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NDA - General Ability Test (Full Paper)

150 questions · 600 marks · 150 minutes

Paper pattern

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Sections

English - 50 questions, 200 marks
General Knowledge - 100 questions, 400 marks

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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English

Q1. 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

Q2. 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.

Q3. Although the directive was _____, the team, unless it was clarified, remained confused.

A. issued
B. given out
C. handed down
D. passed

Q4. In the context of a 'Zero-Cost' startup incubator, the management committee decided to implement a policy of '_____' regarding their mentorship program. The specific definition required was: 'A situation where free advice is given with such aggressive and unnecessary intensity that it ultimately overwhelms the recipient and hinders their learning process.' Which word fits best? (1) Over-advising (2) Under-guiding (3) Non-intervention (4) Free-hugging

A. Over-advising
B. Under-guiding
C. Non-intervention
D. Free-hugging

Q5. Read the following passage and choose the option that best replaces the underlined phrase without changing the meaning of the passage. "During the annual harvest festival, the village council decided to **let the cat out of the bag** about the new irrigation scheme, fearing that secrecy would only breed rumors. However, the elders argued that revealing the plan prematurely might **throw a wrench into** the farmers' preparations, as they were still arranging the logistics. After a heated debate, the council chose to **keep the lid on** the scheme until the sowing season began, ensuring that the information would be released at the most opportune moment." Which of the following replacements for the underlined phrase "let the cat out of the bag" is most appropriate?

A. A. spill the beans
B. B. break the ice
C. C. turn a blind eye
D. D. beat around the bush

Q6. 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. Subsidize
B. Exploit
C. Regulate
D. Ignore

Q7. Select the most appropriate connector to fill the blank in the following sentence: "If the PM KISAN programme were extended to tenant cultivators, the annual outlay would increase by Rs 12,000 crore; _____, the present framework restricts benefits to land holding farmers only."

A. However,
B. Therefore,
C. Moreover,
D. Consequently,

Q8. In the following two sentences, a word is given in bold in each. Select the word from the options that is a synonym of the bold word in the first sentence and an antonym of the bold word in the second sentence. Sentence 1: The government's new scheme seeks to **reduce** the fiscal deficit. Sentence 2: The previous administration's approach tended to **increase** the fiscal deficit.

A. curtail
B. inflate

C. sustain
D. overlook

Q9. Select the option that correctly completes the sentence: 'After years of meticulous preparation and a promising career start, his sudden decision to quit mid-project left him _____ in a financial mess.'

A. stuck high on the wall
B. stuck with the bill
C. stuck in a rut
D. stuck for an answer

Q10. In a recent press release, the Ministry of Urban Development described the new housing scheme as "**augmented**" to address the burgeoning demand for affordable homes. In this context, which word is the best synonym for "augmented"?

A. A. Reduced
B. B. Expanded
C. C. Simplified
D. D. Delayed

Q11. Choose the option that best improves the following sentence without altering its intended meaning: "If the new Vande Bharat Express would have been launched on time, the commuters from Tier 2 cities would have enjoyed a seamless journey, and the railway's revenue will increase substantially."

A. If the new Vande Bharat Express had been launched on time, commuters in Tier 2 cities would have enjoyed a seamless journey, and the railway's revenue would increase substantially.
B. If the new Vande Bharat Express would have been launched on time, commuters from Tier 2 cities would enjoy a seamless journey, and the railway's revenue will increase substantially.
C. Had the new Vande Bharat Express been launched on time, commuters in Tier 2 cities would have enjoyed a seamless journey, and the railway's revenue would have increased substantially.
D. If the new Vande Bharat Express was launched on time, commuters from Tier 2 cities would have enjoyed a seamless journey, and the railway's revenue would increase substantially.

Q12. Select the option that best corrects the sentence while preserving its meaning: Despite the torrential rain, the annual fair was held with great fervour, and the committee had arranged a cultural programme that includes folk dances, classical music, and a grand fireworks display.

A. Despite the torrential rain, the annual fair was held with great fervour, and the committee had arranged a cultural programme that includes folk dances, classical music, and a grand fireworks display.
B. Despite the torrential rain, the annual fair was held with great fervour, and the committee had arranged a cultural programme that included folk dances, classical music, and a grand fireworks display.
C. Despite the torrential rain, the annual fair was held with great fervour, and the committee arranged a cultural programme that includes folk dances, classical music, and a grand fireworks display.
D. Although the torrential rain, the annual fair was held with great fervour, and the committee had arranged a cultural programme that included folk dances, classical music, and a grand fireworks display.

Q13. Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical error: The committee, along with its members, are meeting tomorrow to discuss the budget.

A. A) The committee
B. B) along with its members
C. C) are meeting tomorrow
D. D) to discuss the budget

Q14. Read the passage below and choose the word that best replaces the underlined word. "The new railway timetable, released last week, was praised for its _____ schedule, ensuring that commuters could rely on trains arriving exactly when promised, without any unexpected delays." Which word most appropriately replaces the underlined word? A) erratic B) meticulous C) capricious D) haphazard

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B. B) meticulous
C. C) capricious
D. D) haphazard

Q15. 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

Q16. Read the passage below and then answer the question that follows. "The Ministry of Rural Development announced a new scheme to provide *subsidised* loans to small farmers. However, due to a clerical oversight, the interest rates were mistakenly printed as *exorbitant* in the official brochure. The error was later rectified, and the correct rates were communicated to the beneficiaries. The initial misprint caused considerable confusion among the applicants, many of whom believed the scheme was a *predatory* venture rather than a supportive initiative.", Which word, if substituted for the underlined word in the first sentence, would most accurately preserve the intended meaning while also correcting the subtle inconsistency created by the later use of the word *exorbitant*? A) inflated B) nominal C) concessional D) punitive

A. A) inflated
B. B) nominal
C. C) concessional
D. D) punitive

Q17. The committee approved the proposal, _____ the budget constraints were still a concern.

A. however
B. therefore
C. moreover
D. consequently

Q18. In the fund management protocol of a centrally sponsored scheme, the prescribed sequence of stages is: sanction -> release -> utilization -> _____. The missing stage must be the formal term used in government accounting for the final reconciliation of accounts.

A. settlement
B. payment
C. clearance
D. completion

Q19. Identify the sentence that is most appropriate for a formal letter of appointment from a government department: 'A. You are hereby appointed as a Junior Assistant, effective from 1st July 2024. B. They have made you the Junior Assistant starting July 1st. C. Get ready to work as a Junior Assistant from tomorrow. D. You are chosen for the job of Junior Assistant.

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Q20. After the sudden policy reversal, the director decided to _____ the initiative, realizing that further investment would be futile.

A. pull the plug
B. pull the strings
C. pull the wool
D. pull the trigger

Q21. 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. by the time
B. prior to the deadline
C. no later than the 30th
D. well before the month ends

Q22. In a recent press briefing regarding the rising cost of living, the Minister stated that 'inflation hedging' schemes must be restructured to account for 'administrative bloat,' which acts as a hidden tax. The term referring to this specific administrative waste or excess is:

A. A]Red Tapeism
B. B]Freneticism
C. C]Bureaucracy
D. D]Nepotism

Q23. The railway board directed that the new safety protocol _____ implemented before the festive season.

A. is
B. be
C. was
D. has been

Q24. In the context of a construction project, the phrase 'cut corners' refers to which of the following? I. Reducing expenses by compromising on quality and safety standards. II. Saving time by taking direct routes without unnecessary delays. III. Optimizing resources for better efficiency. Which statement(s) is/are true regarding this idiom? A I only B II and III only C I and III only D I, II, and III

A. A I only

B. B II and III only
C. C I and III only
D. D I, II, and III

Q25. The manager announced the project delay, _____ a sudden software crash had occurred in the server room.

A. A] assuming that
B. B] given that
C. C] lest
D. D] in order to

Q26. In the following sentence, four words are underlined and labelled (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of them uses an incorrect homophone. Identify that part. The station master (A) ensured that the train's (B) break (C) system (D) was fully functional before departure.

A. A
B. B
C. C
D. D

Q27. The government's new initiative seeks to _____ the gap between digital literacy and employment opportunities in rural areas.

A. bridge
B. fill
C. close
D. reduce

Q28. 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.

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Q29. The minister's speech was praised for its _____ tone, which starkly contrasted with the usual bombastic rhetoric of his predecessors, thereby reassuring the public about the government's genuine intent to address the crisis.

A. A. magnanimous
B. B. conciliatory
C. C. intransigent
D. D. obsequious

Q30. 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

Q31. Read the following sentence and identify the part containing the error (marked as A, B, C, D). If no error is found, select E. 'The project manager decided to launch the initiative next week after the stakeholders had already signed the agreement.' (A) The project manager decided to launch the initiative next week (B) after the stakeholders had already signed the agreement (C) (No error) (D) if any (E) None of these

A. A
B. B
C. C
D. D

Q32. The new policy, _____ it aims to reduce paperwork, has inadvertently _____ the approval process for small vendors.

A. although, complicated
B. because, simplified
C. while, expedited
D. despite, ignored

Q33. The railway authorities insisted _____ the immediate implementation of safety norms.

A. on
B. in
C. at
D. for

Q34. In the following passage, one word is underlined. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined word with its most appropriate opposite in the given context. "The minister's speech was lauded for its *conciliatory* tone, which aimed to bridge the growing divide between the urban and rural voters." Which word should replace the underlined word?

A. A. antagonistic
B. B. conciliatory
C. C. conciliatory
D. D. conciliatory

Q35. Read the passage and choose the word which best replaces the underlined word. "The new railway subsidy scheme, though hailed as a panacea by many officials, has inadvertently *exacerbated* the financial strain on small freight operators, many of whom are now forced to curtail services." The word *exacerbated* most nearly means:

A. A. alleviated
B. B. intensified
C. C. mitigated
D. D. simplified

Q36. 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

Q37. A new high-speed rail project was announced with a projected completion date of December. However, due to unexpected land acquisition delays and budget re-allocations, the original schedule _____. A) remained intact B) crumbled C) shifted significantly D) vanished

A. remained intact
B. crumbled
C. shifted significantly
D. vanished

Q38. In the context of the recent flood relief efforts, the administration announced a 'Kshama' scheme to offer _____ to victims who were unfairly accused of negligence. Which term best completes the sentence? A) Forgiveness B) Retribution C) Indifference D) Compromise

A. Forgiveness
B. Retribution
C. Indifference
D. Compromise

Q39. Rohan was explaining his new hobby to his colleague. He said, 'I started painting landscapes last year. -- I realized that watercolor requires a different kind of patience compared to oil paints.' Which connector best fits the blank?

A. A] However,
B. B] Therefore,
C. C] Meanwhile,
D. D] Consequently,

Q40. 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

Q41. Identify the option that corrects the sentence to ensure formal register suitable for an official bank statement: The current balance shows a debit entry of fifty rupees, and now it needs to be written as _____. A) A negative amount of fifty rupees B) A deduction of fifty rupees made from the account C) Fifty rupees being removed from the total D) The account losing fifty rupees

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B. B: A deduction of fifty rupees made from the account

C. C: Fifty rupees being removed from the total
D. D: The account losing fifty rupees

Q42. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

A. The ministry, which have been reviewing the proposal, along with the stakeholders, is expected to announce the decision soon.
B. The ministry, which has been reviewing the proposal, along with the stakeholders, are expected to announce the decision soon.
C. The ministry, which has been reviewing the proposal, together with the stakeholders, is expected to announce the decision soon.
D. The ministry, which have been reviewing the proposal, together with the stakeholders, are expected to announce the decision soon.

Q43. 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

Q44. The ministry, despite repeated appeals, has not sanctioned the funds, _____ has it provided any timeline for release.

