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Part A & B – General Studies and Aptitude (Q1–100)

1. Assertion [A] : A novel supramolecular hydrogel which is injectable could be used for precise and targeted drug delivery to destroy breast cancer cells.
Reason [R] : It is semisolid under normal conditions, it melts when pressure is applied. But soon after coming out of the needle, it becomes a gel again.

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false, [R] is true
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A] is correct

Answer: (B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

Explanation: IIT Guwahati with Bose Institute (Jan 2025) developed an injectable supramolecular hydrogel that stays at the breast-tumour site and releases anti-cancer drug locally – [A] is true. The gel is shear-thinning: semi-solid at rest, it flows under injection pressure and re-gels after leaving the needle – [R] is true. This property is exactly what makes injectable, site-specific delivery possible, so [R] explains [A]; hence B, not D.

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2. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true about the IUBMB system of classification of enzymes.
(i) International Union of Biology and Modern Biology
(ii) International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
(iii) International Union of Biology and Molecular Biology
(iv) International Union of Biochemistry and Modern Biology

(A) (i) and (ii) only
(B) (ii) only
(C) (ii) and (iii) only
(D) (iii) and (iv) only

Answer: (B) (ii) only

Explanation: IUBMB stands for the International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Its Nomenclature Committee gives enzymes EC numbers and divides them into classes (oxidoreductases, transferases, hydrolases, lyases, isomerases, ligases, translocases). The other expansions are made-up variants, so only (ii) is correct.

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3. Match the following.

Tribes	Area
(a) Angamis	1. Meghalaya
(b) Todas	2. Tamil Nadu
(c) Moplahs	3. Kerala
(d) Birhors	4. Nagaland
(e) Khasis	5. Madhya Pradesh

(A) (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 5 (e) 1

(B) (a) 5 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 2 (e) 1

(C) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 5 (d) 1 (e) 2

(D) (a) 2 (b) 5 (c) 4 (d) 3 (e) 1

Answer: (A) (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 5 (e) 1

Explanation: Angamis are a Naga tribe of Nagaland (4); Todas are pastoral people of the Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu (2); Moplahs (Mappilas) are Muslims of the Malabar coast, Kerala (3); Birhors are a forest hunting-gathering tribe of the Chotanagpur-central Indian belt, listed here under Madhya Pradesh (5); Khasis live in the Khasi hills of Meghalaya (1). So a-4, b-2, c-3, d-5, e-1.

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4. Match the following :

(a) National Environmental Policy	1. 2014
(b) National Action Plan on Climate Change	2. 2006
(c) Swachh Bharat Mission Guidelines	3. 2018
(d) Samagra Shiksha Guidelines	4. 2008

(A) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 2

(B) (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) 3

(C) (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 1

(D) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4

Answer: (B) (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) 3

Explanation: National Environment Policy was approved in 2006 (a-2). National Action Plan on Climate Change was released on 30 June 2008 (b-4). Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on 2 October 2014 with its guidelines (c-1). Samagra Shiksha, merging SSA, RMSA and Teacher Education, was launched in 2018 (d-3). So 2-4-1-3.

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5. Choose the correct options :

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare includes the

(i) Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers

(ii) Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries

(iii) Department of Agricultural Research and Education

(A) (i), (ii) only

(B) (ii), (iii) only

(C) (i), (iii) only

(D) (i), (ii), (iii)

Answer: (D) (i), (ii), (iii)

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6. Arranging chronological order.
(1) Death of Ashoka
(2) Invasion of Alexander
(3) Third Buddhist Council
(4) Founding the Mauryan Empire

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

Answer: (A) (2), (4), (3), (1)

Explanation: Alexander invaded north-west India in 326 BCE; Chandragupta Maurya founded the Mauryan Empire about 321 BCE; the Third Buddhist Council was held at Pataliputra under Ashoka about 250 BCE; Ashoka died about 232 BCE. So the order is (2), (4), (3), (1).

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7. Choose the right matches among type.
(1) Madam Cama - Talwar Journal
(2) A.O. Hume - Commonweal
(3) Annie Besant - Mother of Indian Revolutionary
(4) D.K. Karve - 1st Women University in India.

