medals did India win at the $18^{\text {th }}$ Asian games in Jakarta?

A 11
B 15
C 9
D 7
Answer: B

## Question 73

What is India's fiscal deficit target, as a percentage of GDP, for the financial year 2018-19?

A 3.1 per cent

B 3.0 per cent
C 3.2 per cent

D 3.3 per cent
Answer: D

Question 74
The heat energy absorbed or released at constant temperature per unit mass for change of state is called by what name?

A Forced heat

B Latent heat
C Sublime heat

D Vapour heat
Answer: B

## Question 75

Among the following kings, who performed Hiranya-garbha?

A Marthanda Varma
B Raja Ravi Varma
C Dantidurga

D Parashurama
Answer: C

## Question 76

Who is the Governor of Andhra Pradesh as on January 2019?

A
Kummanam Rajasekharan

B E S Lakshmi Narasimhan

C Thambidurai

D Oomen Chandy
Answer: B

## Question 77

Who is the President of NASSCOM?

A Debjani Ghosh
B Indra Nooyi
C Ravi Jain

D Kumar Manglam Birla
Answer: A

## Question 78

Other than India. how many other countries are associated with Chabahar port project?

A 5
B 3

C 2

D 4
Answer: C

## Question 79

Mr. Kummanam Rajasekharan is the Governor of which State as on January 2019?

A Manipur
B Kerala

C Bihar

D Mizoram
Answer: D

## Question 80

Who designed the Statue of Unity in Gujarat?

A Jakanachari
B V Balan
c Ram Vanji Sutar
D Sankho Chaudhri
Answer: C

## Question 81

Water freezes at $\qquad$

A $-1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
B $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
C $1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
D $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Answer: D

Question 82
Which city was excavated in 1922 in Larkana district on the banks of Indus?

A Mohanjodaro

B Dhanushkodi

C Kanchi

D Harappa
Answer: A

Question 83
Who is known as the Father of Zoology?

A Aristotle

B Socrates
C Plato

D Alexander Flemming
Answer: A

## Question 84

Name the device that measures the distance travelled by a vehicle.

A Odometer

B Ammeter

C Barometer
D Spinometer

Answer: A

## Question 85

Which state of India has the highest per capita income?

A Haryana

B Arunachal Pradesh
C Maharashtra

D Goa
Answer: D

## Question 86

Which of the following is not a stringed musical instrument?

A Veena

B Sitar

C Tamboura

D Tabor/Drum
Answer: D

## Question 87

Latent heat of fusion of ice is

A $65 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{g}$
B $\quad 54 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{g}$
C $\quad 12 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{g}$

D $80 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{g}$
Answer: D

## Question 88

A massive temple, dedicated to the Sun God is situated in

A Karnataka
B Odisha

C Gujarat
D Madhya Pradesh
Answer: B

## Question 89

What is the full form of PMFBY?

A Pradhan Mantri Fasal BimaYojana

B Prime Minister's Fast Benefit Yojana

C Prime Minister's Food and Beverages Scheme
D Pradhan Mantri Fukhri Bhavishya Yojna
Answer: A

## Question 90

The Government of India has set the target of doubling farmers' income by which of the following years?

A 2013

B 2022

C 2020
D 2021
Answer: B

## Question 91

With which doubles partner Leander Paes has won Santo Domingo open trophy in 2018?

A Martina Hingis
B Sania Mirza

C Miguel Angel Rayyes Varela
D Rohan Boppana
Answer: C

## Question 92

Which of th following techniques is not relevant in the context of determining the age of earth, minerals and rocks?

A Uranium Lead dating
B Radiocarbon dating

C Potassium Argon Dating
D Digging
Answer: D

## Question 93

In which place was the $32^{\text {nd }}$ edition of India-Indonesia coordinated patrol held?

A Belawan

B Dehradun

C Pataya

D New Delhi
Answer: A

Question 94
What is the period in which Khasi Uprising occurred?

A 1876-1891
B 1891-1896
C 1911-1915

D 1829-1833
Answer: D

## Question 95

$\qquad$ is the harvest festival of South India.

A Diwali

B Thrissur Pooram

C Hampi

D Pongal
Answer: D

## Question 96

Which of the fo lowing rivers does not drain into the Arabian Sea?

A Tapi
B Godavari

C Narmada

D Indus
Answer: B

## Question 97

In 2018, ESIC received ISSA Good Practice Award. ISSA was founded in 1927 under the auspices of
$\qquad$

A World Bank

B Indian Labour Organization
C International Labour Organization

D CII
Answer: C

## Question 98

In India. the President holds office for a period of $\qquad$

A 7 years
B 5 years
C 6 years

D 4 years
Answer: B

Question 99
What is the total number of votes secured by Harivansh Narayan Singh in the 2018 Deputy chairman Rajya Sabha election?