A. nor
B. or
C. and
D. but

Q45. While inspecting the railway tracks, the senior engineer noted that the contractor had managed to save costs by not using high-grade steel in the sleepers; however, this practice of _____ had led to cracks appearing within a month. Which idiom fits best in the blank? A) cutting corners B) running rings around C) standing pat D) hitting the nail on the head

A. cutting corners
B. running rings around
C. standing pat
D. hitting the nail on the head

Q46. Select the option that best improves the underlined part of the sentence: 'The committee recommended revising the curriculum, to increase teacher training, and that the examination pattern be changed.'

A. revising the curriculum, increasing teacher training, and changing the examination pattern
B. to revise the curriculum, increase teacher training, and change the examination pattern
C. revising the curriculum, to increase teacher training, and change the examination pattern
D. revise the curriculum, increase teacher training, and change the examination pattern

Q47. In the following sentence, one word is a homophone error. Identify the incorrect word: "The artist drew a beautiful scene on the canvas, using a pallet of vibrant colors."

A. artist
B. canvas
C. pallet
D. colors

Q48. In the following passage, the writer describes the impact of a new railway line on a remote village. Choose the word that best replaces the underlined word so that the meaning of the sentence remains unchanged. "The inauguration of the line has been a **panacea** for the villagers, eradicating the long standing problem of isolation and opening avenues for trade and education." Options:

A. A. bane
B. B. cure
C. C. remedy
D. D. antidote

Q49. In the following pair of sentences, the first sentence contains a word used in an incorrect form. Identify the correct form of that word which can also appropriately fill the blank in the second sentence. Sentence 1: The committee's *implement* of the new policy was delayed due to procedural hurdles. Sentence 2: The _____ of the policy will be reviewed next month.

A. implementation
B. implementing
C. implement
D. implemental

Q50. The manager had to _____ the budget, while the sculptor had to _____ the stone.

A. cut
B. reduce
C. shape
D. trim

General Knowledge

Q51. Which ocean is the largest in the world by surface area?

A. Atlantic Ocean
B. Indian Ocean
C. Arctic Ocean
D. Pacific Ocean

Q52. Reservoir triggered seismicity in peninsular India has been documented at which two locations?

A. Koyna and Warna
B. Koyna and Bhuj
C. Warna and Kangra
D. Bhuj and Gorkha

Q53. Which sentence contains a comma splice error?

A. The data were inconclusive; further experiments are planned.
B. The data were inconclusive, further experiments are planned.
C. The data were inconclusive, so further experiments are planned.
D. The data were inconclusive. Further experiments are planned.

Q54. An aspirant is tracking the Project-75I submarine programme using the data-driven framework described in the lesson. Which sequence of primary sources represents the correct "MoD-DRDO-DDP" chain for verifying procurement milestones?

A. Ministry of Defence press notes -> DRDO technology bulletins -> Defence Production Department procurement notices
B. PIB releases -> PRS Legislative Research summaries -> Sansad TV debates
C. IOC communications -> International Federation circulars -> NADO bulletins
D. DRDO technology bulletins -> Ministry of Defence press notes -> Defence Production Department procurement notices

Q55. The Earth is divided into how many time zones based on its rotation?

A. 12
B. 24
C. 360
D. 180

Q56. Who won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2019 for black hole physics?

A. Roger Penrose
B. Marie Curie
C. Isaac Newton
D. Albert Einstein

Q57. What does the acronym 'DRDO' stand for?

A. Defence Research and Development Organization
B. Department of Rural Development Office
C. Delhi Railway Development Order
D. Defence Revenue Data Online

Q58. Choose the sentence with correct comparative structure.

A. The new protocol is more efficient and faster than the old one.
B. The new protocol is more efficient and more faster than the old one.
C. The new protocol is more efficient and faster than the old one was.
D. The new protocol is more efficient than and faster than the old one.

Q59. In the sentence "Had the data been conclusive, the study would have been published," what conditional structure is used?

A. First conditional with inversion
B. Second conditional with inversion
C. Third conditional with inversion
D. Zero conditional with inversion

Q60. Arrange the following defence milestones in correct chronological order of their formal approval/contracting: (1) INS Vikrant commissioning, (2) Tejas Mk-1A contract (83 aircraft), (3) FRCV Strategic Partnership approval, (4) Project-75I RFP issuance.

A. (2), (1), (3), (4)
B. (1), (2), (3), (4)
C. (2), (1), (4), (3)
D. (1), (2), (4), (3)

Q61. Choose the correct meaning of the phrase 'Few people came to the party.'

A. Some people came
B. Not many people came (negative)
C. Many people came
D. A specific number of people came

Q62. Which of these is a multinational naval exercise involving India?

A. Malabar
B. Garuda
C. Caribou
D. Cobra Gold

Q63. Identify the sentence with a parallelism error.

A. The mission requires precision, dedication, and that officers remain vigilant.
B. The mission requires precision, dedication, and vigilance.
C. The mission requires precise navigation, dedicated service, and vigilant observation.
D. The mission requires navigating precisely, serving dedicatedly, and observing vigilantly.

Q64. Identify the grammatically correct sentence regarding subject-verb agreement.

A. The number of students who are present in the class is increasing.
B. A number of students who are present in the class are increasing.
C. The number of students who is present in the class is increasing.
D. A number of students who is present in the class are increasing.

Q65. Which of the following rivers flows westwards into the Arabian Sea due to flowing through a rift valley?

A. Ganga
B. Narmada
C. Brahmaputra
D. Godavari

Q66. Which of the following correctly matches a sports governing body with its specific governance reform and year?

A. ICC - Introduction of independent ethics committees and term limits - 2023
B. FIFA - New Future Tours Programme (FTP) cycle 2023-2027 expanding World Test Championship - 2023
C. IOC - Adoption of Olympic Agenda 2020+5 emphasizing sustainability and gender equality - 2021
D. BWF - Transparent bidding process for 2030 World Cup awarded to six nations - 2023

Q67. Regarding India's science and technology awards landscape, which of the following statements is accurate as of 2024?

A. The Vigyan Ratna award has been conferred to its first recipients.
B. The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize has no upper age limit for nominees.
C. The Infosys Prize is a government-instituted award with an age cap.
D. The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize has an age cap, while the Infosys Prize has no age cap.

Q68. Which sentence demonstrates correct parallel structure in a list?

A. He likes swimming, hiking, and to run.
B. He likes swimming, hiking, and running.
C. He likes to swim, to hike, and runs.
D. He likes swimming, to hike, and running.

Q69. Which conditional sentence correctly forms a mixed conditional?

A. If I had taken the job, I would be living abroad now.
B. If I took the job, I would be living abroad now.
C. If I had taken the job, I would live abroad now.
D. If I take the job, I would be living abroad now.

Q70. Black soil (Regur) is most suitable for the cultivation of which crop?

A. Rice
B. Wheat
C. Cotton
D. Tea

Q71. Select the word that best completes the sentence: 'She was accused _____ lying to the committee.'

A. for
B. on
C. of
D. with

Q72. India shares a land border with how many countries?

A. 5
B. 6
C. 7
D. 8

Q73. The Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (2004) allocated 811 tmcft among which three states?

A. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh
B. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh
C. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal
D. Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan

Q74. The Arabian Sea branch of the Indian monsoon typically reaches Mumbai by which date?

A. 1 June
B. 10 June
C. 15 June
D. 20 June

Q75. A 1 °C rise in temperature during the grain filling stage can reduce wheat yields by what percentage, as per the lesson?

A. 1 2%
B. 4 5%
C. 8 10%
D. 12 15%

Q76. Which sentence correctly uses the mandative subjunctive?

A. The director insists that the report is submitted by Friday.
B. The director insists that the report be submitted by Friday.
C. The director insists that the report should be submitted by Friday.
D. The director insists that the report was submitted by Friday.

Q77. In the sentence 'Walking down the street, the trees looked beautiful,' what is the error?

A. No error
B. Misplaced modifier: 'Walking' should modify the subject 'trees', but trees cannot walk.
C. Parallelism error in the verb phrase
D. Incorrect use of preposition

Q78. A passage argues that renewable energy adoption is accelerating because solar panel costs have dropped 80% since 2010. Which inference is textually supported?

A. Solar energy will completely replace fossil fuels by 2030.
B. Government subsidies are the primary driver of cost reduction.
C. Lower costs have contributed to increased adoption rates.
D. Wind energy costs have fallen at the same rate as solar.

Q79. In formal academic writing, which collocation best maintains the appropriate register?

A. The researchers started the experiment at noon.
B. The researchers commenced the experiment at noon.
C. The researchers kicked off the experiment at noon.
D. The researchers got the experiment going at noon.

Q80. According to the IS 1893 seismic zoning map, which zone includes the entire north eastern region, the Kutch area, and the Andaman Nicobar islands?

A. Zone II
B. Zone III
C. Zone IV
D. Zone V

Q81. Which of the following summits was the first to adopt a declaration specifically emphasizing digital public infrastructure as a key pillar?

A. G20 Bali Summit (2022)
B. G20 New Delhi Summit (2023)
C. SCO Summit hosted by India (2023)
D. BRICS Johannesburg Summit (2023)

Q82. Which country hosted the 2022 FIFA World Cup?

A. France
B. Argentina
C. Brazil
D. Qatar

Q83. What is the currency of Japan?

A. Won
B. Yuan
C. Yen
D. Ringgit

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Q84. Which of the following physical quantities is a scalar quantity?

A. Force
B. Velocity
C. Displacement
D. Work

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Q85. Which of the following is a renewable source of energy?

A. Coal
B. Crude Oil
C. Natural Gas
D. Solar Energy

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Q86. In the Indian Parliament, which house has the power to initiate money bills?

A. Rajya Sabha
B. Lok Sabha
C. Supreme Court
D. State Assembly

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Q87. Which Indian state was the first to be formed after the States Reorganisation Act of 1956?

A. Karnataka
B. Andhra Pradesh
C. Tamil Nadu
D. Maharashtra

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Q88. In which year did India gain independence from British rule?

A. 1945
B. 1947
C. 1950
D. 1952

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Q89. Under which Article of the Constitution of India does the President proclaim a State Emergency (President's Rule) due to the failure of constitutional machinery in a state?

A. Article 352
B. Article 356
C. Article 360
D. Article 365

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Q90. The 'Akash' weapon system, indigenously developed by DRDO for the Indian Armed Forces, is classified as a:

A. Air-to-Air missile
B. Surface-to-Air missile
C. Anti-Tank Guided Missile
D. Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile

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Q91. Which river is known as the 'Ganges of South India'?

A. Krishna
B. Godavari
C. Kaveri
D. Vaigai

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Q92. Which gas is primarily responsible for the greenhouse effect?

A. Oxygen
B. Nitrogen
C. Carbon Dioxide
D. Hydrogen

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Q93. The 'Doctrine of Lapse', a policy of annexation used extensively by the British East India Company, was introduced by which Governor-General?

A. Lord Canning
B. Lord Curzon
C. Lord Dalhousie
D. Lord Ripon

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Q94. Which planet in our solar system is known as the 'Red Planet'?

A. Venus
B. Jupiter
C. Mars
D. Saturn

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q95. Which Article of the Constitution of India was described by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the 'Heart and Soul of the Constitution'?

A. Article 32
B. Article 226
C. Article 14
D. Article 19

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Q96. Which of the following pairs of 'Lake' and 'Type/Characteristic' is correctly matched?

A. Wular Lake - Artificial freshwater lake
B. Chilika Lake - Largest freshwater lake in India
C. Sambhar Lake - Inland saline wetland (Salt water lake)
D. Kolleru Lake - Glacial lake in the Himalayas

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Q97. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Kaziranga National Park': 1. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 2. It is the single largest undisturbed habitat of the Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros. 3. It is located in the Karbi Anglong district of Assam. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 and 2 only
B. 2 and 3 only
C. 1 and 3 only
D. 1, 2 and 3

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Q98. The term 'Democracy' literally means rule by:

A. God
B. Elite
C. People
D. Army

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q99. Who painted the Mona Lisa?