(A) (2) and (3) are correct
(B) (1) and (3) are correct
(C) (1) and (4) are correct
(D) (1) and (2) are correct

Answer: (C) (1) and (4) are correct

Explanation: Bhikaji (Madam) Cama brought out the revolutionary journals Bande Mataram and Madan's Talwar from Europe, so (1) is correct. Commonweal was Annie Besant's weekly, not Hume's, and the title 'Mother of Indian Revolution' belongs to Madam Cama, not Besant, so (2) and (3) are wrong. D.K. Karve founded the first women's university in India in 1916 (now SNDT Women's University), so (4) is correct.

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8. Reason and Assertion type
Assertion [A] : Dr. B.R. Ambedkar announced this on 13th October 1935 at a public meeting at Yeola, in Nasik District, he vowed that
Reason [R] : "I am born a Hindu because I could not help it but I assure you that I will not die a Hindu"

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false, [R] is true
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A] is correct

Answer: (D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A] is correct

Explanation: [R] is simply the wording of the vow Ambedkar took at Yeola, not the reason for the announcement. Both are true but [R] does not explain [A] – D.

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9. The Official Newspaper of Muslim League was

(A) Star of India

(B) The Dawn

(C) Qaum

(D) Inquilab

Answer: (B) The Dawn

Explanation: Dawn was founded by Muhammad Ali Jinnah in Delhi in 1941 (daily from 1942) as the official mouthpiece of the All-India Muslim League. Star of India, Qaum and Inquilab were other papers but not the League's official organ.

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10. Choose the right matches among the following :

(1) Omandur P. Ramasamy - Temple Entry Authorisation and Indemnity Act 1939

(2) Rajaji - Agricultural Debt Relief Act

(3) Perunthalaivar Kamarajar - Madras Land Reforms Act

(4) T.S. Avinashilingam - Self Respect Marriages Legislation Act

(A) (1) and (3) are correct

(B) (1) and (4) are correct

(C) (2) and (3) are correct

(D) (3) and (4) are correct

Answer: (C) (2) and (3) are correct

Explanation: The Temple Entry Authorisation and Indemnity Act 1939 and the Madras Agricultural Debt Relief Act 1938 were both passed under Rajaji's ministry (1937-39), so (1) is wrong and (2) is right; Omandurar's government passed the 1947 Temple Entry Authorisation Act. The Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act 1961 came under Kamarajar, so (3) is right. Self-Respect marriages were legalised in 1967-68 under C.N. Annadurai, not T.S. Avinashilingam (Education Minister), so (4) is wrong.

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11. Fundamental Rights in Indian Constitution aims at securing not merely political or legal equality, but _____ as well.

(A) Social Justice

(B) Social Welfare

(C) Social Equality

(D) Social Security

Answer: (C) Social Equality

Explanation: Beyond equality before law (Art 14) and political equality, Fundamental Rights attack social inequality through Arts 15 (non-discrimination), 16 (equal opportunity in public employment), 17 (abolition of untouchability) and 18 (abolition of titles) – i.e., social equality. Social justice, welfare and security are chiefly goals of the Directive Principles (Part IV), so C rather than A.

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12. Assertion [A] and Reason [R] question :
Assertion [A] : A Minister at the State level continues in office till he enjoys the confidence of the Chief Minister.
Reason [R] : The Chief Minister can ask him to resign or advise the Governor to dismiss him in case of difference of opinion.

(A) [A] is false but [R] is true
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is true but [R] is false
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Answer: (B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

Explanation: Under Art 164(1) ministers hold office during the Governor's pleasure, but the Governor acts on the CM's advice, so in practice a minister continues only while he enjoys the CM's confidence – [A] true. In case of difference of opinion the CM can ask him to resign or advise the Governor to dismiss him – [R] true, and this is why [A] holds. In this question's option order, B = both true and [R] explains [A].

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13. Match the following :

Articles	Powers of the President
(a) Art. 123	1. Proclamation of Emergency Power
(b) Art. 72	2. Dissolve the House of People
(c) Art. 85	3. Pardoning Power
(d) Art. 352	4. Ordinance making Power

(A) (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 1
(B) (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 1
(C) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
(D) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Answer: (D) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Explanation: Article 123 = President's ordinance-making power (4); Article 72 = pardoning power (3); Article 85(2)(b) = power to dissolve the Lok Sabha (House of the People) (2); Article 352 = proclamation of National Emergency (1). So 4-3-2-1.