A 125

B 176

C 146

D 159
Answer: A

## Question 100

Indira Pont was formerly known as

A Barsaat Point

B Pyramidal point
C Python Point

D pyamalion Point
Answer: D

## English

## Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually
Question 101
Select the correct direct form of the given sentence. The weatherman said that rain is expected the next day.

A The weatherman said, "Rain is expected the next day."
B The weatherman said. "Rain can be expected tomorrow."

C The weatherman said, "Rain was expected tomorrow."

D The weatherman said, "Rain is expected tomorrow."
Answer: D

Question 102
Given below are four sentences, three of which, are jumbled. Pick $t$ e option that gives the correct order.
A. The clock struck quarter past nine as Mamta hurried into the big block of offices.
B. She resolved to leave home earlier from the next day.
C. So she was a few minutes late on the first day of her j b
D. The bus had crawled through the dense traffic

A ACDB

B ABDC

C $A B C D$

D ADCB
Answer: D

## Question 103

Select the correct direct form of the given sentence.
My fiends told me that they would go home for Pongal the following Sunday.

A My friend id to me, "We will go home for Pongal the coming Sunday."
B My friend said, "We go home for Pongal the coming Sunday."
C My friend told me, "We are going home for Pongal the coming Sunday."
D My friend said, "We would go home for Pongal next Sunday."
Answer: A

## Question 104

Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.
Mary asked her husband, "Why have you been avoiding me since yesterday?"

A Mary wanted to know from her husband the reason he is avoiding her since the previous day.

B Mary questioned her husband as to why he has been avoiding her since the previous day.

C Mary wanted to know from her husband as to why he had been avoiding her since the previous day.

D Mary asked her husband as to why he had been avoiding her since yesterday.
Answer: C

## Question 105

Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.
KNOWLEDGE

A illiteracy

B goodness

C ignorance

D eccentricity
Answer: C

## Question 106

Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error. Ever since Mary won the election, she has been behaving as if she was a queen.

A has been behaving

B since

C was

D the election
Answer: C

Question 107
Select the most app opr ate antonym of the given word.
DASHED

A weakened
B destroyed

C produced

D encouraged
Answer:

Question 108
Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given below:

## Do something at the drop of the hat

A do something without wearing a hat
B do something without having planned beforehand

C do something that requires great planning

D do something wearing a hat
Answer: B

## Question 109

Select the correct direct form of the given sentence.
Maria complained that though there were many shopping centers in Dubai, they w re al expensive.

A Maria said, "Though there are many shopping centers in Dubai, they are all expens ve."
B Maria said, -There were many shopping centers in Dubai, but they are all expensive."
C Maria said, "There have been many shopping centers in Dubai, but they ar expensive."
D Maria said, "The many shopping centers that are there in Dubai, but hey a e all expensive."

## Answer: A

## Question 110

Identify the segment in the sentence which contains he grammatical error.
Raja was elected as Secretary of the Housing Socie y by members present and voting.

A as Secretary

B and voting

C was elected

D members present
Answer: B

## Instructions

In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.
Two hundred years ago, the treadmill was invented in England as a prison rehabilitation device. It was meant to cause the $\qquad$ (1) to suffer and learn from their sweat. It would mill a bit of corn or $\qquad$ (2) some water as a bonus. William Cubitt, a civil engineer raised in a family of millwrights, created the treadmill-which was also called a treadwheel in the early days-in 1818. Cubitt's early attempts at the treadmill's ............(3) took many forms, including two wheels you walked on, whose cogs interlocked. But his most popular .............(4), which was installed at Brixton Prison in London, $\qquad$ .(5) a wide wheel. Prisoners pressed down with their feet on steps $\qquad$ (6) in the wheel, which moved it, presenting them with the next step. The Brixton treadmill was hooked up to subterranean machinery that $\qquad$ .(7) corn. This treadmill could keep as many as 24 prisoners $\qquad$ ..(8), standing side-by-side along the wheel. Some devices at other prisons were smaller, and most treadmills soon ............(9) partitions, so convicts could not socialize. They ............(10) for 10 hours a day in summer, and a mere seven in winter.

## Question 111

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 1.

A intimidated

B inculcated

C internalized

D incarcerated
Answer: D

Question 112
Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 2.

A Pump
B Pipe

C Tap

D Save
Answer: A

Question 113
Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 3.

A design
B decline

C proposal
D strategy
Answer: A

Question 114
Select the mos appr priate option to fill blank no 4.

A version

B hoax

C type

D process
Answer: A

## Question 115

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 5.

A absolved
B involved

C revolved

D evolved
Answer: B

## Question 116

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 6.