A. Vincent van Gogh
B. Pablo Picasso
C. Leonardo da Vinci
D. Michelangelo

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q100. Under the Indian Constitution, the power to legislate on 'Inter-State Trade and Commerce' resides with:

A. The State Legislature exclusively
B. The Union Parliament exclusively
C. Both Parliament and State Legislature (Concurrent List)
D. Neither; it is a residuary subject

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q101. Who among the following was the founder of the 'Servants of India Society' (1905), dedicated to training national missionaries for the service of India?

A. Gopal Krishna Gokhale
B. Mahadev Govind Ranade
C. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
D. Dadabhai Naoroji

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q102. Under which Article of the Indian Constitution are the Fundamental Duties of citizens enumerated?

A. Article 51A
B. Article 51
C. Article 45
D. Article 32

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q103. Deficiency of which vitamin specifically leads to impaired blood clotting and increased bleeding tendency?

A. Vitamin D
B. Vitamin E
C. Vitamin A
D. Vitamin K

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q104. Which of the following is a non-metal?

A. Iron
B. Mercury
C. Bromine
D. Zinc

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q105. In which year was the Indian Constitution adopted by the Constituent Assembly?

A. 1947
B. 1950
C. 1949
D. 1952

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q106. Who painted the famous artwork 'The Last Supper'?

A. Vincent van Gogh
B. Pablo Picasso
C. Leonardo da Vinci
D. Michelangelo

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q107. An element with atomic number 18 belongs to which group and period of the modern periodic table?

A. Group 1, Period 3
B. Group 17, Period 3
C. Group 18, Period 3
D. Group 2, Period 4

Model-generated · 2026-11-17

Q108. Night blindness (Nyctalopia) is caused by the deficiency of which vitamin?

A. Vitamin C
B. Vitamin D
C. Vitamin B1 (Thiamine)
D. Vitamin A (Retinol)

Model-generated · 2026-11-17

Q109. Which of the following phenomena explains the formation of the 'Thar Desert' in Rajasthan?

A. Rain shadow effect of the Western Ghats
B. Cold ocean current along the western coast
C. Divergence of the Arabian Sea branch of the Monsoon and the Aravalli range running parallel to it
D. High pressure belt permanently situated over North-West India

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q110. What is the SI unit of Magnetic Flux?

A. Weber
B. Tesla
C. Henry
D. Coulomb

Model-generated · 2026-11-19

Q111. The phenomenon of 'Ocean Acidification' is primarily caused by the absorption of which gas by seawater?

A. Methane (CH_4)
B. Nitrous Oxide (N_2O)
C. Carbon Dioxide (CO_2)
D. Sulfur Dioxide (SO_2)

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q112. The Battle of Buxar (1764) was fought between the British East India Company and the combined armies of which three Indian rulers?

A. Mir Jafar, Shuja-ud-Daulah, Shah Alam II
B. Mir Qasim, Shuja-ud-Daulah, Shah Alam II
C. Siraj-ud-Daulah, Shah Alam II, Nizam of Hyderabad
D. Mir Qasim, Siraj-ud-Daulah, Shuja-ud-Daulah

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q113. Which of the following is the capital city of France?

A. Berlin
B. Madrid
C. Paris
D. Rome

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q114. Who painted the iconic work 'Mona Lisa'?

A. Vincent van Gogh
B. Pablo Picasso
C. Leonardo da Vinci
D. Michelangelo

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q115. Which soil type is formed due to intense leaching in areas of high rainfall and high temperature, and is typically suitable for the cultivation of Cashew nuts?

A. Alluvial Soil
B. Black Soil (Regur)
C. Red Soil
D. Laterite Soil

Model-generated · 2026-11-19

Q116. Which of the following is the highest peak of the Western Ghats?

A. Doddabetta
B. Kalsubai
C. Anamudi
D. Guru Shikhar

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q117. In which city is the headquarters of the United Nations Organization located?

A. Geneva
B. New York
C. Paris
D. Vienna

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q118. Which writ is issued by a higher court to a lower court or tribunal to review a decision that exceeds its jurisdiction?

A. Habeas Corpus
B. Certiorari
C. Mandamus
D. Prohibition

Model-generated · 2026-11-19

Q119. Who was the first President of India?

A. Jawaharlal Nehru
B. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
C. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
D. B.R. Ambedkar

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q120. Which Indian state was the first to be formed on a linguistic basis in 1956?

A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Karnataka
C. Tamil Nadu
D. Maharashtra

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q121. What is the chemical symbol for Gold?

A. Ag
B. Au
C. Fe
D. Cu

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q122. Which of the following is the largest river in India by discharge volume?

A. Ganga
B. Godavari
C. Brahmaputra
D. Narmada

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q123. In the context of Indian Polity, which Article of the Constitution empowers the Parliament to form a new State by separation of territory from any State or by uniting two or more States?

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

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q124. The 'Quit India Resolution' was passed by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) at its session held in which city on 8th August 1942?

A. Calcutta
B. Bombay
C. Madras
D. Delhi

Model-generated · 2026-11-17

Q125. What is the chemical symbol for the element Gold?

A. Ag
B. Au
C. Fe
D. Cu

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q126. In which year did World War II end?

A. 1939
B. 1945
C. 1950
D. 1960

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q127. With reference to the Indian Freedom Struggle, which one of the following statements about the 'August Offer' (1940) is correct?

A. It proposed the immediate transfer of power to an interim Indian government.
B. It recognized the right of Indians to frame their own Constitution after the war.
C. It accepted the demand for a separate Constituent Assembly for the Muslim League.
D. It offered Dominion Status to India immediately upon the declaration of war.

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Q128. The river Narmada flows through a rift valley and drains into which major water body?

A. Bay of Bengal
B. Indian Ocean
C. Gulf of Mannar
D. Arabian Sea

Model-generated · 2026-11-17

Q129. Which planet in our solar system has the longest day (rotation period)?

A. Mars
B. Jupiter
C. Uranus
D. Venus

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q130. The national animal of India is the:

A. Lion
B. Elephant
C. Bengal Tiger
D. Peacock

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q131. Which country hosted the 2016 Summer Olympics?

A. China
B. United Kingdom
C. Brazil
D. Russia

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q132. Which Article of the Constitution of India guarantees the 'Protection of Life and Personal Liberty'?

A. Article 14
B. Article 19
C. Article 21
D. Article 32

Model-generated · 2026-11-19

Q133. The historic resolution for 'Poorna Swaraj' (Complete Independence) was adopted by the Indian National Congress at its annual session held in December 1929 at which location?

A. Calcutta
B. Madras
C. Lahore
D. Karachi

Model-generated · 2026-11-19

Q134. The 'Mission Shakti' conducted by India in March 2019 demonstrated India's capability in which domain?

A. Anti-Satellite (ASAT) Missile Test
B. Hypersonic Cruise Missile Test
C. Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Test
D. Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Interceptor Test

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q135. The Battle of Plassey, a decisive victory for the British East India Company over the Nawab of Bengal, was fought in which year?

A. 1764
B. 1757
C. 1761
D. 1857

Model-generated · 2026-11-17

Q136. Which of the following pairs of 'Harappan Site' and 'Distinctive Feature' is correctly matched?

A. Dholavira - Unique water management system with reservoirs
B. Lothal - Citadel and Lower Town division only
C. Kalibangan - Dockyard for maritime trade
D. Rakhigarhi - Ploughed field evidence exclusively

Model-generated · 2026-11-20

Q137. Which planet is known as the 'Red Planet'?

A. Venus
B. Mars
C. Jupiter
D. Saturn

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q138. Which noble gas is primarily responsible for the distinct reddish-orange glow in advertising signages?

A. Argon
B. Neon
C. Krypton
D. Xenon

Model-generated · 2026-11-19

Q139. The Bering Strait separates which two major landmasses?

A. Asia and North America
B. Europe and Africa
C. Australia and Antarctica
D. South America and Antarctica

Model-generated · 2026-11-19

Q140. Which of the following is the longest river flowing entirely within Peninsular India?

A. Krishna
B. Godavari
C. Kaveri
D. Mahanadi

Model-generated · 2026-11-17

Q141. Under which Article of the Constitution of India can the President proclaim a National Emergency on grounds of war, external aggression, or armed rebellion?

A. Article 352
B. Article 356
C. Article 360
D. Article 365

Model-generated · 2026-11-17

Q142. Which organ in the human body filters blood?

A. Heart
B. Lungs
C. Kidneys
D. Liver

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q143. Which of the following rivers flows through South Africa?

A. Nile
B. Amazon
C. Orange
D. Yangtze

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q144. Who is known as the 'Father of the Indian Constitution'?

A. Jawaharlal Nehru
B. B.R. Ambedkar
C. Mahatma Gandhi
D. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q145. Which of the following rivers flows through the state of Kerala?

A. Ganga
B. Brahmaputra
C. Periyar
D. Godavari

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Q146. The SI unit of pressure is:

A. Newton
B. Pascal
C. Joule
D. Watt

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Q147. Which of the following physical quantities has the SI unit 'Joule per Second'?

A. Force (Newton)
B. Power (Watt)
C. Work (Joule)
D. Pressure (Pascal)

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Q148. Which of the following rivers is known as the 'Sorrow of Bihar'?

A. Ganga
B. Kosi
C. Yamuna
D. Godavari

Model-generated · 2026-11-07

Q149. Which of the following is the primary source of legislation in India?

A. The President of India
B. The Supreme Court of India
C. The Parliament of India
D. The Prime Minister of India

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Q150. The capital city of Australia is located on which continent?

A. Africa
B. Europe
C. Asia
D. Australia

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Answer key

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

Solutions and explanations

Q1. 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.

Q2. 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.

Q3. Although the directive was _____, the team, unless it was clarified, remained confused.

Answer: A

1. The connectors "Although" and "unless" establish a formal tone. 2. The noun "directive" strongly collocates with the formal verb "issued". 3. "Given out" is an informal phrasal verb, mismatching the register. 4. "Handed down" implies tradition or inheritance, not an official order. 5. "Passed" is vague and lacks the precise administrative sense required. 6. Hence "issued" satisfies both register and collocation.

Q4. In the context of a 'Zero-Cost' startup incubator, the management committee decided to implement a policy of '_____' regarding their mentorship program. The specific definition required was: 'A situation where free advice is given with such aggressive and unnecessary intensity that it ultimately overwhelms the recipient and hinders their learning process.' Which word fits best? (1) Over-advising (2) Under-guiding (3) Non-intervention (4) Free-hugging

Answer: A

The stem defines a scenario where 'free advice' becomes counter-productive due to 'aggressive and unnecessary intensity'. Option 1 ('Over-advising') logically captures the excess of action leading to negative results. Options 2 and 3 imply lack of action, which contradicts the 'intensity' mentioned. Option 4 is a distractor based on phonetic similarity or misinterpretation of 'free' advice as friendly behavior, ignoring the functional hindrance described.

Q5. Read the following passage and choose the option that best replaces the underlined phrase without changing the meaning of the passage. "During the annual harvest festival, the village council decided to **let the cat out of the bag about the new irrigation scheme, fearing that secrecy would only breed rumors. However, the elders argued that revealing the plan prematurely might **throw a wrench into** the farmers' preparations, as they were still arranging the logistics. After a heated debate, the council chose to **keep the lid on** the scheme until the sowing season began, ensuring that the information would be released at the most opportune moment." Which of the following replacements for the underlined phrase "let the cat out of the bag" is most appropriate?**

Answer: A

The idiom "let the cat out of the bag" means to reveal a secret. Among the options, only "spill the beans" is a synonymous idiom meaning to disclose information. "Break the ice" means to initiate conversation, "turn a blind eye" means to ignore, and "beat around the bush" means to avoid the main point. Hence option A is correct.

Q6. 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.

