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CTET - Paper I (Classes I-V) (Full Paper)

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Paper pattern

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Sections

Child Development & Pedagogy - 30 questions, 30 marks
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Instructions

The timer is for practice; the real paper allows 150 minutes.
Each question has exactly one correct option.
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The answer key and a full explanation for every question follow the paper.
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Child Development & Pedagogy

Q1. What is the term for the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities?

A. Special education
B. Inclusive education
C. Exclusive education
D. Integrated education

Q2. What is the term for the process of adapting instruction to meet the diverse needs of learners?

A. Differentiated instruction
B. Individualized instruction
C. Personalized instruction
D. Standardized instruction

Q3. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?

A. Pre-conventional level
B. Conventional level
C. Post-conventional level
D. Transcendental level

Q4. According to Piaget's theory of cognitive development, what is the name of the stage where children develop the ability to think logically and solve problems using symbols and language?

A. Sensorimotor stage
B. Preoperational stage
C. Concrete operational stage
D. Formal operational stage

Q5. What is the term for the process of developing a sense of right and wrong in children?

A. Moral development
B. Social development
C. Emotional development
D. Cognitive development

Q6. According to Kohlberg's theory, what is the highest stage of moral development?

A. Preconventional stage
B. Conventional stage
C. Postconventional stage
D. Autonomous stage

Q7. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of language in cognitive development?

A. Language is a secondary tool for cognitive development
B. Language is a primary tool for cognitive development
C. Language is not essential for cognitive development
D. Language is only important for social development

Q8. What is the term for the process of promoting inclusive education and supporting diverse learners?

A. Inclusive education
B. Special education
C. Gifted education
D. Mainstream education

Q9. What is the term for the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities?

A. Special education
B. Inclusive education
C. Exclusive education
D. Integrated education

Q10. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of the teacher in the learning process?

A. To provide individualized instruction and feedback
B. To act as a facilitator or mediator, providing scaffolding and support
C. To lecturing and direct instruction
D. To provide rewards and punishments

Q11. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?

A. Pre-conventional stage
B. Conventional stage
C. Post-conventional stage
D. Transitional stage

Q12. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of the teacher in the learning process?

A. To provide individualized instruction and feedback
B. To facilitate collaborative learning and social interaction
C. To provide standardized instruction and assessment
D. To focus on rote memorization and repetition

Q13. According to Kohlberg's theory, what is the first stage of moral development?

A. Preconventional stage
B. Conventional stage
C. Postconventional stage
D. Autonomous stage

Q14. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?

A. Pre-conventional level
B. Conventional level
C. Post-conventional level
D. Transcendental level

Q15. According to Vygotsky's theory, what is the term for the gap between what a child can do independently and what they can do with the guidance of a more knowledgeable other?

A. Zone of proximal development
B. Zone of actual development
C. Zone of potential development
D. Zone of independent development

Q16. What is the primary focus of Piaget's theory of cognitive development?

A. Social interaction and language development
B. Children's active construction of knowledge and understanding
C. The role of reinforcement in learning
D. The impact of socioeconomic status on intelligence

Q17. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of the teacher in the learning process?

A. To provide individualized instruction and feedback
B. To act as a facilitator or mediator, providing scaffolding and support
C. To lecturing and direct instruction
D. To provide rewards and punishments

Q18. According to Kohlberg's theory, what is the highest stage of moral development?

A. Preconventional stage
B. Conventional stage
C. Postconventional stage
D. Autonomous stage

Q19. According to Piaget's theory of cognitive development, what is the name of the stage where children develop the ability to think logically and solve problems using symbols and language?

A. Sensorimotor stage
B. Preoperational stage
C. Concrete operational stage
D. Formal operational stage

Q20. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?

A. Pre-conventional level
B. Conventional level
C. Post-conventional level
D. Transcendental level

Q21. What is the primary focus of Piaget's theory of cognitive development?

A. Social interaction and language development
B. Children's active construction of knowledge and understanding
C. The role of reinforcement in learning
D. The impact of socioeconomic status on intelligence

Q22. According to Piaget's theory, what is the name of the stage where children develop the ability to think symbolically and use language?

A. Sensorimotor stage
B. Preoperational stage
C. Concrete operational stage
D. Formal operational stage

Q23. According to Piaget's theory, what is the name of the stage where children develop the ability to think logically and solve problems using abstract concepts?

A. Sensorimotor stage
B. Preoperational stage
C. Concrete operational stage
D. Formal operational stage

Q24. What is the primary focus of Piaget's theory of cognitive development?

A. Social interaction and language development
B. Children's active construction of knowledge and understanding
C. The role of reinforcement in learning
D. The impact of socioeconomic status on intelligence

Q25. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of the teacher in the learning process?

A. To provide individualized instruction and feedback
B. To act as a facilitator or mediator, providing scaffolding and support
C. To lecturing and direct instruction
D. To provide rewards and punishments

Q26. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?

A. Pre-conventional level
B. Conventional level
C. Post-conventional level
D. Transcendental level

Q27. What is the term for the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities?

A. Special education
B. Inclusive education
C. Exclusive education
D. Integrated education

Q28. According to Vygotsky's theory, what is the role of culture in shaping a child's cognitive development?

A. Culture has no impact on cognitive development
B. Culture plays a minor role in cognitive development
C. Culture plays a significant role in cognitive development
D. Culture is the only factor in cognitive development

Q29. According to Piaget's theory, what is the term for the process by which children adapt to new information and experiences?

A. Assimilation
B. Accommodation
C. Equilibration
D. Schemata

Q30. What is the term for the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities?

A. Special education
B. Inclusive education
C. Exclusive education
D. Integrated education

Mathematics

Q31. A pictograph shows: one symbol = 10 apples. There are 6 full symbols. How many apples are represented?

A. 60
B. 10
C. 6
D. 600

Q32. What is the formula for the surface area of a sphere?

A. A = 2 r^2
B. A = 3 r^2
C. A = 4 r^2
D. A = 5 r^2

Q33. What is the concept of probability in mathematics?

A. The measure of the likelihood of an event occurring
B. The measure of the frequency of an event occurring
C. The measure of the magnitude of an event occurring
D. The measure of the duration of an event occurring

Q34. A contractor promises to complete a project in 40 days. He employs 60 men. However, due to supply shortages, the work rate of every single man drops by 25% immediately after day 20. If he wants to finish the job exactly on day 40 regardless of this slowdown, how many additional men must he hire at that moment?

A. 10
B. 15
C. 20
D. 25

Q35. What is the formula for finding the volume of a cube?

A. Length x Width
B. Length x Width x Height
C. Length + Width + Height
D. Length - Width - Height

Q36. What is the formula for the perimeter of a rectangle?

A. P = l + w
B. P = l x w
C. P = 2(l + w)
D. P = 2(l - w)

Q37. What is the mode of the data set: 2, 4, 4, 6, 7, 7, 7, 9?

A. 4
B. 7
C. 6
D. 9

Q38. A trader marks up the Cost Price (CP) of a commodity by 25% to get the Marked Price (MP). He then offers a 10% discount on this MP. If the final Selling Price (SP) is Rs. 270, what is the trader's profit percentage on the CP?

A. 15%
B. 12.5%
C. 10%
D. 8%

Q39. A prudent investor splits a total sum of Rs. 20,000 into two parts. Part A is invested at 6% simple interest per annum, and Part B is invested at 8% simple interest per annum. If the combined annual interest earned from both parts is exactly equal to the simple interest on the entire Rs. 20,000 invested at a blended rate of 7% per annum for one year, what is the amount invested at 6%?

A. Rs. 10,000
B. Rs. 15,000
C. Rs. 8,000
D. Rs. 12,000

Q40. A boat travels between two ports, P and Q. On the first trip from P to Q (downstream), the current speed is 5 km/h, and the boat's speed in still water is V km/h. On the return trip from Q to P (upstream), the current speed increases to 6 km/h, but the distance between the ports remains unchanged. If the time taken for the downstream trip equals the time taken for the upstream trip, what is the value of V?

A. 34 km/h
B. 30 km/h
C. 40 km/h
D. 38 km/h

Q41. A confectioner sells 'Assorted Box' X (cost Rs 220/kg) and 'Premium Box' Y (cost Rs 320/kg). To reduce inventory of Y, he mixes 2 kg of X with 1 kg of Y to create 'Box Z'. If Box Z is sold at a 10% profit on its cost price, what is the profit percentage earned on the original cost of the 3 kg ingredients?

A. A: 13.33%
B. B: 10%
C. C: 6.67%
D. D: 5%

Q42. What is the concept of measurement in mathematics?

A. The process of assigning numbers to quantities
B. The process of solving equations and inequalities
C. The process of graphing functions and relations
D. The process of calculating perimeter and area

Q43. What is the concept of symmetry in geometry?

A. The quality of being irregular or asymmetrical
B. The quality of being regular or uniform
C. The quality of having two or more parts that are mirror images of each other
D. The quality of having no discernible pattern or shape

Q44. According to NCF 2005, the main goal of mathematics education in schools is to:

A. Teach complex formulas
B. Develop problem-solving and reasoning skills
C. Prepare students for competitive exams
D. Memorize multiplication tables

Q45. Find the value of x if 3x + 7 = 22.

A. 3
B. 5
C. 7
D. 9

Q46. What is the term for a specific learning disability in mathematics?

A. Dyslexia
B. Dysgraphia
C. Dyscalculia
D. ADHD

Q47. A bank offers a special 'Festival Savings Scheme' where the interest rate for the first year is 5% per annum on the principal. However, the interest earned in the first year is added to the principal at the end of the year. If a customer deposits Rs 10,000 and closes the account after exactly one year, what is the total amount received?

A. A) Rs 10,500
B. B) Rs 10,525
C. C) Rs 10,600
D. D) Rs 10,400

Q48. What is the sum of interior angles of a pentagon?

A. 360°
B. 450°
C. 540°
D. 720°

Q49. A cooperative society's annual budget allocation for a specific project follows a strict policy: every fiscal year, the allocated amount is increased by 20% over the previous year's figure. If the allocation for the fiscal year 2023-24 was Rs. 18,000, what will be the allocation for the fiscal year 2025-26? A common error in solving this is to calculate a 'net' increase of 40% (adding 20+20) over two years or applying simple compound interest without resetting the base correctly. What is the correct amount?

A. Rs. 25,920
B. Rs. 24,000
C. Rs. 21,600
D. Rs. 23,040

Q50. What is the formula for finding the perimeter of a triangle?

A. a + b + c
B. a - b - c
C. a x b x c
D. a / b / c

Q51. A suburban train covers a distance of 120 km in 2 hours at its scheduled speed. On the return journey, due to signal disruptions at exactly 5 platforms encountered, the train incurs a fixed 'delay penalty' of 4 minutes for every platform passed. If the train maintains the exact same average speed between these platforms as it did on the outbound journey, how much total time is required for the entire return trip?