A entrenched

B adorned

C embellished

D embedded
Answer: D

Question 117
Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 7.

A grew

B planted
C packed
D ground
Answer: D

Question 118
Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 8.

A Happy

B Busy

C Jailed
D Dormant
Answer: B

Question 119
Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 9.

A resided

B examined

C
divided
D included
Answer: D

Question 120
Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 10.

A slogged

B gagged
C dragged

D talked
Answer: A

## Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

## Question 121

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given below:
Take with a pinch of salt

A not believe completely something that you are told
B not eat something until you add salt to it
C completely disbelieve anything that you are told
D immediately accept something tha is not sal d

## Answer: A

## Question 122

Identify the segment in the sen ence which contains the grammatical error.
Lupin is one of the least important person in the opposition and can never hope to become a minister.

A in the oppositi $n$

B become

C least impor ant person

D can never
Answer: C

Question 123
Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
ALTERATION

A
modification
B conciliation

C adjudication
D modulation
Answer: A

## Question 124

Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement".
I agreed to meet him at the cafeteria at 9.00.

A I agreed to have met him
B I agreed meeting him
C No improvement
D I agreed meet him
Answer: C

Question 125
Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement".
I liked the violin but found it rather expensive to buy

A found it somewhere expensive to buy
B No improvement
C found it so expensive to buy

D found it hardly expensive to buy
Answer: B

## Question 126

Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. NUMEROUS

A scarce

B uncountable

C several

D occasional
Answer: A

## Question 127

Given below are four sentences, three of which, are jumbled. Pick the option that gives the correct order.
A. It is impossible to know all the rules of any language.
B. It takes both time and patience.
C. Advertisements that claim to teach a language in $\mathbf{6 0}$ days are all lies.
D. Learning a language is a life-long job.

A ADCB

B ABCD

C ACBD

D ADBC
Answer: D

Question 128
Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.
John said, "When I am bored, I cook."

A John said that when he is bored, he will cook.
B John said that when he was bored, he cooked.

C John says that when he is bored, he cooks.
D John said that when he cooked he was bored.

## Answer: B

Question 129
Select the correct passive form of th give sentence.
Computer networks can easily predict our on-line behavior.

A Our on-line behavior easi be predicted by computer networks.

B Our on-line behavior was e ily predicted by computer networks.
C Our on-line behavior can easily be predicted by computer networks.
D Our on-li e behavior can easily be predict by computer networks.

## Answer: C

## Question 130

Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.
The ideology of our time has embraced the idea of trying to hold things stable and static.

A The idea of trying to hold things stable and static will be embraced by the ideology of our time.

B The idea of flying to hold things stable and static have been embraced by the ideology of our time.
C The idea of trying to hold things stable and static has been embraced by the ideology of our time.

D The idea of trying to hold things stable and static has embraced by the ideology of our time.
Answer: C

## Question 131

Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. DISPARATE

A collected

B calm

C indifferent

D similar
Answer: D

## Question 132

Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.
He questions the ability of markets to survive without state interventi n .

A The ability of markets to survive without state intervention quest oned by him.
B The ability of markets to survive without state intervention is questioned by him.
C The ability of markets to survive without state interven ion are questioned.
D The ability of markets to survive without state i erven ion was being questioned by him.

## Answer: B

## Question 133

Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement".
She will say she has money to spare. What was the use of asking her?

A No improvement

B What is the use
C What mu t be the use

D What we e he use
Answer: B

## Question 134

Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.
Researchers have found that employees who have friends at the office are generally happier in their job.

A It was found by researchers that employees who have friends at the office are generally happier in their job.
B It could be found by researchers that employees who have friends at the office are generally happier in their job.
C It is being found by researchers that employees who have friends at the office are generally happier in their job.

D It has been found by researchers that employees who have friends at the office are generally happier in their job.
Answer: D

## Question 135

Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement".
"We need a cardigan. Are you able to knit?"

A No improvement
B Will you be able to knit?

C Are you knitting?
D Can you knit one?
Answer: D

Question 136
Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical rror The teacher had hardly left the room than the pupils started enjoying.

A The teacher

B had hardly left

C started enjoying.

D than
Answer: D

## Question 137

Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.
Baghdad remains a profoundly damaged place, and for all its newness, Dream City echo many of the city's continuing issues.

A echo

B newness

C continuing issu s
D a profoundly damaged
Answer: A

## Question 138

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Scientists have said that understanding past changes in ocean heat was $\qquad$ for predicting the future impact of climate change.

A cynical
B circular

C critical

D cyclical
Answer: C

## Question 139

Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.
Many a girl were influenced by the inspirational lecture given by the Nobel laureate.