Q7. Select the most appropriate connector to fill the blank in the following sentence: "If the PM KISAN programme were extended to tenant cultivators, the annual outlay would increase by Rs 12,000 crore; _____, the present framework restricts benefits to land holding farmers only."

Answer: A

1. The first clause uses a past subjunctive conditional ("were extended ... would increase"), indicating a hypothetical situation, not an actual fact. 2. The second clause describes the current, real restriction. 3. The logical link is therefore contrast between a hypothetical expansion and the existing limitation, not cause effect or addition. 4. Among the choices, only "However" signals contrast; "Therefore" and "Consequently" imply result, and "Moreover" adds information. 5. Hence the correct connector is "However,".

Q8. In the following two sentences, a word is given in bold in each. Select the word from the options that is a synonym of the bold word in the first sentence and an antonym of the bold word in the second sentence. Sentence 1: The government's new scheme seeks to **reduce the fiscal deficit. Sentence 2: The previous administration's approach tended to **increase** the fiscal deficit.**

Answer: A

1. Bold words: "reduce" (sentence 1) and "increase" (sentence 2). 2. Required word must be synonym of "reduce" and antonym of "increase". 3. "Curtail" means to reduce or limit -> synonym of reduce. 4. "Curtail" also means to cut back -> opposite of increase. 5. "Inflate" means increase -> not synonym of reduce. 6. "Sustain" means maintain -> not synonym of reduce. 7. "Overlook" means ignore -> unrelated. 8. Therefore, "curtail" satisfies both conditions.

Q9. Select the option that correctly completes the sentence: 'After years of meticulous preparation and a promising career start, his sudden decision to quit mid-project left him _____ in a financial mess.'

Answer: B

1. The phrase 'financial mess' implies a lack of funds. 2. 'Stuck with the bill' means having to pay for something or bear the cost alone. 3. Context: He prepared, started well, but quitting (the halt) caused him to face the costs he couldn't avoid. 4. 'Stuck in a rut' implies boredom/lack of progress, which contradicts the sudden financial crisis described. 5. The other options do not fit the context of being unable to pay debts due to a specific action.

Q10. In a recent press release, the Ministry of Urban Development described the new housing scheme as "augmented**" to address the burgeoning demand for affordable homes. In this context, which word is the best synonym for "augmented"?**

Answer: B

1. Identify meaning of 'augmented' in context - it means increased or made larger. 2. 'Reduced' is opposite, 'Simplified' changes nature, 'Delayed' unrelated. 3. Only 'Expanded' matches the sense of increasing to meet demand. Hence option B is correct.

Q11. Choose the option that best improves the following sentence without altering its intended meaning: "If the new Vande Bharat Express would have been launched on time, the commuters from Tier 2 cities would have enjoyed a seamless journey, and the railway's revenue will increase substantially."

Answer: C

1. The sentence is a third conditional (counterfactual past) -> if clause needs past perfect (had been launched) or inversion (Had ... been launched). 2. Main clauses must use would have + V3 (would have enjoyed, would have increased). 3. Preposition "in" is preferred for cities; "from" changes meaning. 4. Only option C satisfies all three rules.

Q12. Select the option that best corrects the sentence while preserving its meaning: Despite the torrential rain, the annual fair was held with great fervour, and the committee had arranged a cultural programme that includes folk dances, classical music, and a grand fireworks display.

Answer: B

1. Main verbs 'was held' and 'had arranged' set a past narrative. 2. The relative clause 'that includes ...' must also be in past tense -> 'included'. 3. Option B makes this single tense correction. 4. Option A leaves the present 'includes'. 5. Option C changes 'had arranged' to simple past but keeps 'includes'. 6. Option D misuses 'Although' without a clause. 7. Hence only B is fully correct.

Q13. Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical error: The committee, along with its members, are meeting tomorrow to discuss the budget.

Answer: C

The subject is 'The committee' (singular). The phrase 'along with its members' is an intervening phrase and does not affect the verb. Hence the verb must be singular 'is meeting'. The error lies in part C.

Q14. Read the passage below and choose the word that best replaces the underlined word. "The new railway timetable, released last week, was praised for its _____ schedule, ensuring that commuters could rely on trains arriving exactly when promised, without any unexpected delays." Which word most appropriately replaces the underlined word? A) erratic B) meticulous C) capricious D) haphazard

Answer: B

The passage says the schedule is praised for being reliable and without unexpected delays. That implies it is precise and careful. 'Meticulous' means showing great attention to detail, fitting the positive description. 'Erratic', 'capricious', and 'haphazard' all denote irregularity or carelessness, the opposite of the intended meaning. Hence option B is correct.

Q15. 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.

Q16. Read the passage below and then answer the question that follows. "The Ministry of Rural Development announced a new scheme to provide *subsidised* loans to small farmers. However, due to a clerical oversight, the interest rates were mistakenly printed as *exorbitant* in the official brochure. The error was later rectified, and the correct rates were communicated to the beneficiaries. The initial misprint caused considerable confusion among the applicants, many of whom believed the scheme was a *predatory* venture rather than a supportive initiative.", Which word, if substituted for the underlined word in the first sentence, would most accurately preserve the intended meaning while also correcting the subtle inconsistency created by the later use of the word *exorbitant*? A) inflated B) nominal C) concessional D) punitive

Answer: C

1. The scheme offers loans at lower than market rates -> a *subsidised* loan. 2. Later the brochure mistakenly shows *exorbitant* (very high) rates, creating a contrast. 3. To keep the contrast logical, the original word should denote a low rate,

not just any discount. 4. 'Inflated' means higher than normal - opposite of intended. 5. 'Nominal' means very small or in name only - not necessarily low interest. 6. 'Concessional' means offered at a reduced rate, i.e., low interest, matching the scheme's purpose. 7. 'Punitive' implies harsh penalties - unrelated. 8. Therefore, replacing *subsidised* with *concessional* retains the low rate meaning and makes the later *exorbitant* error a clear opposite. Thus option C is correct.

Q17. The committee approved the proposal, _____ the budget constraints were still a concern.

Answer: A

1. Identify the logical relation: first clause positive, second clause negative. 2. Need a contrast connector. 3. 'however' shows contrast; others show addition or result. 4. Choose 'however'.

Q18. In the fund management protocol of a centrally sponsored scheme, the prescribed sequence of stages is: sanction -> release -> utilization -> _____. The missing stage must be the formal term used in government accounting for the final reconciliation of accounts.

Answer: A

1. Identify the lexical chain: sanction, release, utilization are successive fund management steps. 2. The next logical step in government accounting is the formal reconciliation called "settlement". 3. "Payment" duplicates release; "clearance" precedes release; "completion" is generic, not a technical term. 4. Only "settlement" satisfies both chain continuation and formal register. 5. Hence the correct fill is "settlement".

Q19. Identify the sentence that is most appropriate for a formal letter of appointment from a government department: 'A. You are hereby appointed as a Junior Assistant, effective from 1st July 2024. B. They have made you the Junior Assistant starting July 1st. C. Get ready to work as a Junior Assistant from tomorrow. D. You are chosen for the job of Junior Assistant.

Answer: A

1. Option A uses the standard legal phrase 'hereby appointed' and 'effective from', which is the mandatory register for official government correspondence in India. 2. Option B uses 'made you' (colloquial) and lacks the precise date format ('July 1st' vs '1st July'). 3. Option C uses imperative 'Get ready' (inappropriate for an appointment letter). 4. Option D uses 'chosen' (informal) and vague phrasing. 5. Only Option A adheres to the passive/formal voice required by SSC, IBPS, and SBI guidelines for administrative writing.

Q20. After the sudden policy reversal, the director decided to _____ the initiative, realizing that further investment would be futile.

Answer: A

1. The context indicates stopping a project because it is no longer viable. 2. "Pull the plug" is the idiom meaning to discontinue or terminate something. 3. The other options mean: manipulate (pull the strings), deceive (pull the wool), or initiate action (pull the trigger). 4. Only "pull the plug" matches the required meaning.

Q21. 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.

Q22. In a recent press briefing regarding the rising cost of living, the Minister stated that 'inflation hedging' schemes must be restructured to account for 'administrative bloat,' which acts as a hidden tax. The term referring to this specific administrative waste or excess is:

Answer: A

1. Identify the context: Rising costs due to administrative inefficiency. 2. Define 'administrative bloat': Excessive red tape, unnecessary rules, and delay causing waste. 3. Evaluate options: Freneticism is speed/panic; Bureaucracy is the system itself; Nepotism is favoritism. 4. Select correct term: Red Tapeism specifically denotes the excessive bureaucratic formalism described.

Q23. The railway board directed that the new safety protocol _____ implemented before the festive season.

Answer: B

1. The verb 'directed that' is a mandative verb triggering the subjunctive mood. 2. In subjunctive, the base form of the verb is used regardless of subject or tense. 3. The base form of 'be' is 'be'. 4. Options 'is', 'was', 'has been' are indicative forms and incorrect.

Q24. In the context of a construction project, the phrase 'cut corners' refers to which of the following? I. Reducing expenses by compromising on quality and safety standards. II. Saving time by taking direct routes without unnecessary delays. III. Optimizing resources for better efficiency. Which statement(s) is/are true regarding this idiom? A I only B II and III only C I and III only D I, II, and III

Answer: A

The idiom 'cut corners' specifically means to reduce costs or save time by not following proper procedures, standards, or ethics, often leading to defects or danger. Statement I matches this definition. Statements II and III describe legitimate efficiency, which is the opposite of 'cutting corners'. Therefore, only I is correct.

Q25. The manager announced the project delay, _____ a sudden software crash had occurred in the server room.

Answer: B

1. The stem describes a known past cause (software crash) for a stated effect (project delay). 2. 'given that' correctly

introduces the factual condition explaining the situation. 3. 'assuming that' implies uncertainty, which contradicts the context of an announced fact. 4. 'lest' implies prevention against a future fear, which is logically incorrect here. 5. 'in order to' indicates purpose/intention, not cause-and-effect.

Q26. In the following sentence, four words are underlined and labelled (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of them uses an incorrect homophone. Identify that part. The station master (A) ensured that the train's (B) break (C) system (D) was fully functional before departure.

Answer: C

1. Read the sentence for context: a train's stopping mechanism. 2. The word "break" means to separate or shatter. 3. The correct term for a stopping device is "brake". 4. Hence the homophone error is at label (C).

Q27. The government's new initiative seeks to _____ the gap between digital literacy and employment opportunities in rural areas.

Answer: A

The phrase "bridge the gap" is a fixed idiom meaning to reduce or eliminate a disparity. While "fill", "close", and "reduce" can collocate with "gap", the standard expression in policy contexts is "bridge the gap". Hence the correct choice is "bridge".

Q28. 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.

Q29. The minister's speech was praised for its _____ tone, which starkly contrasted with the usual bombastic rhetoric of his predecessors, thereby reassuring the public about the government's genuine intent to address the crisis.

Answer: B

1. Identify the required meaning: the tone contrasts with bombastic (overly grandiose) and reassures public, so it should be calm and peace making. 2. "Conciliatory" means intended to pacify or reconcile - fits the contrast and reassurance. 3. "Magnanimous" means generous, not directly about tone. 4. "Intransigent" means stubborn, opposite of reassurance. 5. "Obsequious" means overly submissive, not the intended contrast. Hence option B is correct.

Q30. 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.

Q31. Read the following sentence and identify the part containing the error (marked as A, B, C, D). If no error is found, select E. 'The project manager decided to launch the initiative next week after the stakeholders had already signed the agreement.' (A) The project manager decided to launch the initiative next week (B) after the stakeholders had already signed the agreement (C) (No error) (D) if any (E) None of these

Answer: B

1. The phrase 'had already signed' implies the action was completed in the past. 2. The phrase 'next week' implies a future time relative to now. 3. An agreement cannot be 'already signed' before the project manager decides to launch it 'next week' unless there is a specific timeline context missing. 4. The error is the tense contradiction: 'had already signed' (Past Perfect) vs 'decided... next week' (Future). The sequence is illogical without rephrasing B to 'sign' or changing 'next week'. 5. Option B contains the logical flaw regarding time sequence.