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14. Which of the following Articles does not reveal the secular character of the Indian state?
(i) Article 25
(ii) Article 16
(iii) Article 28
(iv) Article 17

(A) (i) and (ii)
(B) (ii) only
(C) (iii) and (iv)
(D) (iv) only

Answer: (D) (iv) only

Explanation: Art 25 (freedom of religion), Art 16 (no discrimination in public employment on grounds of religion) and Art 28 (no religious instruction in wholly State-funded institutions) all show that the State treats all religions equally - they are standard secular provisions. Art 17 abolishes untouchability; it is a social-equality provision, not about the State's religious neutrality. So only (iv).

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15. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?
(1) The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Act - 2005
(2) The Tamil Nadu Legislative Council Act - 2010
(3) The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act - 2021
(4) Madhya Pradesh Legislative Council Act - 2024

(A) (1) and (2) are correct
(B) (2) and (3) are correct
(C) (3) and (4) are correct
(D) (1) and (3) are correct

Answer: (A) (1) and (2) are correct

Explanation: Parliament passed the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Act, 2005 (council revived 2007) and the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council Act, 2010 (the Tamil Nadu council was never actually constituted). The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act was passed in 2019, not 2021, and there is no Madhya Pradesh Legislative Council Act of 2024. So (1) and (2).

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16. Which country was the host for FIDE Chess World Cup 2025?

(A) Australia
(B) India
(C) Japan
(D) Russia

Answer: (B) India

Explanation: The FIDE World Cup 2025 was held in Goa, India, from 31 October to 27 November 2025 - the first time India hosted the event since 2002. Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan won it.

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17. Consider the following statements with regard to Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service & Term of Office) Act, 2023 and choose the correct statement.

(A) This Act provides that the appointment of Election Commissioners should be done by the Prime Minister on the recommendations of the Selection Committee.
(B) That Selection Committee consisting of the Prime Minister, Leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha, Union Cabinet Minister (nominated by Prime Minister)
(C) This Act repealed the Election Commission (Conditions of Service of Election Commissioners & Transaction of Business) Act, 1991.
(D) Under the new legislation, the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India is part of the Selection Committee.

Answer: (C) This Act repealed the Election Commission (Conditions of Service of Election Commissioners & Transaction of Business) Act, 1991.

Explanation: The 2023 Act says the CEC and ECs are appointed by the President (not the PM) on the recommendation of a Selection Committee of the Prime Minister, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha (not Rajya Sabha) and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the PM; the Chief Justice of India is not a member. Section 21 of the Act repeals the Election Commission (Conditions of Service of Election Commissioners and Transaction of Business) Act, 1991. So only C is correct.

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18. Which of the following is/are correct?
The South Indian Liberal Federation
(i) Dr. C. Natesan was the founder.
(ii) Dr. T.M. Nair and Sir. Pitti Theagarayar were the Co-founders.
(iii) Shri Rajarathnam was the first President of the Federation.
(iv) 'Andhra Prakasika and Muktadhara' were the magazines of the Federation.

(A) (i), (ii) and (iv) are correct
(B) Only (i) is correct
(C) (i) and (iv) are correct
(D) (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct

Answer: (D) (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct

Explanation: The South Indian Liberal Federation was formed on 20 Nov 1916 in Madras on the initiative of Dr C. Natesa Mudaliar, with Dr T.M. Nair and Sir Pitti Theagaraya Chetty as co-founders; Diwan Bahadur P. Rajarathna Mudaliar was chosen president at that meeting. Its papers were Justice (English), Dravidan (Tamil) and Andhra Prakasika (Telugu); 'Muktadhara' was not one, so (iv) is wrong. Hence (i), (ii), (iii).

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19. Assertion [A] : Poverty remains one of the major problems in India as a result of rapid increase in population.
Reason [R] : Socio-economic factors and geographical factors play a part in the extent of poverty.

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false, [R] is true
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A] is correct

Answer: (B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

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20. The goal of the "Tamilnadu Housing Scheme for the Poor" is _____.

(A) To provide free housing to all low-income families
(B) To offer affordable housing to economically weaker groups
(C) To promote eco-friendly housings
(D) To provide housing loan for farmers

Answer: (B) To offer affordable housing to economically weaker groups

Explanation: Tamil Nadu's housing schemes for the poor (TN Urban Habitat Development Board, TN Housing Board EWS/LIG schemes, rural housing) aim to give affordable housing to economically weaker sections. 'Free housing to all low-income families' (A) overstates it; eco-friendly housing and farm housing loans are not the goal.