A Nobel laureate
B inspirational lecture
C Many a girl
D were influenced

## Answer: D

Question 140
Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Napping can do as much to improve someone's $\qquad$ as a balanced diet and exercise can.

A deficiency

B knowledge
C familiarity
D efficiency
Answer: D

## Question 141

Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement".
If you are er in Chennai you come and see me.

A No improvement

B come see me.

C come and see me.

D you came and see me.
Answer: C

## Question 142

Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.
The Life-cycle hypothesis holds that individuals seek to smooth consumption over the course of a lifetime

- borrowing in times of low-income and saving during period of high income.

A in times

B to smooth

C over the course

D period of
Answer: D

## Question 143

Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
PROHIBITION

A assertion

B exclusion

C decree

D declaration
Answer: B

## Question 144

Identify the segment in the sentence which con ains the grammatical error.
Scientists have discovered a new tree rog species, with an extraordinary, enlarged claw-like structure located at the base of the thumb, that live $n$ a remote tabletop mountain in the Andes.

A with an extraordinary

B live on a remote table op moun ain

C have discovered

D located at
Answer: B

Question 145
Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
The line between work and life is so $\qquad$ that for millennials, the idea of a work-life balance has never been an aspiration, let alone a reality.

A blurred

B steamy
C ambiguous

D cloudy
Answer: A

## Question 146

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given below:
Barking up the wrong tree

A unable to guess the right type of tree
B chasing a false trail

C misunderstanding the origin of a problem
D creating a problem by teasing dogs
Answer: B

## Question 147

Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.
A number of points of resemblance between the Australian and Dravidian languages is discovered, despite the fact that the homes of the two races are so far apart.

A so far apart
B points of resemblance

C is discovered

D despite the fact
Answer: C

## Question 148

Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.
Air travel can spread a pandemic worldwide within days.

A A pandemic shall be spread worldwide within days by air travel.
B A pandemic can be sp ad worldwide within days by air travel.
C A pandemic is spread worldwide within days by air travel.

D An air travel can be spread within days by worldwide pandemic.
Answer: B

## Instructions

Read the following passage and answer the questions.
Passage:
As a toddler growing up in the 1950s. Richard Wawro threw violent tantnuns. Often, he would tap the same piano key for long stretches of time. When he was three, his parents took him for testing at a nearby hospital. They were told that he was moderately to severely retarded. His family, however, never believed that his IQ was as low as the experts claimed. A special education teacher began working with Richard when he was six She introduced him to drawing with crayons, which he took to quickly. He began filling sketchbooks (and the wallpaper of his Scotland home) with startlingly accurate depictions of cartoon characters like Yogi Bear. When Richard was 12. his artwork astounded a
visiting artist who said that his drawings were created "with the precision of a mechanic and the vision of a poet. Richard could never read or write well. His speech remained limited. But his involvement with the art world spurred his social development. He participated in dozens of exhibitions and became a well-known artist. His artwork was celebrated by the media and in a documentary. "With Eyes Wide Open. "Both Margaret Thatcher and Pope John Paul II owned Wawro's oritaials.
Richard was a savant, an individual with a spike in a particular ability combined with an impairment or disability. In Richard's case, that underlying condition was autism. Autism is a condition characterized by social and conununication challenges, like difficulty making eye contact or making conversation, along with repetitive behaviors or intense interests. It turns out that many savants have autism. But when the astounding abilities are there. they are often rooted in extreme memory, excellent attention to detail and passionate interests - traits also linked to autism. In many ways, prodigies look a lot like savants. They have the same preternatural abilities. They have the same prolific output. But there's a key difference between the two. While in savants, these extreme abilities are paired with an underlying impairment or disability, prodigies don't typically have any such disability. Even though prodigies are not typically autistic, they have the same excellent memories, extreme attention to detail, and passionate interests linked to autism and autistic savants.

Question 149
Which ONE of the options makes the meaning of 'savant' as it emerges in the passage lea?

A an autistic who exhibits exceptional skill or brilliance in some limited field

B an autistic with preternatural abilities, exhibiting exceptional skill or brilliance in a special field
C an autistic who exhibits exceptional skill or iN brilliance in all fields
D a person of learning, especially one with detailed knowledge in so spec lized field
Answer: B

## Question 150

## Which ONE of the statements sums up what the passage is about?

A just the presence of a disability.

B
Kids with autism, if encouraged, could urn out to be a savant as they share a range of extraordinary abilities with prodigies.

C

D
Rather than onclude that autistic patients have limited IQ, we must make the effort to discover the special ability each auti tic patient has.

## Answer: B

## Question 151

## Which ONE of the statements given as options is TRUE?

A Some savants have some (or other) disabilities while all prodigies suffer none.
B All savants suffer from certain disabilities while all prodigies suffer from none.