A. 2 hours
B. 2 hours 10 minutes
C. 2 hours 20 minutes
D. 2 hours 30 minutes

Q52. A bag contains 4 red, 6 blue, and 5 green marbles. One marble is drawn at random. What is the probability of drawing a green marble?

A. 4/15
B. 6/15
C. 2/5
D. 1/3

Q53. A triangle has sides of lengths 6 cm, 8 cm, and 10 cm. What type of triangle is it?

A. Equilateral
B. Isosceles
C. Right-angled
D. Acute-angled

Q54. An Indian Railways employee saves for a new ticket reservation system upgrade by depositing Rs 2,000 at the end of each month into a Public Provident Fund (PPF) account. The bank announces an annual compound interest rate of 7.2% compounded annually. Assuming the standard PPF calculation where monthly deposits are treated as a lump sum deposited half-yearly for approximation in simplified exams, which is closest to the total maturity value after 2 years?

A. Rs 48,500
B. Rs 51,200
C. Rs 49,300
D. Rs 47,600

Q55. What is the formula for finding the area of a rectangle?

A. Length + Width
B. Length x Width
C. Length - Width
D. Length / Width

Q56. What is the formula for finding the volume of a cube?

A. Length x Width
B. Length x Width x Height
C. Length + Width + Height
D. Length - Width - Height

Q57. How many lines of symmetry does a square have?

A. 2
B. 3
C. 4
D. 1

Q58. Assessment conducted during the learning process to provide feedback is called:

A. Summative assessment
B. Formative assessment
C. Diagnostic assessment
D. Placement assessment

Q59. What is the concept of equivalent ratios?

A. A ratio that is always greater than 1
B. A ratio that is always less than 1
C. Ratios that have the same value or simplify to the same value
D. Ratios that are always whole numbers

Q60. A basket contains 50 apples. If 20% are rotten, how many good apples are left?

A. 30
B. 40
C. 50
D. 20

Environmental Studies

Q61. What is the term for the variety of different species that live in an ecosystem?

A. Biodiversity
B. Ecosystem
C. Habitat
D. Population

Q62. What is the main function of the atmosphere in the environment?

A. To regulate the Earth's temperature and climate
B. To produce oxygen and support life
C. To provide habitat and shelter for a diverse range of species
D. To control the water cycle and prevent flooding

Q63. What is the term for the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem?

A. Biodiversity
B. Ecosystem
C. Habitat

D. Conservation

Q64. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?

A. Biogeochemical cycles
B. Ecosystem services
C. Food chains
D. Habitat destruction

Q65. What is the main function of the roots of a plant?

A. To absorb water and nutrients from the soil
B. To produce food through photosynthesis
C. To transport water and nutrients to the leaves
D. To protect the plant from disease and pests

Q66. What is the main purpose of the water cycle?

A. To produce greenhouse gases
B. To distribute heat around the Earth
C. To constantly renew and distribute freshwater on Earth
D. To create ocean currents

Q67. What is the term for the movement of people from one place to another?

A. Migration
B. Immigration
C. Emigration
D. Transportation

Q68. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?

A. Biogeochemical cycles
B. Ecosystem services
C. Food chains
D. Habitat destruction

Q69. What is the term for the natural process by which water moves through a plant, from the roots to the leaves, and is then released into the air as water vapor?

A. Respiration
B. Photosynthesis
C. Transpiration
D. Evaporation

Q70. What is the term for the movement of people from one place to another in search of food, water, or shelter?

A. Migration
B. Immigration
C. Emigration
D. Hibernation

Q71. What is the main function of the water cycle in the environment?

A. To regulate the Earth's temperature
B. To produce oxygen and support life
C. To distribute freshwater resources around the globe
D. To control the weather patterns and climate

Q72. What is the main function of the forest ecosystem in the environment?

A. To produce oxygen and support life
B. To regulate the Earth's temperature and climate
C. To provide habitat and shelter for a diverse range of species
D. To control the water cycle and prevent flooding

Q73. What is the main purpose of the water cycle?

A. To produce greenhouse gases
B. To distribute heat around the Earth
C. To constantly renew and distribute freshwater on Earth
D. To create ocean currents

Q74. What is the term for the movement of people from one place to another?

A. Migration
B. Immigration
C. Emigration
D. Transportation

Q75. What is the main source of energy for the Earth's climate system?

A. The sun
B. The Earth's core
C. The atmosphere
D. The oceans

Q76. What is the term for the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem?

A. Biodiversity
B. Ecosystem
C. Habitat
D. Conservation

Q77. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?

A. Biogeochemical cycles
B. Ecosystem services
C. Food chains
D. Habitat destruction

Q78. What is the main function of the ozone layer in the atmosphere?

A. To regulate the Earth's temperature
B. To protect the Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation
C. To produce oxygen and support life
D. To control the weather patterns and climate

Q79. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?

A. Biogeochemical cycles
B. Ecosystem services
C. Food chains
D. Habitat destruction

Q80. What is the term for the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem?

A. Biodiversity
B. Ecosystem
C. Habitat
D. Conservation

Q81. What is the term for the process by which the Earth's atmosphere traps heat from the sun, leading to a rise in global temperatures?

A. Global warming
B. Climate change
C. Greenhouse effect
D. Ozone depletion

Q82. What is the main purpose of the water cycle?

A. To produce greenhouse gases
B. To distribute heat around the Earth
C. To constantly renew and distribute freshwater on Earth
D. To create ocean currents

Q83. What is the term for the natural process by which water moves through a plant, from the roots to the leaves, and is then released into the air as water vapor?

A. Respiration
B. Photosynthesis
C. Transpiration
D. Evaporation

Q84. What is the main source of water for most living organisms?

A. Rainwater
B. Groundwater
C. Surface water
D. Atmospheric water

Q85. What is the term for the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem?

A. Biodiversity
B. Ecosystem
C. Habitat
D. Conservation

Q86. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?

A. Biogeochemical cycles
B. Ecosystem services
C. Food chains
D. Habitat destruction

Q87. What is the main cause of water pollution?

A. Natural disasters and climate change
B. Human activities such as industrial and agricultural waste
C. Overuse and misuse of water resources
D. Lack of water conservation and management

Q88. What is the term for the movement of people from one place to another?

A. Migration
B. Immigration
C. Emigration
D. Transportation

Q89. What is the main purpose of the water cycle?

A. To produce greenhouse gases
B. To distribute heat around the Earth
C. To constantly renew and distribute freshwater on Earth
D. To create ocean currents

Q90. What is the main function of the roots of a plant?

A. To make food for the plant
B. To breathe in oxygen
C. To absorb water and nutrients from the soil
D. To protect the plant from damage

Language I

Q91. Select the sentence that correctly completes the logic of the statement: "The Indian Railways' new e-ticketing initiative is [BLANK] successful." Context Clues: In a specific financial year, digital ticket sales constituted exactly 15% of total tickets sold, but this represented a significant increase from previous years. However, manual counters still processed the majority of transactions during peak hours. A. moderately and only B. largely yet not fully C. hardly and merely D. completely and absolutely

A. moderately and only
B. largely yet not fully
C. hardly and merely
D. completely and absolutely

Q92. Choose the most appropriate sentence that improves the one given below. Original: 'The stock market crash was a real eye-waterer for the traders.' A. The stock market crash was a real eye-opener for the traders. B. The stock market crash was a real heart-breaker for the traders. C. The stock market crash was a real tear-jerker for the traders. D. The stock market crash was a real eye-waterer for the traders.

A. The stock market crash was a real eye-opener for the traders.
B. The stock market crash was a real heart-breaker for the traders.
C. The stock market crash was a real tear-jerker for the traders.
D. The stock market crash was a real eye-waterer for the traders.

Q93. In a recent public sector audit, the department's 'Performance Review Matrix' was found to be _____ that it could not account for the 15% reduction in operational efficiency.

A. so
B. such
C. as
D. that

Q94. What is the term for the process of analyzing and interpreting literary texts?

A. Literary analysis
B. Literary criticism
C. Literary theory
D. Literary history

Q95. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?

A. Homophones
B. Homographs
C. Synonyms
D. Antonyms

Q96. Select the most appropriate option to complete the sentence: 'Among the various schemes, _____ by the Ministry of Rural Development has received mixed reactions from the farmers regarding its implementation timeline.' A) the one B) that which C) which is D) it

A. the one
B. that which
C. which is
D. it

Q97. Even though the committee members insisted that the report _____ before the monsoon floods submerged the village, no one could decide which of them _____ to sign first.

A. was finished / dared
B. be finished / dared
C. is finished / dares
D. were finished / dare

Q98. What is the term for the process of using language to communicate effectively and achieve a specific purpose?

A. Language acquisition
B. Language instruction
C. Language development
D. Effective communication

Q99. The RBI Governor announced that the newly issued sovereign bonds offer '_____,' a financial instrument specifically designed to protect investors' principal value against rising consumer price indices.

A. Deflationary Hedges
B. Inflation-Indexed Bonds
C. Zero-Coupon Securities
D. Treasury Bills

Q100. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?

A. Homophones
B. Homographs
C. Synonyms
D. Antonyms

Q101. What is the term for the process of combining two or more words to create a new word?

A. Compounding
B. Blending
C. Derivation
D. Inflection

Q102. Select the option that best completes the sentence: 'The new government policy is a _____ for small businesses, as it provides essential financial support to keep them from collapsing during the economic downturn.' Options: A) A lifeline B) A tightrope C) A stepping-stone D) A dead-end

A. A) A lifeline
B. B) A tightrope
C. C) A stepping-stone
D. D) A dead-end

Q103. In the bustling Mumbai tea stall, amidst the chaotic noise of commuters and hawkers, old Manohar sat quietly. He observed the frantic crowd but remained utterly _____ to the loud arguments breaking out on his left.

A. A] deaf
B. B] immune
C. C] blind
D. D] oblivious

Q104. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?

A. Homophones
B. Homographs
C. Synonyms
D. Antonyms

Q105. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?

A. Homophones
B. Homographs
C. Homonyms
D. Synonyms

Q106. Read the following instruction found in a formal circular issued by the Ministry of Railways. Identify the sentence that best completes the paragraph while maintaining the required administrative tone. 'The undersigned authority hereby directs all concerned regarding the upcoming festive period: ____. Failure to comply will attract strict departmental action.', Options: A. 'Please make sure no passengers are delayed during the holiday rush.' B. 'It is imperative that no train delays occur; hence, extra traction must be ensured.' C. 'We hope everyone travels safely without any hitches.' D. 'You must ensure trains run on time because the government will punish you.'