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21. Match the following type

Tamil Nadu Agro Climate Zone	Soil type
(a) Kancheepuram	1. Red loamy
(b) Namakkal	2. Saline coastal
(c) Trichirappalli	3. Red Sandy loam
(d) Kanyakumari	4. Calcareous black

(A) (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) 2

(B) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4

(C) (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 4

(D) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Answer: (A) (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) 2

Explanation: Per TNAU's agro-climatic zones: Kancheepuram is in the North Eastern Zone, dominated by red sandy loam (3); Namakkal is in the North Western Zone with calcareous black soils (4); Tiruchirappalli is in the Cauvery Delta Zone with red loamy soil (1); Kanyakumari is the High Rainfall Zone with saline coastal alluvium (2). So 3-4-1-2.

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22. In Tamil Nadu, who among the following started first political organization for the depressed classes?

(A) M.C. Raja

(B) R. Veerayan

(C) Rettamalai Srinivasan

(D) Ayothidasa Pandithar

Answer: (C) Rettamalai Srinivasan

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23. Which of the following statements are true regarding Digital Sky platform?

(i) Unmanned aircraft system activities

(ii) Initiative of Digital India

(iii) All drones should be registered with DGCA

(A) (i) only

(B) (ii) only

(C) (i) and (iii) only

(D) (ii) and (iii) only

Answer: (C) (i) and (iii) only

Explanation: Digital Sky is the platform for unmanned aircraft system activities, and under the Drone Rules 2021 no drone may be operated without first registering it on Digital Sky and getting a UIN (unless exempted). So (i) and (iii) – C.

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24. Which among the following are achievements of planning in India?
(i) Increase in per capita income
(ii) Increase in employment opportunities
(iii) Progress in industry
(iv) Development of Science and Technology

(A) (i), (ii) and (iii) only
(B) (ii), (iii) and (iv) only
(C) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
(D) (i), (ii) and (iv) only

Answer: (C) (i), (iii) and (iv) only

Explanation: Planning raised national and per capita income, built an industrial base (steel, heavy and capital goods) and developed science and technology (space, atomic energy, research institutions) – these are its achievements. Employment did not keep pace with the labour force; rising unemployment is listed among the failures of planning, so options containing (ii) are out – C.

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25. Assertion [A] : Modern education played an important role in the rise of reform movements.
Reason [R] : Western education introduced ideas of liberty, equality and nationalism.

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false, [R] is true
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Answer: (B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

Explanation: Modern (Western) education in the 19th century exposed educated Indians to rational thought and to the ideas of liberty, equality, democracy and nationalism. These ideas made them question social evils like sati, child marriage and caste, which led to reform movements such as the Brahmo Samaj and Prarthana Samaj. So both are true and [R] explains [A].

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26. Match the Rural Development Programmes and Year of implementation :

(a) Integrated Rural Development Programme	1. 1983
(b) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme	2. 1980
(c) Antyodaya Anna Yojana	3. 2014
(d) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana	4. 2000

(A) (a) 2 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 3
(B) (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 1 (d) 4
(C) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
(D) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 2

Answer: (A) (a) 2 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 3

Explanation: IRDP was extended to the whole country on 2 October 1980 (2); RLEGP was launched on 15 August 1983 (1); Antyodaya Anna Yojana began in December 2000 (4); DDU-GKY was launched on 25 September 2014 (3). So a-2, b-1, c-4, d-3 = option A.

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27. Which are the two broad categories grouped in the Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation Programmes (1998–1999)?
(i) Self Employment Schemes
(ii) Wage Employment Schemes
(iii) Employment Generation Schemes

(A) (i) and (ii) only
(B) (i) and (iii) only
(C) (ii) and (iii) only
(D) (iii) only

Answer: (A) (i) and (ii) only

Explanation: The Economic Survey 1998-99 grouped the poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes into two broad categories: self-employment programmes (e.g. IRDP, later SGSY) and wage-employment programmes (e.g. JRY, EAS). 'Employment generation' is the overall heading, not a separate category. Hence (i) and (ii) only.