C Some savants have no disabilities while some prodigies might suffer from a disability.

D All savants have no disabilities while all prodigies suffer from some (or other) disability.

Answer: B

Question 152
Which ONE of the following statements about Richard is FALSE?

A Richard was an illiterate.

B Richard was a renowned artist.
C Richard received special education.

D Richard was communicatively challenged.
Answer: A

Question 153
Why does the author bring in the topic of prodigies in a discussion of autistic avan s?

A Because it would reorient people who treat autisn with contempt
B Because comparing abilities of both prodigies and autistic savants would help us appreciate the capabilities of the latter.

C Because he sees the two as related to the same topic.

D Because their abilities are often rooted in extreme memory, excellent attention to detail and passionate interests
Answer: B

## Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually
Question 154
Select the most appropriate optio to ill in the blank.
Literature does not exist only to provoke feelings of happiness or to $\qquad$ us with its pleasure; it should also challenge and perturb us

A placate

B cloy

C trouble
D reconcile
Answer: A

## Question 155

Select the correct direct form of the given sentence. The students wanted to know whether they could postpone the test until Monday.

A "Shall we postpone the test until Monday?" the students asked.
B "Will we postpone the test to Monday?" the students protested.
C "Can we postpone the test until Monday?" the students asked.

D "Could they postpone the test until Monday?" the students asked.
Answer: C

## Question 156

Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement".
If you don't like mathematics at school you don't like it at college too.

A you are not liking it at college too
B No improvement

C you haven't liked it at college too
D you may not like it at college too
Answer: D

Question 157
Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence. The bookie said, "Alas! I have lost all my fortune."

A The bookie accepted that he have lost all his fortune.
B The bookie said alas he had lost all his fortune.

C The bookie lamented that he had lost all his $f$ rtune.

D The bookie observed that he has lost all his fo tun
Answer: C

## Question 158

Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.
Their emotionally intense collaboration maximized their creative potential.

A Their creative potential max mize their emotionally intense collaboration.
B Their creative potential s being maximized by their emotionally intense collaboration.
C Their cre tive potential was maximized by their emotionally intense collaboration.
D Their cre ti e potential is maximizing by their emotionally intense collaboration.
Answer: C

Question 159
Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.
COMPREHENSIVE

A enjoyable

B enclosed

C restricted

D pleasant
Answer: C

## Question 160

Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement".
Denmark has been long celebrated as a land of law and order.

A has been all along celebrated
B No improvement

C has been far too long celebrated
D has been celebrating
Answer: B

## Question 161

Select the correct direct form of the given sentence.
Standing in front of the Taj Mahal, Raju said that he had always wanted to see the Taj Mahal

A Standing in front of the Taj Mahal Raju wondered, "I have Iways wanted to see the Taj Mahal."
B Standing in front of the Taj Mahal Raju told me, "I have been always wanting to see the Taj Mahal."
C Standing in front of the Taj Mahal Raju said, "I h ve always wanted to see the Taj Mahal."
D Standing in front of the Taj Mahal Raju sai, "I had want to see the Taj Mahal."
Answer: C

Question 162
Select the most appropriate ynonym of the given word. COMPLICATED

A jumbled
B complex

C disorganized
D lengthy
Answer: B

## Question 163

Given below are four sentences, three of which, are jumbled. Pick the option that gives the correct order.
A. My brother was looking forward to his first Metro ride.
B. But he is the kind of person who never listens to any advice.
C. He had heard a great deal about it from his friends in Delhi.
D. They all told him not to travel alone the first time.

A ABDC

B ACBD

C ACDB

D ADBC
Answer: C

Question 164
Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
OVERWHELMING

A awesome

B impressive

C mortifying

D striking
Answer: A

Question 165
Select the alternative that will improv th underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement
After my graduation, my uncle sugge ted to me to get a job in a bank.

A suggested to me getti g a ob
B suggests me to g tajob
C No improvement

D suggested me getting a job
Answer: C

## Question 166

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Space exploration demands $\qquad$ human qualities: for astronauts, great bravery, but for everyone, ingenuity, imagination, discipline, and even a sort of altruiism.

A normal

B common

C weird
D extraordinary
Answer: D

Question 167
Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement".
Have you got good teachers when you were at school?

A Did you have
B Haven't you got
C No improvement
D Hasn't you got
Answer: A

## Question 168

Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.
Dwarf galaxies have to hold clues that could help us to unde stand better the nature of dark matter.

A could help us

B have to hold

C understand better

D dark matter
Answer: B

## Question 169

Select the correct passive rm of the given sentence.
Are liberals and populists just searching for a new master?