A. Please make sure no passengers are delayed during the holiday rush.
B. It is imperative that no train delays occur; hence, extra traction must be ensured.
C. We hope everyone travels safely without any hitches.
D. You must ensure trains run on time because the government will punish you.

Q107. What is the term for the study of the relationship between language and society?

A. Sociolinguistics
B. Psycholinguistics
C. Neurolinguistics
D. Anthropological linguistics

Q108. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?

A. Homophones
B. Homographs
C. Synonyms
D. Antonyms

Q109. In the context of a formal government audit report, which single word best replaces the phrase 'the act of speaking with unnecessary detail and verbosity to obscure meaning'? A) Loquacious B) Prolix C) Verbose D) Effusive

A. Loquacious
B. Prolix
C. Verbose
D. Effusive

Q110. What is the term for the process of learning to read and write?

A. Language acquisition
B. Literacy development
C. Communication skills
D. Grammar rules

Q111. In a high-stakes corporate restructuring, the Chairman delivered a speech that was widely regarded as a _____ for morale, as his sudden resignation announcement turned hopeful anticipation into deep despair.

A. blessing
B. curse
C. nuisance
D. boon

Q112. Select the word that best completes the sentence: 'If the monsoon onset had been delayed by three weeks, the resulting drought would have triggered a scenario described as a _____,' where the blank requires a term for a situation of sudden, overwhelming scarcity caused specifically by a lack of rain during the critical agricultural window.'

A. A. Calamity
B. B. Famine
C. C. Scarcity
D. D. Misery

Q113. What is the term for the repetition of initial consonant sounds in words that are close together?

A. Alliteration
B. Assonance
C. Consonance
D. Onomatopoeia

Q114. Read the following sentence and select the most appropriate idiom to fill the blank, ensuring the phrase's figurative meaning aligns with the context of a sudden financial collapse: "After years of steady growth, the startup's value crashed overnight when the market ____, leaving investors in deep trouble." A) blew up B) folded its tents C) hit bottom D) turned sour

A. A) blew up
B. B) folded its tents
C. C) hit bottom
D. D) turned sour

Q115. A 'Rashtriya Karmayogi' portal has launched to digitise the administration. During the inauguration, the Prime Minister noted that 'bureaucratic delays are often caused by a lack of _____ in decision-making'. Which word best completes the sentence while maintaining formal administrative register?

A. Procrastination
B. Expedition
C. Negligence
D. Stagnation

Q116. What is the term for the study of the sound system of language?

A. Phonetics
B. Phonology
C. Morphology
D. Syntax

Q117. What is the term for the process of combining two or more words to create a new word?

A. Compounding
B. Blending
C. Derivation
D. Inflection

Q118. In the recent parliamentary debate on railway safety, a junior bureaucrat argued that while new surveillance cameras were installed across stations, 'the silent witness' had been replaced by a digital one. In this specific context, what does the idiom 'the silent witness' most logically refer to? A. The anonymity of passengers who refuse to speak. B. The natural environment (wind, weather) that historically observed the station without human intervention. C. A specific legal doctrine regarding non-human evidence in criminal law. D. The internal monologue of the station master during a panic situation.

A. The anonymity of passengers who refuse to speak.
B. The natural environment (wind, weather) that historically observed the station without human intervention.
C. A specific legal doctrine regarding non-human evidence in criminal law.
D. The internal monologue of the station master during a panic situation.

Q119. Read the following extract from a high-level administrative circular regarding the reclassification of state forest land: "In light of the Supreme Court's directive, the administration has deemed it necessary to _____ the erstwhile designated 'protective buffer zones' and instead classify them as 'active eco-corridors,' thereby mandating stricter patrolling protocols." Which word best fits the blank in a context emphasizing **mandatory legal reassignment**? A. Abrogate B. Relocate C. Rezone D. Revise

A. Abrogate
B. Relocate
C. Rezone
D. Revise

Q120. In the latest bureaucratic memo, the Director accused the department of 'walking on eggshells'. However, upon reviewing the attached data showing a 150% increase in reckless spending, the oversight committee concluded that the department was actually: [Options]. The word that best fills the blank while inverting the intended meaning from the idiom is: A) Cautious B) Indifferent C) Immeasurable D) Reckless

A. Cautious
B. Indifferent
C. Immeasurable
D. Reckless

Language II

Q121. Select the most appropriate sentence to complete the following statement: 'The Director has ordered that all staff members must ensure strict adherence to safety protocols. Furthermore,' A) any negligence will be punished severely, and B) violations shall incur severe disciplinary action, and C) those who are found at fault will get a warning, and D) people breaking rules will face consequences, and

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Q122. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?

A. Homophones
B. Homographs
C. Homonyms
D. Synonyms

Q123. In a frantic rush to fix the broken bridge before the monsoon, the village engineer shouted at the contractors, 'Stop! You are trying to _____ by using these temporary bamboo poles!' He believed they were attempting to make the river flow through a solid wall of wood. Which idiom best completes the engineer's frustrated outburst? A. paint the town red B. build castles in the air C. count chickens before they hatch D. throw good money after bad

A. A. paint the town red: Celebrate wildly.
B. B. build castles in the air: Engage in unrealistic planning or hope.
C. C. count chickens before they hatch: Expect results prematurely.
D. D. throw good money after bad: Persist in a failing course despite losses.

Q124. In the quarterly review of a District Cooperative Bank's accounts, the Chairman noted that 'the financial statements failed to balance due to unrecorded entries'. Which single word best describes the state of the books mentioned?

A. A. Audited
B. B. Discrepant
C. C. Conciliatory
D. D. Rectified

Q125. What is the term for the study of the meaning of words and phrases?

A. Semantics
B. Syntax
C. Pragmatics
D. Morphology

Q126. In a recent village assembly meeting, the Sarpanch expressed strong disapproval of the proposal to use public funds for personal gain. He stated that such an action would be ___ to the principles of democracy. Choose the word that best fits the blank in the context of formal official language: A) inimical B) hostile C) detrimental D) antagonistic

A. inimical
B. hostile
C. detrimental
D. antagonistic

Q127. In the chaotic final minutes of the cricket match, when Team A was winning by 4 wickets with only one ball remaining, they were struck by a sudden collapse and lost their lead instantly. This abrupt cessation of momentum caused them to finish the game in defeat despite their earlier dominance.

A. Euphoria
B. Nadir
C. Anvil
D. Lull

Q128. In a newly formed administrative zone, the Governor issued an order to prevent the duplication of duties among officials who are already working in the same department. This act of assigning two or more responsibilities to a single official is known as: A) Embezzlement B) Pluralism C) Congruence D) Accumulation

A. Embezzlement
B. Pluralism
C. Congruence
D. Accumulation

Q129. What is the term for the process of using prior knowledge and experience to make inferences and draw conclusions?

A. Critical thinking
B. Creative thinking
C. Inferential thinking
D. Analytical thinking

Q130. What is the term for the process of combining two or more words to create a new word?

A. Compounding
B. Blending
C. Derivation
D. Inflection

Q131. The Prime Minister's speech on the National Infrastructure Project concluded exactly as the first train departed from New Delhi, _____ that the new high-speed line would reduce travel time by 40% within two years. A) stating B) had it stated C) it was stated D) which was stated

A. A) stating
B. B) had it stated
C. C) it was stated
D. D) which was stated

Q132. What is the term for the process of learning to read and write?

A. Language acquisition
B. Literacy development
C. Communication skills
D. Grammar rules

Q133. Select the option that best replaces the phrase 'to bring the debate to an end temporarily, with a promise to resume later': 'A. To adjourn' 'B. To recess' C. To prorogue' 'D. To dissolve'

A. A. To adjourn
B. B. To recess
C. C. To prorogue
D. D. To dissolve

Q134. What is the term for the process of using language to persuade or convince others?

A. Persuasive writing
B. Descriptive writing
C. Narrative writing
D. Expository writing

Q135. What is the term for the study of the sound patterns of language?

A. Phonetics
B. Phonology
C. Morphology
D. Syntax

Q136. Select the option that correctly completes the sentence: The committee - A) have decided to delay the meeting. B) have decided on delaying the meeting. C) has decided on delaying the meeting. D) has decide to delay the meeting.

A. have decided to delay the meeting.
B. have decided on delaying the meeting.
C. has decided on delaying the meeting.
D. has decide to delay the meeting.

Q137. In a hypothetical economic scenario where the government's primary goal is to maximize rural employment immediately following a drought, which phrase best completes the sentence: 'The administration decided that _____ the monsoon forecasts remain uncertain, the public works department would prioritize local labor allocation over automated machinery deployment.'?

A. A] as long as
B. B] even if
C. C] provided that
D. D] unless

Q138. To boost the 'Stand-Up India' initiative for female entrepreneurs, the Central Bank announced a 'soft-lending' policy requiring banks to extend credit at rates **below** the benchmark. Consequently, banks must now avoid any practice that implies charging exorbitant fees or hidden costs.

A. A) Subsidize
B. B) Exploit
C. C) Regulate
D. D) Ignore

Q139. Identify the option that best completes the sentence by shifting the tone to formal administrative register suitable for a government report, correcting the error in informal phrasing: 'The project manager reported that the funds were _____ before the deadline.' A) exhausted B) drained away C) burnt out D) finished up

A. exhausted
B. drained away
C. burnt out
D. finished up

Q140. What is the term for the process of using context clues to determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word?

A. Vocabulary development
B. Contextual learning
C. Inferential learning
D. Deductive learning

Q141. In the latest policy draft issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, a clause was added stating that 'whistleblower protection applies to all government employees,' but immediately following this, an exclusionary note stated: 'Employees of defense contractors under Department of Defense (DoD) are excluded from this specific chapter.' Given the hierarchy where DoD is a central ministry, which option best corrects the logical inconsistency in the sentence structure without altering the legal intent? Original Sentence: 'The regulation applies to all government employees, excluding DoD contractors,' vs 'The regulation applies to all government employees including DoD contractors.'

A. A. The original sentence is logically consistent as 'government employees' and 'DoD contractors' are distinct categories in the public sector.

B. B. The clause should be corrected to: 'whistleblower protection applies to all central government employees, excluding only those classified under defense contracts,' to resolve the ambiguity of inclusion.

C. C. The phrase 'defense contractors' must be replaced with 'paramilitary forces' to align with the existing exclusion policy.

D. D. The sentence requires no changes as the exclusion is a standard proviso found in all Indian central ministry regulations.

Q142. Identify the sentence that correctly uses formal vocabulary suitable for an official audit report: A) The bank needs to sort out the discrepancies in the ledgers. B) The bank requires rectification of the variances observed in the accounts. C) The bank ought to get rid of the mistakes found in the books. D) The bank has to fix up the errors noticed in the statements.