Q32. The new policy, _____ it aims to reduce paperwork, has inadvertently _____ the approval process for small vendors.

Answer: A

1. The sentence sets up a contrast: the policy's aim (reduce paperwork) vs. an unintended negative outcome. 2. First blank requires a contrast connector that can introduce a clause; "although" works, "because" gives cause, "while" is weaker, "despite" cannot take a clause. 3. Second blank needs a verb meaning 'made more difficult' to follow "inadvertently"; "complicated" fits, others are positive or irrelevant. 4. Only option A satisfies both grammar and logic.

Q33. The railway authorities insisted _____ the immediate implementation of safety norms.

Answer: A

1. Identify the verb: 'insisted'. 2. Recall the standard collocation: 'insist on' + gerund/noun. 3. Check each option: 'on' fits the pattern; 'in', 'at', 'for' do not collocate with 'insisted' in this sense. 4. Therefore the correct preposition is 'on'.

Q34. In the following passage, one word is underlined. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined word with its most appropriate opposite in the given context. "The minister's speech was lauded for its *conciliatory* tone, which aimed to bridge the growing divide between the urban and rural voters." Which word should replace the underlined word?

Answer: A

1. Identify the meaning of 'conciliatory' - intended to pacify or reconcile. 2. The opposite should convey hostility or opposition. 3. 'Antagonistic' means showing opposition or hostility, fitting the antonym. 4. Other options repeat the original word, so they are incorrect. 5. Hence, option A is the correct opposite.

Q35. Read the passage and choose the word which best replaces the underlined word. "The new railway subsidy scheme, though hailed as a panacea by many officials, has inadvertently *exacerbated* the financial strain on small freight operators, many of whom are now forced to curtail services." The word *exacerbated* most nearly means:

Answer: B

1. Identify meaning of 'exacerbated' in context: it worsens a problem. 2. Options A (alleviated) and C (mitigated) mean to lessen, opposite meaning. 3. Option D (simplified) unrelated. 4. Only option B (intensified) matches 'worsen'.

Q36. 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.

Q37. A new high-speed rail project was announced with a projected completion date of December. However, due to unexpected land acquisition delays and budget re-allocations, the original schedule _____. A) remained intact B) crumbled C) shifted significantly D) vanished

Answer: C

1. Identify the key phrase: 'original schedule'. 2. Context: Project delays (land acquisition, budget). 3. Logic: A schedule doesn't just stay (intact), vanish (impossible), or crumble (schedule is abstract, project does); it changes position/time. 4. Conclusion: 'Shifted significantly' is the only idiomatically and logically correct connector.

Q38. In the context of the recent flood relief efforts, the administration announced a 'Kshama' scheme to offer _____ to victims who were unfairly accused of negligence. Which term best completes the sentence? A) Forgiveness B) Retribution C) Indifference D) Compromise

Answer: A

The word 'Kshama' in Sanskrit and Hindi directly translates to 'forgiveness' or 'patience'. The context is a relief scheme for victims wrongly accused; therefore, the administration would offer pardon/forgiveness. Option A is correct. Option B (Retribution) is the opposite of the intended meaning. Options C and D do not fit the emotional/legal context of restoring reputation after false accusation.

Q39. Rohan was explaining his new hobby to his colleague. He said, 'I started painting landscapes last year. -- I realized that watercolor requires a different kind of patience compared to oil paints.' Which connector best fits the blank?

Answer: A

The first clause describes an action (painting landscapes). The second clause introduces a contrast in realization (watercolor vs. oil patience). 'However' is the only conjunction that signals this adversative relationship between the hobby's start and the specific difficulty encountered.

Q40. 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.

Q41. Identify the option that corrects the sentence to ensure formal register suitable for an official bank statement: The current balance shows a debit entry of fifty rupees, and now it needs to be written as _____. A) A negative amount of fifty rupees B) A deduction of fifty rupees made from the account C) Fifty rupees being removed from the total D) The account losing fifty rupees

Answer: B

1. Identify the error in the stem's description: 'Fifty rupees' is a noun, not a verb describing action. 2. Analyze Option A: 'Negative amount' describes the math sign, not the transaction event formally. 3. Analyze Option C: 'Being removed' is passive and slightly awkward for financial reports. 4. Analyze Option D: 'Losing' is colloquial and personifies the account; formal banking uses 'deduction' or 'credit/debit'. 5. Select Option B as it uses the precise term 'deduction' common in ledger entries.

Q42. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

Answer: C

1. Main subject is "The ministry" (singular). 2. Relative pronoun "which" refers to "ministry", so verb in relative clause must be singular -> "has been reviewing". 3. Phrases "along with" / "together with" do not affect subject number. 4. Main verb must agree with singular subject -> "is expected". 5. Only option C meets both requirements.

Q43. 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.

Q44. The ministry, despite repeated appeals, has not sanctioned the funds, _____ has it provided any timeline for release.

Answer: A

1. The first clause "has not sanctioned" is negative. 2. The second clause "has it provided" shows subject auxiliary inversion, signalling a negative continuation. 3. In standard English, a negative clause followed by another negative idea requires the coordinator "nor" with inversion. 4. "or", "and", and "but" cannot trigger inversion after a negative. 5. Hence the only grammatically correct choice is "nor".

Q45. While inspecting the railway tracks, the senior engineer noted that the contractor had managed to save costs by not using high-grade steel in the sleepers; however, this practice of _____ had led to cracks appearing within a month. Which idiom fits best in the blank? A) cutting corners B) running rings around C) standing pat D) hitting the nail on the head

Answer: A

The sentence describes cost-saving achieved by reducing quality (using lower-grade steel). 'Cutting corners' is an idiom meaning to reduce quality or skip steps to save time/money. This matches the context of structural failure due to poor materials. Option B implies deception/avoiding work, C implies lack of change, and D implies precision.

Q46. Select the option that best improves the underlined part of the sentence: 'The committee recommended revising the curriculum, to increase teacher training, and that the examination pattern be changed.'

Answer: A

1. The verb 'recommended' introduces a list of three actions. 2. Parallel structure requires all three actions to be in the same grammatical form. 3. Original mixes gerund (revising), infinitive (to increase), and a that clause. 4. Option A uses gerunds for all three: revising, increasing, changing -> parallel. 5. Option B uses infinitives; 'recommended' prefers gerund or that clause, not bare infinitive. 6. Option C mixes gerund and infinitive. 7. Option D uses base verbs, not parallel after 'recommended'. 8. Hence Option A is the only fully parallel and idiomatic choice.

Q47. In the following sentence, one word is a homophone error. Identify the incorrect word: "The artist drew a beautiful scene on the canvas, using a pallet of vibrant colors."

Answer: C

1. Spot the homophone pair: pallet (wooden platform) vs palette (range of colours). 2. Context "vibrant colors" demands "palette". 3. The sentence uses "pallet", which is wrong. 4. Hence the incorrect word is "pallet".

Q48. In the following passage, the writer describes the impact of a new railway line on a remote village. Choose the word that best replaces the underlined word so that the meaning of the sentence remains unchanged. "The inauguration of the line has been a **panacea for the villagers, eradicating the long standing problem of isolation and opening avenues for trade and education." Options:**

Answer: B

1. Identify meaning of 'panacea' - a solution or cure for all problems. 2. The sentence says the railway is a panacea, i.e., it solves the problem. 3. Look for a synonym that fits the same meaning. 4. 'Cure' means a remedy that eliminates a disease/problem, matching the context. 5. 'Remedy' and 'antidote' are close but imply treatment rather than a complete solution; 'bane' is opposite. 6. Therefore the correct replacement is 'cure'.

Q49. In the following pair of sentences, the first sentence contains a word used in an incorrect form. Identify the correct form of that word which can also appropriately fill the blank in the second sentence. Sentence 1: The committee's *implement* of the new policy was delayed due to procedural hurdles. Sentence 2: The _____ of the policy will be reviewed next month.

Answer: A

1. In Sentence 1, 'implement' is a verb (or a noun meaning a tool) but the context requires a noun denoting the process of putting a policy into effect. 2. The appropriate noun form is obtained by adding the suffix '-ation' to the verb 'implement', giving 'implementation'. 3. 'Implementation' fits grammatically as the subject of Sentence 2 and conveys the intended meaning of 'the process of executing the policy'. 4. The other options are either a present participle ('implementing'), the base verb ('implement'), or an adjective ('implemental'), none of which function as a noun denoting the process.

Q50. The manager had to _____ the budget, while the sculptor had to _____ the stone.

Answer: A

1. The same word must fit both blanks. 2. Blank 1 (budget): possible verbs - cut, reduce, trim. 3. Blank 2 (stone): possible verbs - cut, shape, trim. 4. Intersection of both sets = {cut, trim}. 5. "Trim the stone" is not a standard collocation; "cut the stone" is natural. 6. Therefore only "cut" works in both contexts.

Q51. Which ocean is the largest in the world by surface area?

Answer: D

Correct answer: Pacific Ocean.

Q52. Reservoir triggered seismicity in peninsular India has been documented at which two locations?

Answer: A

Correct answer: Koyna and Warna.

Q53. Which sentence contains a comma splice error?
Answer: A
Correct answer: The data were inconclusive; further experiments are planned..

Q54. An aspirant is tracking the Project-75I submarine programme using the data-driven framework described in the lesson. Which sequence of primary sources represents the correct "MoD-DRDO-DDP" chain for verifying procurement milestones?
Answer: A
Correct answer: Ministry of Defence press notes -> DRDO technology bulletins -> Defence Production Department procurement notices.

Q55. The Earth is divided into how many time zones based on its rotation?
Answer: B
Correct answer: 24.

Q56. Who won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2019 for black hole physics?
Answer: A
Correct answer: Roger Penrose.

Q57. What does the acronym 'DRDO' stand for?
Answer: A
Correct answer: Defence Research and Development Organization.

Q58. Choose the sentence with correct comparative structure.
Answer: A
Correct answer: The new protocol is more efficient and faster than the old one..

Q59. In the sentence "Had the data been conclusive, the study would have been published," what conditional structure is used?
Answer: C
Correct answer: Third conditional with inversion.

Q60. Arrange the following defence milestones in correct chronological order of their formal approval/ contracting: (1) INS Vikrant commissioning, (2) Tejas Mk-1A contract (83 aircraft), (3) FRCV Strategic Partnership approval, (4) Project-75I RFP issuance.
Answer: A
Correct answer: (2), (1), (3), (4).

Q61. Choose the correct meaning of the phrase 'Few people came to the party.'
Answer: B
Correct answer: Not many people came (negative).

Q62. Which of these is a multinational naval exercise involving India?
Answer: A
Correct answer: Malabar.

Q63. Identify the sentence with a parallelism error.
Answer: A
Correct answer: The mission requires precision, dedication, and that officers remain vigilant..

Q64. Identify the grammatically correct sentence regarding subject-verb agreement.
Answer: A
Correct answer: The number of students who are present in the class is increasing..

Q65. Which of the following rivers flows westwards into the Arabian Sea due to flowing through a rift valley?
Answer: B
Correct answer: Narmada.

Q66. Which of the following correctly matches a sports governing body with its specific governance reform and year?
Answer: C
Correct answer: IOC - Adoption of Olympic Agenda 2020+5 emphasizing sustainability and gender equality - 2021.

Q67. Regarding India's science and technology awards landscape, which of the following statements is accurate as of 2024?
Answer: D
Correct answer: The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize has an age cap, while the Infosys Prize has no age cap..

Q68. Which sentence demonstrates correct parallel structure in a list?
Answer: B
Correct answer: He likes swimming, hiking, and running..

Q69. Which conditional sentence correctly forms a mixed conditional?
Answer: A
Correct answer: If I had taken the job, I would be living abroad now..