A Was a new master being searched for by liberals and populists?
B Are liber Is and populists being searched for by a new master?
C Is a new master searching for liberals and populists?
D Is a new master being searched for by liberals and populists?
Answer: D

## Question 170

Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.
Innovators who are furthering the beneficent uses of advanced Al should avoid scenarios where a machine 'takes over'

A
Scenarios where 'taken over' by a machine should be avoided by innovators who have been furthering the beneficent uses of advanced AI.

Scenarios where a machine 'takes over' should be avoided by innovators who are furthering the beneficent uses of advanced AI.

C
Scenarios where a machine is taken over' shall be avoided by innovators who are furthering the beneficent uses of advanced AI.

D
Scenarios where a machine Stakes over' should have been avoided by innovatois who further the beneficent uses of advanced AI.

Answer: B

## Question 171

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given below: The graveyard shift

A the work shift during the night, often from midnight to 8 a.m.

B working at the time when everybody is resting
C an energy-sapping shift that fast tires you out
D working only at midnight everyday
Answer: A

## Question 172

Select the coma passive form of the given sentence.
To understand global warming and the ozone hole you need science.

A Science was needed to understand global warming and the ozone hole.
B Science is being needed to understand glob I wa ming and the ozone hole.
C Science has been needed to unde stan global warming and the ozone hole.
D Science is needed to understand globa warming and the ozone hole.
Answer: D

## Question 173

Select the corre $t$ indirect form of the given sentence.
Chettiar said to me. "You may return the money next month."

A Chettiar rej cted that I might return the money the coining month.
B Chettiar acceded that I might return the money in the coining month.
C Chettiar acceded that I return the money the next month.

D Chettiar told me that I am to return the money the coming month.
Answer: B

Read the following passage and answer the questions.
Passage:
A new paper published by Rochman and her colleagues in February, in the journal Ecology, sifts through past research on marine debris to assess the true extent of the environmental threat. Plenty of studies have sounded alarm bells about the state of marine debris: Rochman and her colleagues set out to determine how many of those perceived risks are real Often. Rochman says, scientists will wrap up a paper by speculating about the broader impacts of what they've found. Maybe their study has shown that certain seabirds eat plastic bags, for example, and the paper goes on to warn that whole bird populations are at risk of dying out. "But the truth was that nobody had yet tested those perceived threats." Rochman says. "There wasn't a lot of information." Rochman and her colleagues examined more than a hundred papers on the impacts of marine debris that were published through 2013. Within each paper. they asked what threats scientists had studied-366 perceived threats in all and what they'd actually found. In 83 percent of cases, the perceived dangers of ocean trash were proven true. In most of the remaining cases. the working group found the studies too shoddy to draw conclusions from-they lacked a control group, for example. or used faulty statistics.
Strikingly. Rochman says, only one well-designed study failed to find the effect it was looking for, an investigation of mussels ingesting microscopic plastic bits. The plastic moved from the mussels' stomachs to their b oodstreams. scientists found. and stayed there for weeks-but didn't seem to stress out the shellfish. A lot of oce $n$ deb is is "microplastic," or pieces smaller than five millimetres. These may be the beads from a facial scrub fibres shed by synthetic clothing in the wash. or eroded remnants of larger debris. Compared to the number of stu ies investigating large-scale debris. Roclunan's group found little research on the effects of these tiny bit. There are also, she adds, a lot of open questions about the ways that ocean debris can lead to sea-creature death. Many studies have looked at how plastic affects an individual animal or that animal's tissues or cells, rather than whole populations. And in the lab, scientists often use higher concentrations of plastic than what's really in the ocea None of that tells us how many birds or fish or sea turtles could die form plastic pollution or how deaths in on species could affect that animal's predators, or the rest of the ecosystem. "We need to be asking more ecologica y rel vant questions." Rothman says. Usually, scientists don't know how disasters like oil spills or nuclear meltdowns will affect the environment until after they've happened. she says. "We don't ask the right questions early enough." But if ecologists can understand how the slow-moving disaster of ocean garbage is affecting ecosystems. they might be able to prevent things from getting worse.

## Question 174

Which ONE of the following conclusions based on the examination of the hundred-odd papers on marine debris and its ecological impact by Rachman and her coleagues is NOT CORRECT?

A Researchers tend to overgeneralize while iscuss ng the implications of their findings.
B That ocean garbage endangers ecosyst $s$ has not been fully understood.
C More than fifty percent of the past ecological studies failed to perceive the threats posed by marine debris.