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B. The bank requires rectification of the variances observed in the accounts.
C. The bank ought to get rid of the mistakes found in the books.
D. The bank has to fix up the errors noticed in the statements.

Q143. Read the following official notification excerpt: 'To ensure compliance, all district collectors must submit their quarterly progress reports before the 30th.' Which of the following idioms best replaces 'before the 30th' while maintaining the strict, bureaucratic tone required in this specific document?

A. A) by the time
B. B) prior to the deadline
C. C) no later than the 30th
D. D) well before the month ends

Q144. What is the term for the process of learning to read and write?

A. Language acquisition
B. Literacy development
C. Communication skills
D. Grammar rules

Q145. A government circular has been issued regarding the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. The text states: 'Citizens are advised to adhere strictly to the hygiene protocols.' The phrase 'adhere strictly to' most closely means: A) To casually observe without care B) To comply fully with the requirements C) To ignore the instructions completely D) To modify the protocol slightly

A. To casually observe without care
B. To comply fully with the requirements
C. To ignore the instructions completely
D. To modify the protocol slightly

Q146. What is the term for the process of using prior knowledge and experience to make inferences and draw conclusions?

A. Critical thinking
B. Creative thinking
C. Inferential thinking
D. Analytical thinking

Q147. Select the most appropriate preposition to complete the sentence while maintaining a formal, bureaucratic register often used in official Indian government circulars regarding policy implementation. "The Ministry issued a directive _____ all regional offices to align their operational timelines with the central committee's new fiscal framework."

A. towards
B. for
C. to
D. about

Q148. What is the term for the process of learning to read and write?

A. Language acquisition
B. Literacy
C. Vocabulary development
D. Grammar instruction

Q149. What is the term for the process of learning to read and write?

A. Language acquisition
B. Literacy
C. Vocabulary development
D. Grammar instruction

Q150. Complete the sentence with the most appropriate idiom that matches the irony of the situation described: 'The new regulation was hailed as a breakthrough, but for the struggling small vendors, it turned out to be a complete _____.' A) Silver bullet B) Double-edged sword C) Curse in disguise D) Pyrrhic victory

A. A) Silver bullet
B. B) Double-edged sword
C. C) Curse in disguise
D. D) Pyrrhic victory

Answer key

Q1 B	Q2 A	Q3 C	Q4 C
Q5 A	Q6 C	Q7 B	Q8 A
Q9 B	Q10 B	Q11 C	Q12 B
Q13 A	Q14 C	Q15 A	Q16 B
Q17 B	Q18 C	Q19 C	Q20 C
Q21 B	Q22 B	Q23 D	Q24 B
Q25 B	Q26 C	Q27 B	Q28 C
Q29 C	Q30 B	Q31 A	Q32 C
Q33 A	Q34 C	Q35 B	Q36 C
Q37 B	Q38 B	Q39 A	Q40 A
Q41 B	Q42 A	Q43 C	Q44 B
Q45 B	Q46 C	Q47 A	Q48 C
Q49 A	Q50 A	Q51 C	Q52 D
Q53 C	Q54 C	Q55 B	Q56 B
Q57 C	Q58 B	Q59 C	Q60 B
Q61 A	Q62 A	Q63 A	Q64 A
Q65 A	Q66 C	Q67 A	Q68 A
Q69 C	Q70 A	Q71 C	Q72 C
Q73 C	Q74 A	Q75 A	Q76 A
Q77 A	Q78 B	Q79 A	Q80 A
Q81 A	Q82 C	Q83 C	Q84 B
Q85 A	Q86 A	Q87 B	Q88 A
Q89 C	Q90 C	Q91 B	Q92 B
Q93 B	Q94 A	Q95 B	Q96 A
Q97 A	Q98 D	Q99 B	Q100 B
Q101 A	Q102 A	Q103 D	Q104 B
Q105 B	Q106 B	Q107 A	Q108 B
Q109 B	Q110 B	Q111 B	Q112 B
Q113 A	Q114 B	Q115 B	Q116 A
Q117 A	Q118 B	Q119 C	Q120 D
Q121 B	Q122 B	Q123 B	Q124 B
Q125 A	Q126 A	Q127 B	Q128 B
Q129 C	Q130 A	Q131 A	Q132 B
Q133 A	Q134 A	Q135 B	Q136 C
Q137 B	Q138 B	Q139 A	Q140 B
Q141 B	Q142 B	Q143 C	Q144 B
Q145 B	Q146 C	Q147 C	Q148 B
Q149 B	Q150 C		

Solutions and explanations

Q1. What is the term for the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities?
Answer: B
Inclusive education refers to the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities, and provides support and accommodations to ensure their full participation.

Q2. What is the term for the process of adapting instruction to meet the diverse needs of learners?
Answer: A
Differentiated instruction refers to the process of adapting instruction to meet the diverse needs of learners, which can include factors such as learning style, ability, and cultural background.

Q3. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?
Answer: C
Kohlberg's theory of moral development proposes that the highest stage of moral development is the post-conventional level, where individuals develop a sense of social contract and universal principles.

Q4. According to Piaget's theory of cognitive development, what is the name of the stage where children develop the ability to think logically and solve problems using symbols and language?
Answer: C
According to Piaget's theory, the concrete operational stage is where children develop the ability to think logically and solve problems using symbols and language.

Q5. What is the term for the process of developing a sense of right and wrong in children?
Answer: A
Moral development refers to the process of developing a sense of right and wrong in children, which is influenced by factors such as culture, family, and social environment.

Q6. According to Kohlberg's theory, what is the highest stage of moral development?
Answer: C
According to Kohlberg's theory, the postconventional stage is the highest stage of moral development, where individuals develop a sense of social justice and universal principles.

Q7. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of language in cognitive development?
Answer: B
Vygotsky's theory emphasizes the importance of language in cognitive development, where language serves as a primary tool for thinking, problem-solving, and learning.

Q8. What is the term for the process of promoting inclusive education and supporting diverse learners?
Answer: A
Inclusive education refers to the process of promoting inclusive education and supporting diverse learners, which can include factors such as differentiated instruction, universal design for learning, and culturally responsive teaching.

Q9. What is the term for the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities?
Answer: B
Inclusive education refers to the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities, and provides support and accommodations to ensure their full participation.

Q10. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of the teacher in the learning process?
Answer: B
Vygotsky's theory emphasizes the importance of social interaction and the role of the teacher as a facilitator or mediator, providing scaffolding and support to help students learn and develop.

Q11. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?
Answer: C
Kohlberg's theory proposes that the highest stage of moral development is the post-conventional stage, where individuals develop a sense of universal moral principles and values.

Q12. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of the teacher in the learning process?
Answer: B
Vygotsky's theory emphasizes the importance of social interaction and collaborative learning, where the teacher acts as a facilitator or guide to help students learn and develop.

Q13. According to Kohlberg's theory, what is the first stage of moral development?
Answer: A
According to Kohlberg's theory, the preconventional stage is the first stage of moral development, where individuals focus on obedience and punishment, and have not yet developed a sense of social justice or universal principles.

Q14. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?
Answer: C
Kohlberg's theory of moral development proposes that the highest stage of moral development is the post-conventional level, where individuals develop a sense of social contract and universal principles.

Q15. According to Vygotsky's theory, what is the term for the gap between what a child can do independently and what they can do with the guidance of a more knowledgeable other?
Answer: A
According to Vygotsky's theory, the zone of proximal development refers to the gap between what a child can do independently and what they can do with the guidance of a more knowledgeable other, and is a key concept in understanding how children learn and develop.

Q16. What is the primary focus of Piaget's theory of cognitive development?
Answer: B
Piaget's theory emphasizes the active role of children in constructing their own knowledge and understanding through experience and social interaction.

Q17. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of the teacher in the learning process?
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Vygotsky's theory emphasizes the importance of social interaction and the role of the teacher as a facilitator or mediator, providing scaffolding and support to help students learn and develop.

Q18. According to Kohlberg's theory, what is the highest stage of moral development?
Answer: C
According to Kohlberg's theory, the postconventional stage is the highest stage of moral development, where individuals develop a sense of social justice and universal principles.

Q19. According to Piaget's theory of cognitive development, what is the name of the stage where children develop the ability to think logically and solve problems using symbols and language?
Answer: C
According to Piaget's theory, the concrete operational stage is where children develop the ability to think logically and solve problems using symbols and language.

Q20. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?
Answer: C
Kohlberg's theory of moral development proposes that the highest stage of moral development is the post-conventional level, where individuals develop a sense of social contract and universal principles.

Q21. What is the primary focus of Piaget's theory of cognitive development?
Answer: B
Piaget's theory emphasizes the active role of children in constructing their own knowledge and understanding through experience and social interaction.

Q22. According to Piaget's theory, what is the name of the stage where children develop the ability to think symbolically and use language?
Answer: B
According to Piaget's theory, the preoperational stage is where children develop the ability to think symbolically and use language, although their thinking is still egocentric and lacking in logical reasoning.

Q23. According to Piaget's theory, what is the name of the stage where children develop the ability to think logically and solve problems using abstract concepts?
Answer: D
According to Piaget's theory, the formal operational stage is where children develop the ability to think logically and solve problems using abstract concepts, and is the final stage of cognitive development.

Q24. What is the primary focus of Piaget's theory of cognitive development?
Answer: B
Piaget's theory emphasizes the active role of children in constructing their own knowledge and understanding through experience and social interaction.

Q25. According to Vygotsky, what is the role of the teacher in the learning process?
Answer: B
Vygotsky's theory emphasizes the importance of social interaction and the role of the teacher as a facilitator or mediator, providing scaffolding and support to help students learn and develop.

Q26. According to Kohlberg, what is the highest stage of moral development?
Answer: C
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Q27. What is the term for the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities?
Answer: B
Inclusive education refers to the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities, and provides support and accommodations to ensure their full participation.

Q28. According to Vygotsky's theory, what is the role of culture in shaping a child's cognitive development?
Answer: C
According to Vygotsky's theory, culture plays a significant role in shaping a child's cognitive development, as it provides the tools and symbols that children use to think and learn.

Q29. According to Piaget's theory, what is the term for the process by which children adapt to new information and experiences?
Answer: C
According to Piaget's theory, the term 'equilibration' refers to the process by which children adapt to new information and experiences, and is a key concept in understanding how children learn and develop.

Q30. What is the term for the educational approach that emphasizes the inclusion of all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities?
Answer: B
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Q31. A pictograph shows: one symbol = 10 apples. There are 6 full symbols. How many apples are represented?
Answer: A
Correct answer: 60.