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28. Whom does Valluvar refer to as the one who lives with folded hands and prays to all beings?
(i) Meat refuser
(ii) Meat eater
(iii) Murderer
(iv) Loving person

(A) (i) and (iv)
(B) (ii) and (iii)
(C) (iii) and (iv)
(D) (iv) only

Answer: (A) (i) and (iv)

Explanation: Kural 260 (Pulal Maruthal): all living beings worship with folded hands the one who neither kills nor eats meat. Such a person is full of arul (love for all life), so (i) meat refuser and (iv) loving person – option A. The meat eater and the killer are exactly the people this chapter condemns.

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29. Match the Organisation with its Founding year :

(a) Madras Hindu Widow Remarriage Association	1. 1852
(b) Madras Mahajana Sabha	2. 1817
(c) Madras Literary Society	3. 1891
(d) Hindu Progressive Improvement Society	4. 1884

(A) (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 1 (d) 4
(B) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 2
(C) (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 1
(D) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4

Answer: (C) (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 1

Explanation: Madras Mahajana Sabha was founded in 1884 (4) - only option C has b-4. The rest follow: Madras Hindu Widow Remarriage Association 1891 (3), Madras Literary Society 1817 as given in the list (2), and Hindu Progressive Improvement Society 1852, founded by Srinivasa Pillai (1). So a-3, b-4, c-2, d-1.

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30. Which of the following statements are true about Temple Entry Movement?
(i) Temple Entry Movement in India initiated in 1920s, was a social reform movement.
(ii) It aimed to challenge the discriminatory practice of denying temple entry to lower caste members.
(iii) It saw its first major struggle in the Vaikom Satyagraha in 1924.
(iv) Gandhi led the 1924 Vaikom Satyagraha.

(A) (i) is true
(B) (i) and (ii) are true
(C) (i), (ii) and (iii) are true
(D) All the above are true

Answer: (C) (i), (ii) and (iii) are true

Explanation: The temple entry movement of the 1920s was a social reform movement against denying the so-called lower castes entry to temples and temple roads; its first major struggle was the Vaikom Satyagraha (Travancore, March 1924 - November 1925). Statement (iv) is wrong: Vaikom was led by T.K. Madhavan, K.P. Kesava Menon, K. Kelappan and later E.V. Ramasamy (Periyar), who was hailed 'Vaikom Veerar'; Gandhi only visited and negotiated in 1925.

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31. Choose the right answer / answers :
(i) Thirukkural says : Unclaimed wealth, wealth acquired by taxes and wealth got by conquest of foes are the wealth of king.
(ii) The unclaimed wealth means the wealth by conquest of foes.
(iii) The wealth acquired by taxes is called as ulgu porul.

(A) (i) only correct
(B) (ii) only correct
(C) (i) and (iii) only correct
(D) (i) and (ii) only correct

Answer: (C) (i) and (iii) only correct

Explanation: Kural 756: 'Uruporulum ulgu porulumthan onnaar theruporulum vendhan porul' - the king's revenue is (1) uruporul - ownerless/unclaimed wealth, (2) ulgu porul - customs/tax revenue, (3) theruporul - tribute from conquered enemies. So (i) and (iii) are correct; (ii) is wrong because unclaimed wealth (uruporul) is not the wealth from enemies (that is theruporul).

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32. Which one of the following statement is not correct about Perarignar Anna?
(a) He enacted law for approving self respect marriages.
(b) He named his economic policy as “Scientific Socialism”
(c) He initiated “Veeranam Drinking Water Project” for fulfilling the drinking water need to the people of Chennai.
(d) He was conferred the title “Perarignar” by Thanthai Periyar.

(A) (a)
(B) (b)
(C) (c)
(D) (d)

Answer: (D) (d)

Explanation: Anna's government legalised self-respect marriages in 1967 by inserting Section 7-A into the Hindu Marriage Act (a correct). The paper treats (b) 'Scientific Socialism' and (c) the Veeranam drinking-water project as correct. 'Perarignar' is a popular honorific, not a title conferred by Periyar, so (d) is the incorrect statement.

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33. Which among the following statement(s) are true about Gazalu Lakshmanarasu?
(i) He founded the Madras Native Association.
(ii) He purchased the News Paper called 'Native Interpreter'.
(iii) He formed the Hindu progressive improvement society.
(iv) He established Vidyanubavanayandira salai printing press.