D Issues with the focus, sco and findings of previous research inform future studies.
Answer: C

## Question 175

Select the option to complete the statement below.
According to the passage, the significant difference between natural disasters and ecological disasters, especially with reference to marine debris, is that $\qquad$

A the latter can be predicted and prevented

B we study the former after they happen and the latter before they happen

C ocean debris does not cause natural disasters but could become more dangerous
D ecological disasters are not natural and man-made.
Answer: A

## Question 176

Select the option that describes the central theme developed in the passage:

A Papers published up to 2013 employ proper research methods.
B Current research on the impact of marine debris is not defective.
C Future ecological research on marine debris must understand the nature of ecological disaster and prevent it.

D Research has to only include studies on the effects of microplastic on ecology.
Answer: C

## Question 177

Select the option to complete the statement below.
The perceived dangers of ocean trash for marine life are, in a majority of cases

A valid

B exaggerated

C false

D premature
Answer: A

## Question 178

What according to the author is the problem w th papers reporting seabirds eating plastic?

A These scientists do not ask ecologically rele ant questions.
B Generalizations about whole popu ations getting affected lack verifiable data.
C The scientists use concentrat d plastic o generate data.
D We agree with the percept ons $f$ the scientists but not their methods,
Answer: B

## Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually
Question 179
Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.
When big tech companies owned your phones, they could make money on all sorts of services.

A When your phones were owned by big tech companies, they could make money on all sorts of services.
B When your phones are owned by big tech companies, they could make money on all sorts of services.
C When your phone were being owned by big tech companies, they could make money on all sorts of services.
D When your phones owned big tech companies, they could make money on all sorts of services.
Answer: B

Question 180
Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement". "We have so many to do, and so little time."

A No improvement

B so much

C such many

D as much
Answer: B

Question 181
Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.
"I am not happy about the announcement," Bob Tilman said.

A Bob Tilman confessed that he was not happy about the announcement
B Bob Tilman confessed that he is not happy about the announcement.
C Bob Tilman told that he was not happy about the announcemen

D Bob Tilman says that he was not happy at the announcement
Answer: A

Question 182
Given below are four sentences, three of which are jumbled. Pick the option that gives the comet order.
A. Jainshed ji Tata was born in 183 in a traditional Parsi family.
B. Then worked in trading for some $y$ ars in China and UK.
C. He was a great believer in techn logy and revolutionized the Tata Textile Mills.
D. He started his career as an appren ice in his father's store.

A ACBD

B ACDB

C ADCB
D ADBC
Answer: D

## Question 183

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given below:
Straight from the horse's mouth

A hear something from someone who has many followers on social media

C get information from a popular television channel

D believe someone who is very confident

## Answer: B

## Question 184

Given below are four sentences, three of which, are jumbled. Pick the option that gives the correct order.
A. The Quilt Minar is one of the most important monuments in Delhi.
B. Was it just built by a king to please himself or is there a reason behind its construction?
C. It towers over the city like a sentinel.
D. But if we look at its height, one wonders why it was built.

A ADBC

B ACDB

C ABDC

D ACBD
Answer: B

## Instructions

Read the following passage and answer the questions.
Passage:
Where is this going?' That is the question at the heart of River of Life River of Death, as author Victor Mallet travels the length of the Ganges. Beginning at its ice cave source $n$ the Himalayan foothills. he follows the water through the holy confluence at Allahabad. the spindly banks of Var asi city and onwards to the delta in Bangladesh. where 'in its parting gift to the land. the river spews millions of $t \mathrm{~ns}$ of f rile silt on to the rice fields of Bengal and the mangroves of the Sundarbans.'
It is the same question he asks about the treatment of the Ganges. both good and bad. The river leads a double life. being the most worshipped waterway in the wo Id an also one of the most polluted. The Ganges and its tributaries are now subject to sewage pollution tha is half a million times over the Indian recommended limit for bathing' in places. not to mention the unchecked runo from heavy metals, fertilizers. carcinogens and the occasional corpse. As Mallet observes. the danger of contaminat on does not put off the millions of revellers at Kuinbh Mela. It is a Hindu pilgrimage 'thought to be the largest gathe ing of people anywhere'. described to him as 'a spiritual expo... where you will be talking one moment to a visiting Mumbai businessman and the next to a marijuana-stoned yogi. He suggests the pollution might never dete th m . He is told by one bather: 'we do believe that anyone who takes in this water. he becomes pure also. because i i always pure.' There is a collective sense that the spirit of the Ganges is so sacred that she can never be spoled.
He informs the reader $n$th preface - 'almost everyone knows the problems are real'. His journey down the Ganges is one of investigat on rather than discovery. Mallet investigates the potential of the river to become a cradle for antibiotic-res tan infections - or superbugs' - that could be exported to other regions by global travel. He points out that some 450 mill $n$ people depend on the Ganges water basin for survival, and many more for its religious and cultural impor ance. The Ganges is a goddess and a mother to everyone from the politician in the north, to the humblest Hindu living in the far south or running a motel in the United States.
There is hope. Mallet draws some parallels to clean-ups of the Rhine and the Thames. He points to the design feat of Ktunbh Mela, which as 'a pop-up megacity' for two million pilgrims has better infrastructure and waste treatment than many Indian cities. 'In the minds of both Indians and foreigners. this raises important questions... if the authorities can build infrastructure so efficiently for this short but very large festival why can they not do the same for permanent villages and towns?'