Q32. What is the formula for the surface area of a sphere?
Answer: C
The formula for the surface area of a sphere is A = 4 r^2, where A is the surface area and r is the radius of the sphere.

Q33. What is the concept of probability in mathematics?
Answer: A
Probability in mathematics refers to the measure of the likelihood of an event occurring, which can be expressed as a numerical value between 0 and 1.

Q34. A contractor promises to complete a project in 40 days. He employs 60 men. However, due to supply shortages, the work rate of every single man drops by 25% immediately after day 20. If he wants to finish the job exactly on day 40 regardless of this slowdown, how many additional men must he hire at that moment?
Answer: C
Initial plan: 60 men complete work in 40 days. Halfway (day 20), half the total required work is done. Remaining work needs to be done in remaining 20 days. At day 20, efficiency of each man drops by 25% (becomes 75% of original). Let original rate be R. New rate = 0.75R. Effective men count available remains 60, but their total output is 0.75 * 60 * R = 45R equivalent to 45 normal-men-days per day. Remaining work for 20 days with full efficiency would need (Total Work / 2) / 20 days? No. Original plan: Total Work W = 60 men * 40 days * R = 2400 man-days. Half done in 20 days = 1200 man-days. Remaining 1200 man-days must be done in 20 days. Current effective capacity per day with 60 men at 75% efficiency = 60 * 0.75 * R = 45R (where 1R=1 normal man-day). Days needed for current 60 men = 1200 / 45 = 26.67 days. We have only 20 days left. Deficit = 6.67 days worth of work. Required capacity per day = 1200 / 20 = 60R (equivalent to 60 normal men). Current effective capacity is 45R. Need additional 15R. Since each new man adds 0.75R efficiency, let x be number of men. Total capacity = (60 + x) * 0.75R = 60R => 45R + 0.75xR = 60R => 0.75x = 15 => x = 20.

Q35. What is the formula for finding the volume of a cube?
Answer: B
The volume of a cube is calculated by multiplying its length, width, and height, which are all equal.

Q36. What is the formula for the perimeter of a rectangle?
Answer: C
The formula for the perimeter of a rectangle is P = 2(l + w), where P is the perimeter, l is the length, and w is the width.

Q37. What is the mode of the data set: 2, 4, 4, 6, 7, 7, 7, 9?
Answer: B
Correct answer: 7.

Q38. A trader marks up the Cost Price (CP) of a commodity by 25% to get the Marked Price (MP). He then offers a 10% discount on this MP. If the final Selling Price (SP) is Rs. 270, what is the trader's profit percentage on the CP?
Answer: B
Let CP = 100. MP = 100 + 25% = 125. SP = 125 - 10% = 125 * 0.9 = 112.5. Profit = SP - CP = 112.5 - 100 = 12.5. Profit % = (12.5 / 100) * 100 = 12.5%.

Q39. A prudent investor splits a total sum of Rs. 20,000 into two parts. Part A is invested at 6% simple interest per annum, and Part B is invested at 8% simple interest per annum. If the combined annual interest earned from both parts is exactly equal to the simple interest on the entire Rs. 20,000 invested at a blended rate of 7% per annum for one year, what is the amount invested at 6%?
Answer: A
1. Total Sum = Rs. 20,000. 2. Target Interest (Target Rate) = 7% of 20,000 = Rs. 1,400. 3. Let Part A = x (at 6%) and Part B = 20,000 - x (at 8%). 4. Equation: 0.06x + 0.08(20,000 - x) = 1,400. 5. Simplify: 0.06x + 1,600 - 0.08x = 1,400. 6. Rearrange: -0.02x = -200. 7. Solve: x = 200 / 0.02 = 10,000.

Q40. A boat travels between two ports, P and Q. On the first trip from P to Q (downstream), the current speed is 5 km/h, and the boat's speed in still water is V km/h. On the return trip from Q to P (upstream), the current speed increases to 6 km/h, but the distance between the ports remains unchanged. If the time taken for the downstream trip equals the time taken for the upstream trip, what is the value of V?
Answer: A
Let V be speed in still water. Downstream Speed = V + 5. Upstream Speed = V - 8. Time ratio Down:Up is 2:3 (since distances

are equal). So, (V-8)/(V+5) = 2/3. Cross-multiply: 3(V-8) = 2(V+5). 3V - 24 = 2V + 10. V = 34 km/h.

Q41. A confectioner sells 'Assorted Box' X (cost Rs 220/kg) and 'Premium Box' Y (cost Rs 320/kg). To reduce inventory of Y, he mixes 2 kg of X with 1 kg of Y to create 'Box Z'. If Box Z is sold at a 10% profit on its cost price, what is the profit percentage earned on the original cost of the 3 kg ingredients?

Answer: B

Cost of 2 kg X = 2 x 220 = 440. Cost of 1 kg Y = 1 x 320 = 320. Total Cost Price (CP) of 3 kg = 440 + 320 = 760. Selling Price (SP) of 3 kg = 760 x 1.10 = 836. Profit = SP - CP = 836 - 760 = 76. Profit % = (76 / 760) x 100 = 10%.

Q42. What is the concept of measurement in mathematics?

Answer: A

Measurement in mathematics refers to the process of assigning numbers to quantities, which can include factors such as length, mass, and time.

Q43. What is the concept of symmetry in geometry?

Answer: C

Symmetry in geometry refers to the quality of having two or more parts that are mirror images of each other, such as line symmetry or rotational symmetry.

Q44. According to NCF 2005, the main goal of mathematics education in schools is to:

Answer: B

Correct answer: Develop problem-solving and reasoning skills.

Q45. Find the value of x if 3x + 7 = 22.

Answer: B

3x = 22 - 7 = 15. x = 15 / 3 = 5.

Q46. What is the term for a specific learning disability in mathematics?

Answer: C

Correct answer: Dyscalculia.

Q47. A bank offers a special 'Festival Savings Scheme' where the interest rate for the first year is 5% per annum on the principal. However, the interest earned in the first year is added to the principal at the end of the year. If a customer deposits Rs 10,000 and closes the account after exactly one year, what is the total amount received?

Answer: A

Simple Interest = (P * R * T) / 100. Substituting values: P = 10000, R = 5%, T = 1 year. SI = (10000 * 5 * 1) / 100. SI = 500. Total Amount = Principal + Interest = 10000 + 500 = 10500.

Q48. What is the sum of interior angles of a pentagon?

Answer: C

Correct answer: 540°.

Q49. A cooperative society's annual budget allocation for a specific project follows a strict policy: every fiscal year, the allocated amount is increased by 20% over the previous year's figure. If the allocation for the fiscal year 2023-24 was Rs. 18,000, what will be the allocation for the fiscal year 2025-26? A common error in solving this is to calculate a 'net' increase of 40% (adding 20+20) over two years or applying simple compound interest without resetting the base correctly. What is the correct amount?

Answer: A

Year 2024-25 = 18,000 * 1.20 = 21,600. Year 2025-26 = 21,600 * 1.20 = 25,920. The distractor Rs. 23,040 comes from calculating a single year's increase on the original base (18000 + 18000*0.2*0.2) or misinterpreting the compounding.

Q50. What is the formula for finding the perimeter of a triangle?

Answer: A

The perimeter of a triangle is found by adding the lengths of all three sides, which is represented by the formula a + b + c.

Q51. A suburban train covers a distance of 120 km in 2 hours at its scheduled speed. On the return journey, due to signal disruptions at exactly 5 platforms encountered, the train incurs a fixed 'delay penalty' of 4 minutes for every platform passed. If the train maintains the exact same average speed between these platforms as it did on the outbound journey, how much total time is required for the entire return trip?

Answer: C

1. Outbound average speed = 120 km / 2 hrs = 60 km/hr. 2. Return journey distance is also 120 km. 3. Ideal time for return trip at 60 km/hr = 120/60 = 2 hours (120 mins). 4. Delay penalty = 4 minutes per platform * 5 platforms = 20 minutes. 5. Total time = Ideal time + Penalty = 120 mins + 20 mins = 140 mins.

Q52. A bag contains 4 red, 6 blue, and 5 green marbles. One marble is drawn at random. What is the probability of drawing a green marble?

Answer: D

Correct answer: 1/3.

Q53. A triangle has sides of lengths 6 cm, 8 cm, and 10 cm. What type of triangle is it?

Answer: C

Correct answer: Right-angled.

Q54. An Indian Railways employee saves for a new ticket reservation system upgrade by depositing Rs 2,000 at the end of each month into a Public Provident Fund (PPF) account. The bank announces an annual compound interest rate of 7.2% compounded annually. Assuming the standard PPF calculation where monthly deposits are treated as a lump sum deposited half-yearly for approximation in simplified exams, which is closest to the total maturity value after 2 years?

Answer: C

1. Total principal (24 months * 2000) = Rs 48,000. 2. Simplified Interest for 2 years on recurring deposits in simplified exams approximates to roughly 2.5% of the principal over the period. 3. Calculation: 48,000 + (48,000 * 0.025) = 48,000 + 1,200 = Rs 49,200. 4. Rounding to nearest option gives Rs 49,300.

Q55. What is the formula for finding the area of a rectangle?

Answer: B

The area of a rectangle is calculated by multiplying its length and width.

Q56. What is the formula for finding the volume of a cube?

Answer: B

The volume of a cube is calculated by multiplying its length, width, and height, which are all equal.

Q57. How many lines of symmetry does a square have?

Answer: C

Correct answer: 4.

Q58. Assessment conducted during the learning process to provide feedback is called:

Answer: B

Correct answer: Formative assessment.

Q59. What is the concept of equivalent ratios?

Answer: C

Equivalent ratios are ratios that have the same value or simplify to the same value, such as 1:2 and 2:4.

Q60. A basket contains 50 apples. If 20% are rotten, how many good apples are left?

Answer: B

Rotten apples = 20% of 50 = 10. Good apples = 50 - 10 = 40.

Q61. What is the term for the variety of different species that live in an ecosystem?

Answer: A

The term 'biodiversity' refers to the variety of different species that live in an ecosystem, and is a key concept in understanding the importance of conservation and sustainability.

Q62. What is the main function of the atmosphere in the environment?

Answer: A

The main function of the atmosphere is to regulate the Earth's temperature and climate, which is essential for maintaining a stable and habitable environment.

Q63. What is the term for the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem?

Answer: A

Biodiversity refers to the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem, and is an important aspect of environmental studies.

Q64. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?

Answer: A

Biogeochemical cycles refer to the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling, which are essential for maintaining the health and balance of the ecosystem.

Q65. What is the main function of the roots of a plant?

Answer: A

The main function of the roots of a plant is to absorb water and nutrients from the soil, which are then transported to the rest of the plant.

Q66. What is the main purpose of the water cycle?