Q70. Black soil (Regur) is most suitable for the cultivation of which crop?
Answer: C
Correct answer: Cotton.

Q71. Select the word that best completes the sentence: 'She was accused _____ lying to the committee.'
Answer: C
Correct answer: of.

Q72. India shares a land border with how many countries?
Answer: C
Correct answer: 7.

Q73. The Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (2004) allocated 811 tmcft among which three states?
Answer: A
Correct answer: Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh.

Q74. The Arabian Sea branch of the Indian monsoon typically reaches Mumbai by which date?
Answer: B
Correct answer: 10 June.

Q75. A 1 °C rise in temperature during the grain filling stage can reduce wheat yields by what percentage, as per the lesson?
Answer: B
Correct answer: 4 5%.

Q76. Which sentence correctly uses the mandative subjunctive?
Answer: B
Correct answer: The director insists that the report be submitted by Friday..

Q77. In the sentence 'Walking down the street, the trees looked beautiful,' what is the error?
Answer: B
Correct answer: Misplaced modifier: 'Walking' should modify the subject 'trees', but trees cannot walk..

Q78. A passage argues that renewable energy adoption is accelerating because solar panel costs have dropped 80% since 2010. Which inference is textually supported?
Answer: C
Correct answer: Lower costs have contributed to increased adoption rates..

Q79. In formal academic writing, which collocation best maintains the appropriate register?
Answer: B
Correct answer: The researchers commenced the experiment at noon..

Q80. According to the IS 1893 seismic zoning map, which zone includes the entire north eastern region, the Kutch area, and the Andaman Nicobar islands?
Answer: D
Correct answer: Zone V.

Q81. Which of the following summits was the first to adopt a declaration specifically emphasizing digital public infrastructure as a key pillar?
Answer: B
Correct answer: G20 New Delhi Summit (2023).

Q82. Which country hosted the 2022 FIFA World Cup?
Answer: D
Correct answer: Qatar.

Q83. What is the currency of Japan?
Answer: C
The Yen is the official currency of Japan. The Won is used in South Korea and North Korea, the Yuan is the currency of China, and the Ringgit is used in Malaysia.

Q84. Which of the following physical quantities is a scalar quantity?
Answer: D
Shortcut: Remember 'Work' is energy transferred (dot product of Force and Displacement); dot product yields a scalar. Cross product yields vector (Torque). Step-by-step: Force, Velocity, and Displacement all have both magnitude and direction, making them vector quantities. Work done is defined as the dot product of Force and Displacement vectors ($W = F \cdot s = |F||s|\cos$). The dot product of two vectors results in a scalar quantity (magnitude only). Therefore, Work is a scalar.

Q85. Which of the following is a renewable source of energy?
Answer: D
Solar energy is renewable as it is derived from the sun's radiation which is inexhaustible. Coal, Crude Oil, and Natural Gas are fossil fuels formed over millions of years and are non-renewable resources.

Q86. In the Indian Parliament, which house has the power to initiate money bills?
Answer: B
The Lok Sabha (House of the People) has the exclusive power to initiate money bills. The Rajya Sabha can only recommend amendments or reject them within a month but cannot originate such bills. The Supreme Court is the judiciary, and State Assemblies have their own legislative powers but not over national money bills.

Q87. Which Indian state was the first to be formed after the States Reorganisation Act of 1956?
Answer: B
Andhra Pradesh was formed on October 1, 1956, making it the first state created under the States Reorganisation Act based on linguistic lines. Karnataka was carved out later in 1973. Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra were formed as part of the reorganization but after Andhra Pradesh.

Q88. In which year did India gain independence from British rule?
Answer: B
India officially gained independence on August 15, 1947. The year 1945 is incorrect as the war was ongoing and partition discussions were just beginning. 1950 marks the commencement of the Constitution, and 1952 was the first general election.

Q89. Under which Article of the Constitution of India does the President proclaim a State Emergency (President's Rule) due to the failure of constitutional machinery in a state?
Answer: B
Shortcut: Associate '356' with 'States' (3+5+6=14, 1+4=5, 5th Schedule deals with states/tribes - weak mnemonic); better: Eliminate 352 (National Emergency), 360 (Financial Emergency), 365 (Failure to comply with Union directions). Step-by-step: Article 352 deals with National Emergency (War/External Aggression/Armed Rebellion). Article 360 deals with Financial Emergency. Article 365 deals with the effect of failure to comply with directions given by the Union. Article 356 specifically empowers the President to assume state functions if governance cannot be carried on per the Constitution.

Q90. The 'Akash' weapon system, indigenously developed by DRDO for the Indian Armed Forces, is classified as a:
Answer: B
Shortcut: Name association - **Akash** means **Sky**. It defends the sky/airspace from the ground. Eliminate Air-to-Air (Astra), Anti-Tank (Nag/Helina), SLBM (K-15/K-4). Step-by-step: Akash is a medium-range mobile Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) system developed under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP). It uses a Ramjet-rocket propulsion system, can engage multiple targets simultaneously (aircraft, helicopters, drones) up to 25-30 km range and 18 km altitude. It is operational with both the Indian Air Force and Indian Army.

Q91. Which river is known as the 'Ganges of South India'?
Answer: C
The Kaveri (or Cauvery) river is popularly referred to as the Ganges of South India due to its cultural and religious significance in the region. The Krishna and Godavari are major peninsular rivers but do not carry this specific epithet. The Vaigai is a smaller river flowing through Tamil Nadu.

Q92. Which gas is primarily responsible for the greenhouse effect?
Answer: C
Carbon Dioxide (CO_2) is a major greenhouse gas that traps heat in the Earth's atmosphere. Oxygen and Nitrogen make up most of the atmosphere but are not significant greenhouse gases. Hydrogen is also not a primary greenhouse gas in this context.

Q93. The 'Doctrine of Lapse', a policy of annexation used extensively by the British East India Company, was introduced by which Governor-General?
Answer: C
Shortcut: Elimination by timeline and policy. Lord Canning (1856-58) handled the 1857 Revolt. Lord Curzon (1899-1905) partitioned Bengal. Lord Ripon (1880-84) is known for Local Self Government and Ilbert Bill. Lord Dalhousie (1848-56) was the expansionist Governor-General who applied the Doctrine of Lapse (Satara, Jhansi, Nagpur). Full Solution: Lord Dalhousie, serving as Governor-General from 1848 to 1856, formalized the Doctrine of Lapse. It stated that if a ruler of a princely state died without a natural male heir, the state would 'lapse' and become part of British India, denying the right of adoption.

Q94. Which planet in our solar system is known as the 'Red Planet'?
Answer: C
Mars appears red due to iron oxide (rust) prevalent on its surface. Venus is known as the Morning Star or Evening Star due to its brightness. Jupiter is the largest planet with a Great Red Spot but is not called the Red Planet generally. Saturn is famous for its prominent ring system.

Q95. Which Article of the Constitution of India was described by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the 'Heart and Soul of the Constitution'?
Answer: A
Shortcut: Keyword association. 'Heart and Soul' is a unique, famous quote by Dr. Ambedkar specifically attached to Article 32 (Right to Constitutional Remedies). Article 226 empowers High Courts (similar remedy but not the 'Heart and Soul' quote). Articles 14 and 19 are Right to Equality and Freedom respectively. Worked Solution: Article 32 provides the right to move the Supreme Court for enforcement of Fundamental Rights. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar stated: 'If I was asked to name any particular Article in this Constitution as the most important... I could not refer to any other Article except this one (Article 32). It is the very soul of the Constitution and the very heart of it.'

Q96. Which of the following pairs of 'Lake' and 'Type/Characteristic' is correctly matched?
Answer: C
Shortcut: Eliminate by basic classification. Wular (J&K) is natural freshwater (largest in India), not artificial -> A wrong. Chilika (Odisha) is brackish/saline lagoon, not freshwater -> B wrong. Kolleru (AP) is freshwater deltaic lake between Krishna/Godavari, not glacial -> D wrong. Sambhar (Rajasthan) is famous for salt production, confirming it as an inland saline wetland. Detailed: Sambhar Salt Lake is India's largest inland saline wetland, a Ramsar site, and key for salt production. Wular is the largest *freshwater* lake. Chilika is the largest *brackish water* lagoon. Kolleru is a freshwater lake.

Q97. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Kaziranga National Park': 1. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 2. It is the single largest undisturbed habitat of the Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros. 3. It is located in the Karbi Anglong district of Assam. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

Answer: A

Shortcut: Verify location/district knowledge to eliminate. Kaziranga is located in Golaghat and Nagaon districts (partly), not Karbi Anglong (Karbi Anglong hills are south of the park, distinct district). Statement 3 is incorrect. Eliminate Options B, C, D (all contain 3). Only Option A remains. Full Solution: Kaziranga National Park (Assam) was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985 (Statement 1 correct). It hosts ~2,400+ Indian One-Horned Rhinos, the largest population globally (Statement 2 correct). It is situated in the Golaghat and Nagaon districts. Karbi Anglong is a separate district to the south, known for the Karbi Anglong Hills which act as a refuge during floods, but the park itself is not *in* Karbi Anglong district (Statement 3 incorrect).

Q98. The term 'Democracy' literally means rule by:

Answer: C

The word 'Democracy' is derived from the Greek words 'demos' (people) and 'kratos' (rule), meaning rule by the people. Rule by God is Theocracy, rule by Elite is Oligarchy or Aristocracy, and rule by Army is Military Junta.

Q99. Who painted the Mona Lisa?

Answer: C

Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa in the early 16th century. Vincent van Gogh is known for Starry Night, Pablo Picasso for Guernica, and Michelangelo for the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

Q100. Under the Indian Constitution, the power to legislate on 'Inter-State Trade and Commerce' resides with:

Answer: B

Shortcut: Article 301-307 (Part XIII) deal with Trade/Commerce. 'Inter-State' implies movement across borders, a classic Union subject (Entry 42, Union List) to ensure economic unity. 'Intra-State' trade is State subject (Entry 26, State List). Option C (Concurrent) applies to subjects like Education, Forests. Detailed: Article 246 read with Seventh Schedule. Union List Entry 42: 'Inter-State trade and commerce'. Parliament has exclusive power (Article 246(1)). State List Entry 26 covers 'Trade and commerce within the State'. The Constitution (Articles 301-304) guarantees freedom of inter-state trade subject to Parliament's regulatory power.

Q101. Who among the following was the founder of the 'Servants of India Society' (1905), dedicated to training national missionaries for the service of India?

Answer: A

Shortcut: Associate 'Servants of India Society' with 'Gokhale' (Mentor to Gandhi, Moderate leader). Ranade was his guru (Poona Sarvajanik Sabha). Tilak was Extremist (Home Rule League). Naoroji was 'Grand Old Man' (British Indian Association, Congress President). Detailed: Gopal Krishna Gokhale founded the Servants of India Society in Pune (1905) with the objective of training selfless workers for national service. It focused on education, sanitation, and upliftment of depressed classes. Gokhale was a prominent moderate leader and political mentor to Mahatma Gandhi.

Q102. Under which Article of the Indian Constitution are the Fundamental Duties of citizens enumerated?

Answer: A

Shortcut: Use the 'A' mnemonic - Fundamental Duties were Added by the 42nd Amendment in 1976 and placed in Article 51**A** (Part IVA). Eliminate Article 32 (Remedies), Article 45 (Directive Principle - Early Childhood Care), and Article 51 (Directive Principle - International Peace). Step-by-step: Fundamental Duties were inserted via the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976 on the recommendation of the Swaran Singh Committee. They are listed in Part IVA under a single Article 51A.

Q103. Deficiency of which vitamin specifically leads to impaired blood clotting and increased bleeding tendency?