## Question 185

Which ONE of the options fills in the blank and completes the statement below correctly? The average believer is of the faith-driven conviction that the river Ganges

A
shall never be the object of an investigation

B can never be spoiled

C will never infect the believer

D may never die due to pollution
Answer: B

## Question 186

Which ONE of the options fills in the blank and completes the statement below correctly? The Ganges is a mother to the devout Hindu; however, it is to the non-Hindu Indian $\qquad$ and

A an interesting tourist spot; a zone for adventure sports
B a spectacle: locus for the Khumb Melas
C a cultural icon; provider of life

D a source of water; a garbage bin
Answer: C

## Question 187

Which ONE of the options faithfully sums up the 7 main ideas of the passage?

A An objective assessment of the river Ganges, life-givin and death-threatening. fosters not only faith but also hope among its admirers of its redemption in future.

B
The river Ganges is a river that gives life and ho e to a I but it is a pity that its abusers are not aware that they are pushing it to its extinction.

C
The Ganges is multifaceted personality $-v$ nerated as a mother, it tolerates as a mother all the pollutants thrown into it.

D The Ganges is a holy river for Hindus who venerate it, live off it but also pollute it.

## Answer: A

## Question 188

Which ONE of the options fills in the blank and completes the statement below correctly? The river Ganges is the most worshipped waterway in the world and also one of the most polluted" This brings to light, in re ty, .........

A the contr rian nature of the average Indian
B the democratic space it provides to the CEO and the Yogi
C the dangers of bathing in the river at any place

D the double life that the river leads
Answer: A

## Question 189

## Which ONE of the statements below is FALSE?

A Victor Mallet asks the question 'Where is it going?' of the river Ganges which has a metaphorical relevance too.

B A clean River Ganges is as feasible as a clean River Thames or River Rhine

C The Kumbh Mela is a witness not only to the $X$ 3. devotion of a section of Indians but also their skills of crowd management.

D The Ganges carries superbugs and it is a problem all Indians are aware of.
Answer: D

## Instructions

In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the altern tives given. In literature, a tragedy is a plot in which the 'hero', because of some inherent flaw in his/her character, dies. Thus Hamlet, Julius Caesar and Romeo and Juliet are tragedies. In each of these plays the ..... (1) is either a great man or a man of great ...........(2) instead of fulfilling his ............(3) however, each one succumbs to his tragic flaw and ............(4) dies. Caesar's flaw is ambition, Hamlet's is the inability to take action, and Romeo's is his tendency to love too much. It might seem, from this highly $\qquad$ .(5) definition, that character and resolution are the keys to a tragedy. But tragedy also $\qquad$ .(6) a central action, a crisis which tests that flawed part of the protagonist's (7) In Julius Caesar, the test comes when Mark Antony presents Caesar with th crow. Hamlet's test comes in the chapel, after witnessing his uncle's reaction to the play. Mercutio's death tes s Romeo. In all three cases the protagonists are found .........(8) Caesar accepts the crown after refus ng it twice; Hamlet sheaths his sword instead of executing Claudius; Romeo murders Tybalt in a vengeful rage. $\qquad$ (9) th test, the flaw might never $\qquad$ (10).

## Question 190

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 1

A fool

B protagonist

C actor

D villain

## Answer: B

Question 191
Select the most ap rop iate option to fill blank no 2 .

A size

B promise

C riches

D style
Answer: B

## Question 192

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 3.

A potential
B fate

C destiny

D luck
Answer: A

## Question 193

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 4.

A generally
B ultimately
C crucially
D obviously
Answer: B

## Question 194

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 5.

A undefined

B independent
C undeveloped
D simplified
Answer: D

## Question 195

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 6.

A implodes
B impinges
C imbibes

D implies
Answer: D

## Question 196

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 7.

A Soul

B Heart
c character

D Plot
Answer: C

Question 197
Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 8.

A gambling

B wanting

C dreaming
D threatening
Answer: B

Question 198
Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 9.

A With
B Since

C Before
D Without
Answer: D

Question 199
Select the most appropriate optio to ill blank no 10.

A develop

B surface
C reduce
D depose
Answer B

## Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually
Question 200
Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
DISTASTE

A neutral

B loathing

C tasteless
D banal
Answer: B

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