Answer: C

The water cycle, also known as the hydrologic cycle, is the continuous process by which water is circulated between the Earth and the atmosphere, renewing and distributing freshwater.

Q67. What is the term for the movement of people from one place to another?

Answer: A

Migration refers to the movement of people from one place to another, which can be voluntary or involuntary, and can have significant impacts on the environment and ecosystems.

Q68. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?

Answer: A

Biogeochemical cycles refer to the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling, which are essential for maintaining the health and balance of the ecosystem.

Q69. What is the term for the natural process by which water moves through a plant, from the roots to the leaves, and is then released into the air as water vapor?
Answer: C
The term 'transpiration' refers to the natural process by which water moves through a plant, from the roots to the leaves, and is then released into the air as water vapor, which is an important part of the water cycle.

Q70. What is the term for the movement of people from one place to another in search of food, water, or shelter?
Answer: A
The term 'migration' refers to the movement of people from one place to another in search of food, water, or shelter, and is a common phenomenon in both human and animal populations.

Q71. What is the main function of the water cycle in the environment?
Answer: C
The main function of the water cycle is to distribute freshwater resources around the globe, which is essential for supporting life and maintaining ecosystem balance.

Q72. What is the main function of the forest ecosystem in the environment?
Answer: C
The main function of the forest ecosystem is to provide habitat and shelter for a diverse range of species, which is essential for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem balance.

Q73. What is the main purpose of the water cycle?
Answer: C
The water cycle, also known as the hydrologic cycle, is the continuous process by which water is circulated between the Earth and the atmosphere, renewing and distributing freshwater.

Q74. What is the term for the movement of people from one place to another?
Answer: A
Migration refers to the movement of people from one place to another, which can be voluntary or involuntary, and can have significant impacts on the environment and ecosystems.

Q75. What is the main source of energy for the Earth's climate system?
Answer: A
The main source of energy for the Earth's climate system is the sun, which provides the energy that drives the Earth's climate and weather patterns.

Q76. What is the term for the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem?
Answer: A
Biodiversity refers to the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem, and is an important aspect of environmental studies.

Q77. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?
Answer: A
Biogeochemical cycles refer to the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling, which are essential for maintaining the health and balance of the ecosystem.

Q78. What is the main function of the ozone layer in the atmosphere?
Answer: B
The main function of the ozone layer is to protect the Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation, which can cause damage to living organisms and the environment.

Q79. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?
Answer: A
Biogeochemical cycles refer to the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling, which are essential for maintaining the health and balance of the ecosystem.

Q80. What is the term for the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem?
Answer: A
Biodiversity refers to the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem, and is an important aspect of environmental studies.

Q81. What is the term for the process by which the Earth's atmosphere traps heat from the sun, leading to a rise in global temperatures?
Answer: A
The term 'global warming' refers to the process by which the Earth's atmosphere traps heat from the sun, leading to a rise in global temperatures, and is a major environmental concern.

Q82. What is the main purpose of the water cycle?
Answer: C
The water cycle, also known as the hydrologic cycle, is the continuous process by which water is circulated between the Earth and the atmosphere, renewing and distributing freshwater.

Q83. What is the term for the natural process by which water moves through a plant, from the roots to the leaves, and is then released into the air as water vapor?
Answer: C
The term 'transpiration' refers to the natural process by which water moves through a plant, from the roots to the leaves, and is then released into the air as water vapor, which is an important part of the water cycle.

Q84. What is the main source of water for most living organisms?
Answer: B
Groundwater is the main source of water for most living organisms, as it is the primary source of freshwater on Earth.

Q85. What is the term for the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem?
Answer: A
Biodiversity refers to the variety of different species of plants, animals, and microorganisms that live in an ecosystem, and is an important aspect of environmental studies.

Q86. What is the term for the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling?
Answer: A
Biogeochemical cycles refer to the natural processes that occur in an ecosystem, such as decomposition and nutrient cycling, which are essential for maintaining the health and balance of the ecosystem.

Q87. What is the main cause of water pollution?
Answer: B
The main cause of water pollution is human activities such as industrial and agricultural waste, which can contaminate water sources and harm aquatic life.

Q88. What is the term for the movement of people from one place to another?
Answer: A
Migration refers to the movement of people from one place to another, which can be voluntary or involuntary, and can have significant impacts on the environment and ecosystems.

Q89. What is the main purpose of the water cycle?
Answer: C
The water cycle, also known as the hydrologic cycle, is the continuous process by which water is circulated between the Earth and the atmosphere, renewing and distributing freshwater.

Q90. What is the main function of the roots of a plant?
Answer: C
The main function of the roots of a plant is to absorb water and nutrients from the soil, which are necessary for the plant's growth and survival.

Q91. Select the sentence that correctly completes the logic of the statement: "The Indian Railways' new e-ticketing initiative is [BLANK] successful." Context Clues: In a specific financial year, digital ticket sales constituted exactly 15% of total tickets sold, but this represented a significant increase from previous years. However, manual counters still processed the majority of transactions during peak hours. A. moderately and only B. largely yet not fully C. hardly and merely D. completely and absolutely
Answer: B
The prompt establishes a mixed reality: digital sales increased significantly (positive) but are still minor compared to manual counters (negative). 'Completely' implies total dominance (false). 'Hardly' implies near-failure (false, as 15% growth is significant). 'Moderately' minimizes the significance. 'Largely' captures the positive trend of increase, while 'yet not fully' acknowledges the remaining reliance on manual counters, fitting the 'mixed but positive' data.

Q92. Choose the most appropriate sentence that improves the one given below. Original: 'The stock market crash was a real eye-waterer for the traders.' A. The stock market crash was a real eye-opener for the traders. B. The stock market crash was a real heart-breaker for the traders. C. The stock market crash was a real tear-jerker for the traders. D. The stock market crash was a real eye-waterer for the traders.
Answer: B
1. Analyze original: 'eye-waterer' implies crying, which is awkward for financial loss. 2. Evaluate A: 'eye-opener' means enlightening/teaching, not emotionally painful. 3. Evaluate B: 'heart-breaker' accurately conveys severe emotional pain due to loss. 4. Evaluate C: 'tear-jerker' implies sad but touching stories, not financial ruin. 5. Select B as the standard improvement.

Q93. In a recent public sector audit, the department's 'Performance Review Matrix' was found to be _____ that it could not account for the 15% reduction in operational efficiency.
Answer: B
The phrase 'such that' is required here because the blank precedes a clause starting with a verb ('could') and introduces a consequence or result. 'So' is followed by an adjective/adverb, while 'as' implies comparison which doesn't fit the causal context of the audit finding.

Q94. What is the term for the process of analyzing and interpreting literary texts?
Answer: A
Literary analysis refers to the process of analyzing and interpreting literary texts, which can include factors such as character development, plot structure, and themes.

Q95. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?
Answer: B
Homographs are words that have the same spelling but different meanings, such as 'bank' (a financial institution) and 'bank' (the side of a river).

Q96. Select the most appropriate option to complete the sentence: 'Among the various schemes, _____ by the Ministry of Rural Development has received mixed reactions from the farmers regarding its implementation timeline.' A) the one B) that which C) which is D) it
Answer: A
1. Identify the relative clause modifying 'various schemes'. 2. The antecedent 'schemes' is plural, but the predicate requires a singular referent to agree with the singular verb phrase 'has received'. 3. Option A ('the one') functions as a demonstrative pronoun referring back to the specific scheme, maintaining subject-verb agreement. 4. Options B and C introduce unnecessary complexity or incorrect grammatical structures for this context. 5. Option D creates a fragment lacking a connector.

Q97. Even though the committee members insisted that the report _____ before the monsoon floods submerged the village, no one could decide which of them _____ to sign first.
Answer: A
1. The main clause subject is 'no one' (singular), so the second blank must take a singular verb: 'dared'. 2. This eliminates options C and D immediately. 3. For the first blank, we have an embedded clause within a 'that-clause' functioning as the object of 'insisted'. 4. In formal exam grammar (like IBPS/SSC), when the main verb is in the past tense ('insisted'), the subordinate clause typically maintains past tense consistency or uses the subjunctive if hypothetical. 5. 'Insisted that X was done' implies a specific state of completion demanded at that time. 6. 'Be finished' (subjunctive) is grammatically possible but less common in standard Indian competitive exams unless the context explicitly demands a hypothetical ('insisted that he be present'). 7. Here, the focus is on the factual report status relative to the past timeline of the flood threat; thus, simple past 'was finished' fits the narrative flow better than subjunctive 'be finished'. 8. Option A provides the standard past tense agreement for both clauses.

Q98. What is the term for the process of using language to communicate effectively and achieve a specific purpose?
Answer: D
Effective communication refers to the process of using language to communicate effectively and achieve a specific purpose, which can include factors such as clarity, coherence, and audience awareness.

Q99. The RBI Governor announced that the newly issued sovereign bonds offer '_____,' a financial instrument specifically designed to protect investors' principal value against rising consumer price indices.
Answer: B
1. The context mentions protecting 'principal value' against 'rising consumer price indices'. 2. This describes a financial instrument where the principal or interest rate adjusts based on inflation. 3. Option A (Deflationary) contradicts the condition of rising prices. 4. Option C (Zero-Coupon) refers to purchase price vs face value, not inflation adjustment. 5. Option D (Treasury Bills) are short-term debt, not necessarily indexed. 6. Option B ('Inflation-Indexed Bonds') is the precise term for bonds linked to CPI. 7. Thus, it is the only correct substitution for the definition provided. 8. The answer is 'Inflation-Indexed Bonds'.

Q100. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?
Answer: B
The term 'homographs' refers to words that have the same spelling but different meanings, such as 'bank' (a financial institution) and 'bank' (the side of a river).

Q101. What is the term for the process of combining two or more words to create a new word?
Answer: A
Compounding is the process of combining two or more words to create a new word, such as 'bookshelf' or 'toothbrush'.

Q102. Select the option that best completes the sentence: 'The new government policy is a _____ for small businesses, as it provides essential financial support to keep them from collapsing during the economic downturn.' Options: A) A lifeline B) A tightrope C) A stepping-stone D) A dead-end
Answer: A
1. The sentence describes a policy providing 'essential financial support' to prevent collapse. 2. 'Lifeline' metaphorically means a line thrown to someone in peril, fitting the context of saving businesses. 3. 'Tightrope' implies danger and balance, contradicting the supportive nature of the aid. 4. 'Stepping-stone' suggests moving forward/upward, not necessarily preventing collapse from below. 5. 'Dead-end' implies a negative outcome or lack of progress, which is incorrect. 6. Only 'lifeline' logically fits the metaphor of saving something drowning (collapsing). 7. Therefore, Option A is the correct choice.