Answer: D

Shortcut: Mnemonic **'K** for **K**oagulation' (German spelling). Vitamin K is essential for gamma-carboxylation of clotting factors II, VII, IX, X. Eliminate D (Calcium/Bones), E (Antioxidant/Neuromuscular), A (Vision/Epithelial). Step-by-step: Vitamin K (Phylloquinone/Menaquinone) acts as a cofactor for the enzyme gamma-glutamyl carboxylase, which modifies glutamate residues on clotting factors to bind Calcium ions. Without it, factors remain inactive, causing hemorrhagic disease. Newborns are routinely given Vitamin K prophylaxis.

Q104. Which of the following is a non-metal?

Answer: C

Bromine is a liquid non-metal at room temperature. Iron, Mercury (a metal), and Zinc are all metallic elements. While Mercury is unique for being liquid, it remains a metal.

Q105. In which year was the Indian Constitution adopted by the Constituent Assembly?

Answer: C

The Constitution of India was adopted on November 26, 1949, and came into effect on January 26, 1950. The year 1947 marks independence; 1950 is the commencement date; and 1952 refers to the first general elections held under the new constitution.

Q106. Who painted the famous artwork 'The Last Supper'?

Answer: C

Leonardo da Vinci painted 'The Last Supper' in the late 15th century. Vincent van Gogh is famous for 'Starry Night'. Pablo Picasso created many cubist works but not this painting. Michelangelo is known for the Sistine Chapel ceiling and the statue of David.

Q107. An element with atomic number 18 belongs to which group and period of the modern periodic table?
Answer: C
Shortcut: Write electronic configuration for Z=18: 2, 8, 8. Number of shells (3) = Period Number. Valence electrons (8) = Group Number (for noble gases, Group 18). Step-by-step: Atomic Number 18 implies 18 electrons. Distribution: K-shell (2), L-shell (8), M-shell (8). Since there are 3 shells occupied, the Period is 3. Since the outermost shell has 8 electrons (complete octet), it is a noble gas belonging to Group 18. The element is Argon (Ar).

Q108. Night blindness (Nyctalopia) is caused by the deficiency of which vitamin?
Answer: D
Shortcut: Mnemonic/Function mapping. Vitamin A = Vision (Retina/Rhodopsin). Vitamin C = Scurvy (Collagen). Vitamin D = Rickets/Osteomalacia (Calcium absorption). Vitamin B1 = Beriberi (Nerve/Heart). 'Night' blindness links directly to 'A' for 'Aye' (Eye). Worked Solution: Vitamin A (Retinol) is a component of rhodopsin, the photopigment in rod cells of the retina essential for low-light (scotopic) vision. Its deficiency impairs rhodopsin regeneration, leading to night blindness. Prolonged deficiency causes xerophthalmia and keratomalacia.

Q109. Which of the following phenomena explains the formation of the 'Thar Desert' in Rajasthan?
Answer: C
Shortcut: Eliminate geographical mismatches. Western Ghats (Option A) affect the Deccan plateau, not Rajasthan. Cold currents (Option B) affect coastal deserts (Atacama/Namib), not inland Thar. Permanent High Pressure (Option D) is a general subtropical feature, not the specific dynamic cause for Thar's aridity. The specific mechanism is the Aravalli range running SW-NE, parallel to the SW Monsoon winds (Arabian Sea branch), preventing orographic lift and causing rain shadow/ divergence. Full Solution: The Aravalli Hills run parallel to the direction of the Arabian Sea branch of the South-West Monsoon (South-West to North-East). They do not act as a barrier to intercept the moisture-laden winds. Consequently, the winds pass over Rajasthan without significant orographic rainfall, creating the Thar Desert. This is a classic case of 'Parallel Range Effect' rather than a standard Rain Shadow (which requires perpendicular ranges).

Q110. What is the SI unit of Magnetic Flux?
Answer: A
Shortcut: Eliminate options using quantity association. Tesla is the unit of Magnetic Flux Density (B), Henry is the unit of Inductance (L), and Coulomb is the unit of Electric Charge (Q). Magnetic Flux ( ) is measured in Weber (Wb). Full Solution: Magnetic Flux is defined as the surface integral of the magnetic field (B) over a surface area (A). Since B is in Tesla (T) and A is in m^2, the unit is $T \cdot m^2$, which is defined as 1 Weber (Wb).

Q111. The phenomenon of 'Ocean Acidification' is primarily caused by the absorption of which gas by seawater?
Answer: C
Shortcut: Link 'Acidification' to 'Carbonic Acid'. CO2 + H2O -> H2CO3 (Carbonic Acid). This lowers pH. Methane/N2O are potent GHGs but don't dissolve to form strong acids in ocean volumes. SO2 causes acid rain (atmospheric), not primary driver of ocean acidification. Detailed: Oceans absorb ~30% of anthropogenic CO2 emissions. Dissolved CO2 reacts with water (H2O) to form carbonic acid (H2CO3), which dissociates into bicarbonate (HCO3-) and hydrogen ions (H+). Increased H+ concentration lowers pH (acidification) and reduces carbonate ion (CO3 2-) availability, harming calcifying organisms (corals, shellfish).

Q112. The Battle of Buxar (1764) was fought between the British East India Company and the combined armies of which three Indian rulers?
Answer: B
Shortcut: Eliminate options containing Siraj-ud-Daulah (died 1757, Battle of Plassey) or Mir Jafar (installed after Plassey, not fighting at Buxar). The trio at Buxar is the 'Q-S-S' combination: **Q**asim (Nawab of Bengal), **S**huja-ud-Daulah (Nawab of Awadh), **S**hah Alam II (Mughal Emperor). Step-by-step: Mir Qasim, the deposed Nawab of Bengal, allied with Shuja-ud-Daulah of Awadh and the Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II to expel the British. Their defeat by Hector Munro led to the Treaty of Allahabad (1765), granting Diwani rights to the Company.

Q113. Which of the following is the capital city of France?
Answer: C
Paris is the capital and most populous city of France. Berlin is the capital of Germany, Madrid is the capital of Spain, and Rome is the capital of Italy.

Q114. Who painted the iconic work 'Mona Lisa'?
Answer: C
Leonardo da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa during the Italian Renaissance. Vincent van Gogh is famous for 'Starry Night'. Pablo Picasso was a key figure in Cubism. Michelangelo is renowned for sculptures like the David and the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

Q115. Which soil type is formed due to intense leaching in areas of high rainfall and high temperature, and is typically suitable for the cultivation of Cashew nuts?
Answer: D
Shortcut: Keyword matching. 'Leaching' + 'High Rainfall' + 'High Temperature' = Laterite. 'Cashew' is a classic plantation crop for Laterite soil (Western Ghats, Kerala, Karnataka). Black soil retains moisture (cotton). Alluvial is river-deposited (rice/ wheat). Red soil is porous (millets). Full Solution: Laterite soil develops in regions with high temperature and heavy rainfall (e.g., Western Ghats, parts of Northeast). Intense leaching washes away silica and bases, leaving oxides of Iron and Aluminium, giving it a reddish-brown colour. It is acidic and poor in nitrogen/lime but supports plantation crops like Cashew, Tea, Coffee, and Rubber.

Q116. Which of the following is the highest peak of the Western Ghats?
Answer: C
Shortcut: Map-based elimination. Guru Shikhar is the highest in the Aravallis (Rajasthan). Doddabetta is the highest in the Nilgiris (Tamil Nadu). Kalsubai is the highest in Maharashtra (Sahyadris). Anamudi (2,695 m) in Kerala is the overall highest peak of the entire Western Ghats range. Step-by-step: The Western Ghats run north-south. Anamudi is located in the Anaimalai Hills (Kerala/Tamil Nadu border) and is the highest point in India south of the Himalayas. Doddabetta (2,637 m) is the second highest.

Q117. In which city is the headquarters of the United Nations Organization located?
Answer: B
The primary headquarters of the United Nations is located in New York City. Geneva hosts the UN Office at Geneva and many specialized agencies. Paris is home to UNESCO. Vienna hosts several UN agencies like the ICAO and ITU.

Q118. Which writ is issued by a higher court to a lower court or tribunal to review a decision that exceeds its jurisdiction?
Answer: B
Shortcut: Latin meaning elimination. Habeas Corpus = 'Have the body' (Liberty). Mandamus = 'We Command' (Duty). Prohibition = 'To forbid' (Prevent excess jurisdiction *during* proceedings). Certiorari = 'To be certified/informed' (Review decision *after* it is given). Full Solution: Under Article 32 and 226, the Supreme Court and High Courts can issue writs. Certiorari is a curative writ issued by a superior court to an inferior court/tribunal/quasi-judicial body to review a judicial or quasi-judicial decision already made, typically on grounds of excess of jurisdiction, error of law, or violation of natural justice. Prohibition prevents the proceeding; Certiorari quashes the order.

Q119. Who was the first President of India?
Answer: B
Dr. Rajendra Prasad served as the first President of India from 1950 to 1962. Jawaharlal Nehru was the first Prime Minister, not President. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was the first Home Minister and known as the Iron Man of India. B.R. Ambedkar was the chief architect of the Constitution.

Q120. Which Indian state was the first to be formed on a linguistic basis in 1956?
Answer: A
Andhra Pradesh was established as a separate linguistic state on October 1, 1953 (fully reorganized in 1956 under the States Reorganization Act), making it the first. Karnataka and Tamil Nadu were formed later in 1956 and 1956 respectively but not as the initial linguistic experiment. Maharashtra was formed in 1960 after a prolonged agitation, well after Andhra Pradesh.

Q121. What is the chemical symbol for Gold?
Answer: B
The chemical symbol for Gold is Au (from Latin 'Aurum'). Ag is the symbol for Silver, Fe stands for Iron, and Cu represents Copper.

Q122. Which of the following is the largest river in India by discharge volume?
Answer: B
The Godavari is widely recognized as the largest river in India by discharge volume, often called the 'Dakshin Ganga' (South Ganga). While the Ganga and Brahmaputra have larger catchment areas or flow into larger basins, the Godavari consistently records higher annual water discharge. The Narmada is a shorter west-flowing river with significantly lower discharge compared to these major east-flowing rivers.

Q123. In the context of Indian Polity, which Article of the Constitution empowers the Parliament to form a new State by separation of territory from any State or by uniting two or more States?
Answer: B
Shortcut: Use the 'Territory vs State' distinction trick. Article 1 defines India as a Union of States and its territory. Article 2 deals with admission/establishment of *new* states from *outside* the Union (e.g., Sikkim). Article 3 deals with formation of new states *internal* to the Union (altering boundaries/names of existing states). Article 4 contains supplemental laws for Art 2/3. The question describes internal reorganization (separation/uniting existing states). Full Solution: Article 3 authorizes Parliament to form a new State by separation of territory from any State, by uniting two or more States, or by uniting any territory to a part of any State. Article 2 relates to acquiring foreign territory. Article 1 defines the Union. Article 4 provides for consequential amendments.

Q124. The 'Quit India Resolution' was passed by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) at its session held in which city on 8th August 1942?
Answer: B
Shortcut: Associate 'Quit India' (August Kranti) with 'Bombay' (Gowalia Tank Maidan / August Kranti Maidan). The Wardha Resolution (July 1942) was ratified here. Step-by-step: The Congress Working Committee met at Wardha in July 1942 and passed the 'Quit India' resolution. It was formally ratified by the AICC session held at Gowalia Tank Maidan, Bombay, on 7th-8th August 1942. Gandhi gave the 'Do or Die' mantra here. The movement is also called the August Movement.

Q125. What is the chemical symbol for the element Gold?
Answer: B
The chemical symbol for Gold is Au, derived from the Latin word 'Aurum'. Ag is the symbol for Silver. Fe stands for Iron (from Ferrum), and Cu stands for Copper.

Q126. In which year did World War II end?
Answer: B
World War II ended in 1945 with the surrender of Japan. World War I started in 1914 and ended in 1918; 1939 marks the start of WWII, and 1950 is associated with the Korean War.

Q127. With reference to the Indian Freedom Struggle, which one of the following statements about the 'August Offer' (1940) is correct?

Answer: B

Shortcut: Eliminate options promising 'immediate' transfer or Dominion Status (A, D) as the British delayed both. Option C (separate Assembly) was the Cripps Mission (1942) / Cabinet Mission (1946) era demand. The August Offer (Viceroy Linlithgow) explicitly recognized for the first time the inherent right of Indians to frame their own Constitution post-war. Detailed: The August Offer 1940 aimed to secure Indian cooperation in WWII. Key points: 1. Dominion Status as objective (not immediate). 2. Expansion of Viceroy's Executive Council. 3. **Crucially: Recognition of the right of Indians to frame their own Constitution after the war.** 4. Assurance to minorities (veto power). It was rejected by Congress and Muslim League.

Q128. The river Narmada flows through a rift valley and drains into which major water body?

Answer: D

Shortcut: Use the 'West Flowing = Arabian Sea' rule for Peninsular rivers. Only Narmada and Tapi (major rivers) flow West through rift valleys into the Arabian Sea (Gulf of Khambhat). All other major Peninsular rivers (Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna, Kaveri) flow East into Bay of Bengal. Step-by-step: Narmada originates at Amarkantak (Maikal Hills). It flows Westwards between the Vindhya and Satpura ranges (rift valley). It forms an estuary at the Gulf of Khambhat, which is an inlet of the Arabian Sea.

Q129. Which planet in our solar system has the longest day (rotation period)?

Answer: D

Venus has a rotation period of approximately 243 Earth days, which is longer than its year and longer than any other planet's day. Mars rotates in about 24.6 hours, Jupiter in about 10 hours, and Uranus in about 17 hours. Thus, Venus holds the record for the longest day among all planets.

Q130. The national animal of India is the:

Answer: C

The Bengal Tiger (Panthera tigris) was declared the National Animal of India in 2010 by the Prime Minister. The Lion represents Gujarat, the Elephant is a state animal of several states like Kerala and Karnataka, and the Peacock is the National Bird of India.

Q131. Which country hosted the 2016 Summer Olympics?

Answer: C

Brazil hosted the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. China hosted the 2008 Summer Olympics. The United Kingdom hosted the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Russia is set to host the 2030 Winter World University Games but did not host a recent Summer Olympics.

Q132. Which Article of the Constitution of India guarantees the 'Protection of Life and Personal Liberty'?

Answer: C

Shortcut: Use the 'Golden Triangle' mnemonic (Articles 14, 19, 21). Article 14 = Equality before law; Article 19 = Six Freedoms; Article 21 = Life & Personal Liberty. Article 32 = Right to Constitutional Remedies (Heart & Soul). Step-by-step: Article 14 ensures equality. Article 19 protects freedoms like speech and movement. Article 21 explicitly states: 'No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law'. Article 32 provides the remedy to enforce these rights. Hence, Article 21 is the correct match.

Q133. The historic resolution for 'Poorna Swaraj' (Complete Independence) was adopted by the Indian National Congress at its annual session held in December 1929 at which location?

Answer: C

Shortcut: Eliminate Karachi (1931 session, Gandhi-Irwin Pact) and Calcutta (1928 session, Nehru Report). Step-by-step: The Lahore Session of 1929, presided over by Jawaharlal Nehru, is where the demand for Poorna Swaraj was formalized on 31 Dec 1929, and 26 Jan 1930 was fixed as the first Independence Day. The Madras session (1927) declared the goal of 'Complete Independence' but the formal Poorna Swaraj resolution with the flag hoisting occurred at Lahore.

Q134. The 'Mission Shakti' conducted by India in March 2019 demonstrated India's capability in which domain?

Answer: A

Shortcut: Keyword association. 'Mission Shakti' (March 2019) + 'Satellite' = ASAT. 'Mission Divyastra' (March 2024) = Agni-5 MIRV/ICBM tech. 'HSTDV' = Hypersonic. 'PDV/AD-1/AD-2' = ABM/Interceptor. The name 'Shakti' (Power) was specifically assigned to the ASAT test (Mission Shakti) where DRDO destroyed a live satellite (Microsat-R) in Low Earth Orbit. Full Solution: Mission Shakti was the code name for India's first successful Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile test conducted on March 27, 2019. A DRDO Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor (PDV Mk-II) successfully engaged and destroyed the Microsat-R satellite at an altitude of ~300 km in Low Earth Orbit (LEO), making India the 4th nation with demonstrated ASAT capability. It was not a Hypersonic, ICBM, or ABM target test (though it used BMD tech, the *demonstrated capability* was ASAT).

Q135. The Battle of Plassey, a decisive victory for the British East India Company over the Nawab of Bengal, was fought in which year?

Answer: B

Shortcut: Chronological anchoring. 1757 (Plassey) -> 1764 (Buxar) -> 1857 (Revolt). 1761 is Third Battle of Panipat (Marathas vs Abdali). Plassey (1757) established Company rule in Bengal; Buxar (1764) confirmed it. Worked Solution: The Battle of Plassey was fought on 23 June 1757 between the forces of the Nawab of Bengal, Siraj-ud-Daulah, and the British East India Company led by Robert Clive. The Battle of Buxar followed in 1764. The Third Battle of Panipat occurred in 1761. The Revolt of 1857 occurred a century later.

Q136. Which of the following pairs of 'Harappan Site' and 'Distinctive Feature' is correctly matched?

Answer: A

Shortcut: Eliminate options with factually incorrect unique features. Lothal is famous for the Dockyard, not just Citadel division (common to many sites). Kalibangan is known for ploughed fields and fire altars, not a dockyard. Rakhigarhi is the largest site,

not defined exclusively by ploughed fields. Dholavira is uniquely renowned for its sophisticated water conservation system of dams and reservoirs. Full Solution: Dholavira (Gujarat) showcases a unique water management system with 16 reservoirs. Lothal had a dockyard. Kalibangan had the earliest ploughed field. Rakhigarhi (Haryana) is the largest Harappan site. Thus, only Option A matches correctly.

Q137. Which planet is known as the 'Red Planet'?

Answer: B

Mars appears red due to iron oxide on its surface. Venus is known as the Morning Star or Evening Star, Jupiter is the largest planet with a Great Red Spot, and Saturn is famous for its rings.

Q138. Which noble gas is primarily responsible for the distinct reddish-orange glow in advertising signages?

Answer: B

Shortcut: Keyword association. 'Neon signs' is a common term; Neon gas emits a bright red-orange light under low pressure. Argon gives a pale lavender/blue, Krypton a whitish-yellow, and Xenon a blue/white intense light. Full Solution: When an electric current passes through Neon gas at low pressure in a discharge tube, it emits a characteristic intense red-orange spectral line. This property makes it the standard gas for 'Neon signs'. Argon is often mixed with Mercury for blue/green signs, but pure Neon gives the classic red-orange.

Q139. The Bering Strait separates which two major landmasses?

Answer: A

Shortcut: 'Bering' sounds like 'Bearing' -> Navigation -> Russia (Asia) to Alaska (North America). Eliminate others: Europe/Africa separated by Mediterranean/Gibraltar; Australia/Antarctica by Southern Ocean; South America/Antarctica by Drake Passage. Step-by-step: The Bering Strait is a Pacific strait between Russia (Chukchi Peninsula, Asia) and the USA (Seward Peninsula, Alaska, North America). It connects the Arctic Ocean (Chukchi Sea) with the Pacific Ocean (Bering Sea). It is named after Vitus Bering.

Q140. Which of the following is the longest river flowing entirely within Peninsular India?

Answer: B

Shortcut: Basin Area/Length ranking elimination. Godavari is the largest peninsular river system (length ~1465 km, basin ~3.12 lakh km²). Krishna (~1400 km) is second. Kaveri (~805 km) and Mahanadi (~858 km) are significantly shorter. 'Dakshin Ganga' epithet confirms Godavari's dominance. Worked Solution: The Godavari River rises at Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra) and flows east for 1,465 km, draining the second-largest basin in India after the Ganga. The Krishna River is approx 1,400 km long. The Kaveri is approx 805 km. The Mahanadi is approx 858 km. Thus, Godavari is the longest peninsular river.

Q141. Under which Article of the Constitution of India can the President proclaim a National Emergency on grounds of war, external aggression, or armed rebellion?

Answer: A

Shortcut: Memorize the Emergency Article series (Part XVIII): 352 = National Emergency; 356 = State Emergency (President's Rule); 360 = Financial Emergency. Article 365 deals with failure to comply with Union directions (consequence leads to Art 356). Step-by-step: Part XVIII (Articles 352-360) contains Emergency Provisions. Article 352(1) explicitly states: 'If the President is satisfied that a grave emergency exists whereby the security of India or any part of the territory thereof is threatened, whether by war or external aggression or armed rebellion, he may... make a declaration...'.

Q142. Which organ in the human body filters blood?

Answer: C

The kidneys filter waste products from the blood to form urine. The heart pumps blood, the lungs exchange gases (oxygen and carbon dioxide), and the liver detoxifies chemicals but does not primarily filter blood for excretion.

Q143. Which of the following rivers flows through South Africa?

Answer: C

The Orange River flows through Southern Africa. The Nile is in Egypt and Sudan, the Amazon is in South America, and the Yangtze is in China.

Q144. Who is known as the 'Father of the Indian Constitution'?

Answer: B

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is widely recognized as the principal architect and 'Father of the Indian Constitution'. Jawaharlal Nehru was India's first Prime Minister. Mahatma Gandhi was a key leader in the freedom struggle but did not draft the constitution. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was the first Deputy Prime Minister.

Q145. Which of the following rivers flows through the state of Kerala?

Answer: C

The Periyar River is the major river flowing through Kerala, known for its reservoir and national park. The Ganga flows in the north; the Brahmaputra originates in Tibet and flows through Assam; and the Godavari is a major river of Maharashtra and Telangana.

Q146. The SI unit of pressure is:

Answer: B

Shortcut: Use dimensional elimination. Newton (N) is Force (kg m/s²), Joule (J) is Work/Energy (kg m²/s²), Watt (W) is Power (kg m²/s³). Pressure is Force/Area (N/m²), which is uniquely defined as Pascal (Pa). Worked Solution: Pressure (P) = Force (F) / Area (A). SI unit of Force is Newton (N), SI unit of Area is m². Therefore, unit of Pressure = N/m². This derived unit is given the special name Pascal (Pa). 1 Pa = 1 N/m² = 1 kg/(m·s²).

Q147. Which of the following physical quantities has the SI unit 'Joule per Second'?

Answer: B

Shortcut: Remember the definition of Watt: 1 Watt = 1 Joule/Second. Power is defined as the rate of doing work (Work/Time). Since Work is measured in Joules and Time in Seconds, the unit of Power is Joule per Second (Watt). Force is kg m/s²

(Newton), Work/Energy is Joule, Pressure is N/m² (Pascal). Step-by-step: Unit of Work = Joule (J). Unit of Time = Second (s). Power = Work / Time = J / s. This derived unit is named Watt (W).

Q148. Which of the following rivers is known as the 'Sorrow of Bihar'?

Answer: B

The Kosi River is widely known as the 'Sorrow of Bihar' due to its frequent and devastating floods caused by shifting course and heavy sediment load. The Ganga is the longest river in India but not specifically called this. Yamuna flows through northern India, and Godavari is the largest river basin in peninsular India.

Q149. Which of the following is the primary source of legislation in India?

Answer: C

The Parliament of India is the supreme legislative body responsible for making laws. The President gives assent to bills but does not originate them independently; the Supreme Court interprets laws rather than creating them; and the Prime Minister leads the executive branch without direct law-making power.

Q150. The capital city of Australia is located on which continent?

Answer: D

The capital of Australia, Canberra, is located on the continent of Australia. Africa contains Cairo, Europe contains Brussels, and Asia contains New Delhi.