Q103. In the bustling Mumbai tea stall, amidst the chaotic noise of commuters and hawkers, old Manohar sat quietly. He observed the frantic crowd but remained utterly _____ to the loud arguments breaking out on his left.
Answer: D
The idiom 'oblivious' means unaware or unconscious of something, which fits perfectly for someone ignoring a situation without any physical inability (like being deaf or blind). 'Deaf' and 'blind' are literal; 'immune' is usually used for diseases or emotional reactions.

Q104. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?
Answer: B
Homographs are words that have the same spelling but different meanings, such as 'bank' (a financial institution) and 'bank' (the side of a river).

Q105. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?
Answer: B
Homographs refer to words that have the same spelling but different meanings, such as bank (financial institution) and bank (riverbank).

Q106. Read the following instruction found in a formal circular issued by the Ministry of Railways. Identify the sentence that best completes the paragraph while maintaining the required administrative tone. 'The undersigned authority hereby directs all concerned regarding the upcoming festive period: ____. Failure to comply will attract strict departmental action.', Options: A. 'Please make sure no passengers are delayed during the holiday rush.' B. 'It is imperative that no train delays occur; hence, extra traction must be ensured.' C. 'We hope everyone travels safely without any hitches.' D. 'You must ensure trains run on time because the government will punish you.'
Answer: B
1. Option A uses colloquial phrasing ('make sure', 'holiday rush'). 2. Option C uses informal vocabulary ('hitches') and lacks authority. 3. Option D uses rude imperative language ('You must', 'punish you'). 4. Option B uses formal adjectives ('imperative', 'traction') and passive/objective structure, fitting a government circular.

Q107. What is the term for the study of the relationship between language and society?
Answer: A
The term 'sociolinguistics' refers to the study of the relationship between language and society, including how language varies across different social contexts and how it is used to convey social meaning.

Q108. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?
Answer: B
Homographs are words that have the same spelling but different meanings, such as 'bank' (a financial institution) and 'bank' (the side of a river).

Q109. In the context of a formal government audit report, which single word best replaces the phrase 'the act of speaking with unnecessary detail and verbosity to obscure meaning'? A) Loquacious B) Prolix C) Verbose D) Effusive
Answer: B
1. The context is a formal audit report requiring precise, non-colloquial vocabulary. 2. 'Loquacious' refers to being talkative but not necessarily obscure or wordy in a specific text. 3. 'Verbose' describes the quality of being wordy but lacks the connotation of 'obscuring meaning through unnecessary detail'. 4. 'Effusive' means expressing emotion freely, which is irrelevant here. 5. 'Prolix' specifically defines an excessively long or wordy (verbosity) style that obscures clarity, fitting the definition perfectly for formal register.

Q110. What is the term for the process of learning to read and write?
Answer: B
Literacy development refers to the process by which individuals learn to read and write, and is a crucial aspect of language development.

Q111. In a high-stakes corporate restructuring, the Chairman delivered a speech that was widely regarded as a _____ for morale, as his sudden resignation announcement turned hopeful anticipation into deep despair.
Answer: B
A blessing or boon implies improvement; a nuisance is minor. The context describes a negative outcome (despair) from an expected positive event, making 'curse' the only logical synonym for a misfortune.

Q112. Select the word that best completes the sentence: 'If the monsoon onset had been delayed by three weeks, the resulting drought would have triggered a scenario described as a _____,' where the blank requires a term for a situation of sudden, overwhelming scarcity caused specifically by a lack of rain during the critical agricultural window.'
Answer: B
1. Analyze the cause: delayed monsoon leads to crop failure due to water shortage. 2. Define 'Calamity': a broad term for disaster, not specific to food shortage. 3. Define 'Famine': a severe scarcity of food causing widespread hunger/starvation. 4. Define 'Scarcity': lack of enough supply; while accurate for goods, it lacks the severity implied by the context of a national crisis affecting populations. 5. Define 'Misery': a state of suffering, too abstract and emotional for an economic/agricultural definition. 6. Apply logic: The specific technical term for drought-induced food shortage leading to starvation is 'Famine'. 7. Therefore, 'Famine' is the precise one-word substitution.

Q113. What is the term for the repetition of initial consonant sounds in words that are close together?
Answer: A
The term 'alliteration' refers to the repetition of initial consonant sounds in words that are close together, such as 'sweet silver slippers'.

Q114. Read the following sentence and select the most appropriate idiom to fill the blank, ensuring the phrase's figurative meaning aligns with the context of a sudden financial collapse: "After years of steady growth, the startup's value crashed overnight when the market ____, leaving investors in deep trouble." A) blew up B) folded its tents C) hit bottom D) turned sour
Answer: B

1. Analyze the context: A sudden financial collapse or withdrawal of investment. 2. Evaluate Option A ('blew up'): Means an explosion or angry outburst; implies destruction but not retreat. 3. Evaluate Option C ('hit bottom'): Refers to a low point in value, not a departure. 4. Evaluate Option D ('turned sour'): Refers to deteriorating quality or attitude, not leaving. 5. Evaluate Option B ('folded its tents'): Originating from travelers setting up camp and packing away tents to leave quickly; metaphorically means to retreat or withdraw suddenly. 6. Conclusion: 'Folded its tents' fits the context of investors withdrawing their capital abruptly.

Q115. A 'Rashtriya Karmayogi' portal has launched to digitise the administration. During the inauguration, the Prime Minister noted that 'bureaucratic delays are often caused by a lack of _____ in decision-making'. Which word best completes the sentence while maintaining formal administrative register?

Answer: B

The context implies a positive attribute needed to overcome 'delays'. 'Expedition' (swiftness/diligence) is the only positive term that logically eliminates delays. 'Procrastination', 'Negligence', and 'Stagnation' are causes of delay, not solutions.

Q116. What is the term for the study of the sound system of language?

Answer: A

The term 'phonetics' refers to the study of the sound system of language, including the physical properties of speech sounds and how they are produced and perceived.

Q117. What is the term for the process of combining two or more words to create a new word?

Answer: A

Compounding is the process of combining two or more words to create a new word, such as 'bookshelf' or 'toothbrush'.

Q118. In the recent parliamentary debate on railway safety, a junior bureaucrat argued that while new surveillance cameras were installed across stations, 'the silent witness' had been replaced by a digital one. In this specific context, what does the idiom 'the silent witness' most logically refer to? A. The anonymity of passengers who refuse to speak. B. The natural environment (wind, weather) that historically observed the station without human intervention. C. A specific legal doctrine regarding non-human evidence in criminal law. D. The internal monologue of the station master during a panic situation.

Answer: B

1. The phrase 'the silent witness' traditionally refers to nature or inanimate elements observing an event. 2. The text contrasts 'new surveillance cameras' with the old method of observation. 3. Cameras are artificial; their replacement implies a shift from artificial to natural/original observation. 4. Therefore, the 'silent witness' here represents the natural environment previously acting as the only observer before human technology.

Q119. Read the following extract from a high-level administrative circular regarding the reclassification of state forest land: "In light of the Supreme Court's directive, the administration has deemed it necessary to _____ the erstwhile designated 'protective buffer zones' and instead classify them as 'active eco-corridors,' thereby mandating stricter patrolling protocols." Which word best fits the blank in a context emphasizing **mandatory legal reassignment? A. Abrogate B. Relocate C. Rezone D. Revise**

Answer: C

1. Context: Legal/Administrative action changing land use classification. 2. Definition: 'Rezone' specifically means legally changing the permitted usage or designation of an area (e.g., from protective to active). 3. Elimination: 'Abrogate' implies cancelling a law entirely; 'Relocate' implies moving people/structures; 'Revise' implies minor textual correction. 4. Fit: Only 'Rezone' captures the specific act of official land classification change described.

Q120. In the latest bureaucratic memo, the Director accused the department of 'walking on eggshells'. However, upon reviewing the attached data showing a 150% increase in reckless spending, the oversight committee concluded that the department was actually: [Options]. The word that best fills the blank while inverting the intended meaning from the idiom is: A) Cautious B) Indifferent C) Immeasurable D) Reckless

Answer: D

1. The idiom 'walking on eggshells' implies extreme caution. 2. The data shows reckless behavior (high spending). 3. The question asks for the word that inverts the caution implied by the idiom to match the data. 4. 'Reckless' is the antonym of cautious, fitting the data and the semantic inversion mechanism.

Q121. Select the most appropriate sentence to complete the following statement: 'The Director has ordered that all staff members must ensure strict adherence to safety protocols. Furthermore,' A) any negligence will be punished severely, and B) violations shall incur severe disciplinary action, and C) those who are found at fault will get a warning, and D) people breaking rules will face consequences, and

Answer: B

The initial clause uses formal language ('strict adherence', 'ordered'). Option B matches this tone using legal/administrative vocabulary ('shall incur', 'disciplinary action'). Options A, C, and D use colloquial or less precise terms ('punished', 'get a warning', 'people'), which break the register consistency.

Q122. What is the term for words that have the same spelling but different meanings?

Answer: B

Homographs refer to words that have the same spelling but different meanings, such as bank (financial institution) and bank (riverbank).

Q123. In a frantic rush to fix the broken bridge before the monsoon, the village engineer shouted at the contractors, 'Stop! You are trying to _____ by using these temporary bamboo poles!' He believed they were attempting to make the river flow through a solid wall of wood. Which idiom best completes the engineer's frustrated outburst? A. paint the town red B. build castles in the air C. count chickens before they

hatch D. throw good money after bad

Answer: B

The engineer is frustrated because the contractors are using temporary, flimsy bamboo poles to solve a structural crisis that requires permanent concrete foundations. They are relying on an illusion of strength (a 'castle') built on an unstable foundation ('in the air'). Option A refers to celebration. Option C refers to premature expectation of profit. Option D refers to financial persistence. Only Option B captures the essence of constructing something grand or functional based on a delusion or insufficient means.

Q124. In the quarterly review of a District Cooperative Bank's accounts, the Chairman noted that 'the financial statements failed to balance due to unrecorded entries'. Which single word best describes the state of the books mentioned?

Answer: B

The phrase 'failed to balance' indicates a lack of agreement or consistency between two sets of figures (assets vs liabilities). In formal financial and legal contexts, a statement where the numbers do not match is described as 'discrepant'. 'Audited' implies a check was done, 'Conciliatory' refers to attitude, and 'Rectified' implies the error was fixed. Therefore, 'Discrepant' is the precise formal term for unbalanced accounts.

Q125. What is the term for the study of the meaning of words and phrases?

Answer: A

The term 'semantics' refers to the study of the meaning of words and phrases, and is a key concept in understanding how language conveys meaning and communicates ideas.

Q126. In a recent village assembly meeting, the Sarpanch expressed strong disapproval of the proposal to use public funds for personal gain. He stated that such an action would be ___ to the principles of democracy. Choose the word that best fits the blank in the context of formal official language: A) inimical B) hostile C) detrimental D) antagonistic

Answer: A

The sentence describes an action (using public funds for personal gain) that is morally and officially opposed to democratic principles. 'Inimical' is the precise formal term meaning 'harmful or unfavorable,' often used in official contexts to denote opposition to a cause or principle. While 'hostile', 'detrimental', and 'antagonistic' are synonyms, they lack the specific connotation of acting against a system of governance found in the definition of 'inimical' within formal register.

Q127. In the chaotic final minutes of the cricket match, when Team A was winning by 4 wickets with only one ball remaining, they were struck by a sudden collapse and lost their lead instantly. This abrupt cessation of momentum caused them to finish the game in defeat despite their earlier dominance.

Answer: B

Nadir means the lowest point. Team A went from winning to losing in one ball, so the collapse marked the nadir of their match.

Q128. In a newly formed administrative zone, the Governor issued an order to prevent the duplication of duties among officials who are already working in the same department. This act of assigning two or more responsibilities to a single official is known as: A) Embezzlement B) Pluralism C) Congruence D) Accumulation

Answer: B

The question describes the assignment of multiple roles to one person. In a bureaucratic context, holding or performing more than one public office is termed 'Pluralism' (or Plurality of offices), leading to redundancy. Embezzlement is theft; Congruence means agreement; Accumulation is gathering but lacks the specific administrative connotation of overlapping duties.

Q129. What is the term for the process of using prior knowledge and experience to make inferences and draw conclusions?

Answer: C

Inferential thinking refers to the process of using prior knowledge and experience to make inferences and draw conclusions, which is an essential skill for language development and comprehension.

Q130. What is the term for the process of combining two or more words to create a new word?

Answer: A

Compounding is the process of combining two or more words to create a new word, such as 'bookshelf' or 'toothbrush'.

Q131. The Prime Minister's speech on the National Infrastructure Project concluded exactly as the first train departed from New Delhi, _____ that the new high-speed line would reduce travel time by 40% within two years. A) stating B) had it stated C) it was stated D) which was stated

Answer: A

The sentence structure requires a present participle ('stating') to create an adverbial clause of time/reason simultaneous with the main action (speech concluding). Options B, C, and D introduce grammatical errors or awkward passive constructions that do not fit the active narrative flow.

Q132. What is the term for the process of learning to read and write?

Answer: B

Literacy development refers to the process by which individuals learn to read and write, and is a crucial aspect of language development.

Q133. Select the option that best replaces the phrase 'to bring the debate to an end temporarily, with a promise to resume later': 'A. To adjourn' 'B. To recess' C. To prorogue' 'D. To dissolve'

Answer: A

Step 1: Identify the core meaning: temporary suspension of a meeting/debate. Step 2: Analyze 'To adjourn': Specifically means to end a meeting temporarily to resume later. Step 3: Analyze 'To recess': Means to take a break (often lunch), but in

legislative terms, can imply a longer pause, though less precise than adjourn for a debate end. Step 4: Analyze 'To prorogue': Refers to ending a session of parliament entirely (usually by the governor/governor-general), effectively killing the session until a new one is summoned; not a temporary pause of a debate. Step 5: Analyze 'To dissolve': Means to end an assembly permanently or completely (e.g., dissolving the Lok Sabha). Conclusion: 'To adjourn' is the precise term for stopping a debate temporarily.

Q134. What is the term for the process of using language to persuade or convince others?
Answer: A
Persuasive writing refers to the process of using language to persuade or convince others, which can include factors such as rhetorical devices, argumentation, and emotional appeal.

Q135. What is the term for the study of the sound patterns of language?
Answer: B
The term 'phonology' refers to the study of the sound patterns of language, including the distribution and patterning of speech sounds.

Q136. Select the option that correctly completes the sentence: The committee - A) have decided to delay the meeting. B) have decided on delaying the meeting. C) has decided on delaying the meeting. D) has decide to delay the meeting.
Answer: C
1. Subject: 'The committee' (Collective Noun). 2. Rule: Collective nouns take a singular verb when the group acts as one unit. 3. Correct Verb: 'has'. 4. Phrase: 'decided on [gerund]'. 5. Option C fits all criteria.

Q137. In a hypothetical economic scenario where the government's primary goal is to maximize rural employment immediately following a drought, which phrase best completes the sentence: 'The administration decided that _____ the monsoon forecasts remain uncertain, the public works department would prioritize local labor allocation over automated machinery deployment.'?
Answer: B
The stem describes a situation requiring action (prioritizing labor) despite a negative condition (uncertain monsoon). 'Even if' introduces the concession that the uncertainty exists, making the decision valid regardless of it. 'As long as', 'provided that', and 'unless' imply conditions that must be met or avoided, which contradicts the logic of acting *despite* the risk mentioned in the context.

Q138. To boost the 'Stand-Up India' initiative for female entrepreneurs, the Central Bank announced a 'soft-lending' policy requiring banks to extend credit at rates **below the benchmark. Consequently, banks must now avoid any practice that implies charging exorbitant fees or hidden costs.**
Answer: B
The context describes a 'soft-lending' policy which implies low costs for the borrower. The sentence structure 'avoid any practice that...' requires a word meaning 'to take unfair advantage of someone's weakness or situation for profit'. Among the options, only 'Exploit' fits this negative definition (charging exorbitant fees/hidden costs), making it the correct antonym to the supportive policy described.

Q139. Identify the option that best completes the sentence by shifting the tone to formal administrative register suitable for a government report, correcting the error in informal phrasing: 'The project manager reported that the funds were _____ before the deadline.' A) exhausted B) drained away C) burnt out D) finished up
Answer: A
1. The sentence describes a government report context. 2. 'Exhausted' is the standard formal term for funds in official records. 3. 'Burnt out' implies machinery failure; 'drained away' is informal/poetic; 'finished up' is colloquial. 4. Only Option A fits the required formal register.

Q140. What is the term for the process of using context clues to determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word?
Answer: B
Contextual learning refers to the process of using context clues to determine the meaning of an unfamiliar word, which is an essential skill for language development and comprehension.

Q141. In the latest policy draft issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, a clause was added stating that 'whistleblower protection applies to all government employees,' but immediately following this, an exclusionary note stated: 'Employees of defense contractors under Department of Defense (DoD) are excluded from this specific chapter.' Given the hierarchy where DoD is a central ministry, which option best corrects the logical inconsistency in the sentence structure without altering the legal intent? Original Sentence: 'The regulation applies to all government employees, excluding DoD contractors,' vs 'The regulation applies to all government employees including DoD contractors.'
Answer: B
1. Identify the contradiction: The first part grants universal protection ('all government employees'), while the second restricts it to an external entity ('DoD contractors'). 2. Analyze hierarchy: DoD contractors are private entities; DoD employees are central govt servants. Calling contractors 'government employees' is legally incorrect. 3. Resolve logic: The intent is likely broad coverage with specific exceptions. Option B clarifies the distinction between 'central government employees' (included) and 'defense contracts' (excluded), removing the grammatical fallacy of calling contractors 'employees'.

Q142. Identify the sentence that correctly uses formal vocabulary suitable for an official audit report: A) The bank needs to sort out the discrepancies in the ledgers. B) The bank requires rectification of the variances observed in the accounts. C) The bank ought to get rid of the mistakes found in the books. D) The bank has to fix up the errors noticed in the statements.

Answer: B

1. Analyze register: Option A uses colloquial "sort out". 2. Evaluate Option C: "get rid of" is informal. 3. Check Option D: "fix up" and "errors" are less formal. 4. Validate Option B: "requires rectification" and "variances" match audit terminology.

Q143. Read the following official notification excerpt: 'To ensure compliance, all district collectors must submit their quarterly progress reports before the 30th.' Which of the following idioms best replaces 'before the 30th' while maintaining the strict, bureaucratic tone required in this specific document?

Answer: C

1. The context is a strict bureaucratic instruction regarding a 'deadline'. 2. 'By the time' implies a vague temporal marker, not a constraint. 3. 'Prior to the deadline' is grammatically redundant if the date isn't specified as 'the deadline'. 4. 'Well before' suggests a buffer period, contradicting the strictness of 'compliance'. 5. 'No later than' is the precise bureaucratic idiom for an absolute cut-off point.

Q144. What is the term for the process of learning to read and write?

Answer: B

Literacy development refers to the process by which individuals learn to read and write, and is a crucial aspect of language development.

Q145. A government circular has been issued regarding the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. The text states: 'Citizens are advised to adhere strictly to the hygiene protocols.' The phrase 'adhere strictly to' most closely means: A) To casually observe without care B) To comply fully with the requirements C) To ignore the instructions completely D) To modify the protocol slightly

Answer: B

The idiom 'adhere to' means to stick firmly to or follow something. In a formal bureaucratic context like a government circular, 'adhere strictly' implies full and exact compliance with rules. Option B is the correct definition.

Q146. What is the term for the process of using prior knowledge and experience to make inferences and draw conclusions?

Answer: C

Inferential thinking refers to the process of using prior knowledge and experience to make inferences and draw conclusions, which is an essential skill for language development and comprehension.

Q147. Select the most appropriate preposition to complete the sentence while maintaining a formal, bureaucratic register often used in official Indian government circulars regarding policy implementation. "The Ministry issued a directive _____ all regional offices to align their operational timelines with the central committee's new fiscal framework."

Answer: C

In formal English, specifically bureaucratic registers, directives, orders, and notices are issued 'to' the intended recipients or entities. 'Towards' implies direction but not necessarily direct address; 'for' implies benefit rather than receipt of instruction; 'about' is colloquial. Therefore, 'to' is the grammatically and stylistically correct choice.

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Q150. Complete the sentence with the most appropriate idiom that matches the irony of the situation described: 'The new regulation was hailed as a breakthrough, but for the struggling small vendors, it turned out to be a complete _____.' A) Silver bullet B) Double-edged sword C) Curse in disguise D) Pyrrhic victory

Answer: C

1. Identify the context: A 'breakthrough' (positive expectation) resulted in negative impact for vendors. 2. Analyze Option A: 'Silver bullet' implies an effective solution to a problem, which contradicts the negative outcome. 3. Analyze Option B: 'Double-edged sword' implies something having both positive and negative effects simultaneously. While possible, the sentence emphasizes the *turning out* to be bad after hope. 4. Analyze Option C: 'Curse in disguise' perfectly fits the irony where a seemingly good thing ('breakthrough') turns into a disaster for specific people. 5. Analyze Option D: 'Pyrrhic victory' requires there to be a victory first, which is not the case here as the vendors suffered loss.