(A) (i) and (ii)
(B) (ii) and (iii)
(C) (i) and (iii)
(D) (ii), (iii) and (iv)

Answer: (A) (i) and (ii)

Explanation: Gazulu Lakshmanarasu Chetty founded the Madras Native Association in 1852 (i true). In 1844 he bought the 'Native Interpreter' and ran it as 'The Crescent' (ii true). The Hindu Progressive Improvement Society (1852) was formed by Srinivasa Pillai (iii false), and the Vidyanubalana Yantrasalai press was set up by Arumuga Navalar (iv false). Answer A.

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34. Assertion [A] : Karunagara Menon refused to be the Editor of the Justice Magazine.
Reason [R] : Annie Besant was the primary cause of Karunagara Menon's decision.

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false but [R] is true
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Answer: (B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

Explanation: In February 1917 the South Indian Liberal Federation planned its English daily 'Justice' and approached C. Karunakara Menon, editor of the 'Indian Patriot', to edit it. He did not take it up, so Dr T.M. Nair became honorary editor ([A] true). The paper was started largely to oppose Annie Besant's Home Rule campaign, and Menon supported the Home Rule movement. The setter treats Besant and Home Rule politics as the reason for his refusal, so [R] explains [A]: option B.

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35. Assertion [A] : The term Dravidian was first used in the middle ages by Caldwell.
Reason [R] : He has written a book titled "A comparative grammar of the Dravidian or South-Indian family of languages"

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true
(C) [A] is false but [R] is true
(D) Both [A] and [R] are false

Answer: (C) [A] is false but [R] is true

Explanation: Robert Caldwell (1814-1891) was a 19th-century missionary, not a medieval writer; the word 'Dravida' was used much earlier, e.g. by Kumarila Bhatta (7th-8th century) for the language of the south. Caldwell popularised 'Dravidian' as a language-family name in his 1856 book 'A Comparative Grammar of the Dravidian or South-Indian Family of Languages', so R is true and A is false.

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36. Assertion [A] : Not to kill the animals in incomparable virtue than not to speak untrue words.
Reason [R] : It is highly dangerous one to kill the animals than not to speak untrue words.

(A) [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

(B) [A] is true, [R] is false

(C) [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

(D) [A] is false, [R] is true

Answer: (A) [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

Explanation: Kural 323 says non-killing is the one supreme virtue, and truthfulness comes after it. So [A] is true. Killing a life is crueller than lying, which is exactly why non-killing ranks above truthfulness, so [R] correctly explains [A]: option A.

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37. Match the following
Theories of Archaeology.

(a) Diffusion theory	1. Lewis & Sally R. Binford
(b) Ecological Approach theory	2. Lewis Binford
(c) New Archaeology theory	3. Robert John Braidwood
(d) System Approach theory	4. Elliot Smith

(A) (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 1

(B) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

(C) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4

(D) (a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 4

Answer: (B) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Explanation: Diffusion theory (hyper-diffusionism) is linked with Grafton Elliot Smith (a-4). Robert J. Braidwood took the ecological approach, studying farming origins at Jarmo (b-3). Lewis Binford led the 1960s New Archaeology (c-2). The systems approach is linked with Lewis and Sally R. Binford's 'New Perspectives in Archaeology' of 1968 (d-1). The code 4-3-2-1 is option B, the only option with a-4 and b-3.

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38. A works 3 times faster than B and completes a work in 24 days less than the days taken by B. If they both work together, find the time they would take to complete the work.

(A) 6 days

(B) 7 days

(C) 8 days

(D) 9 days

Answer: (D) 9 days

Explanation: Let A take x days; then B takes 3x days. 3x - x = 24, so x = 12: A = 12 days, B = 36 days. Together per day = 1/12 + 1/36 = 3/36 + 1/36 = 4/36 = 1/9. So they finish in 9 days.

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39. 9 children can complete a piece of work in 360 days. 18 men can complete the same piece of work in 72 days. 12 women can complete it in 162 days. In how many days can 4 men, 12 women and 10 children together complete the piece of work?

(A) 87 days
(B) 76 days
(C) 81 days
(D) 64 days

Answer: (C) 81 days

Explanation: Work = 1. One child's 1-day work = 1/(9x360) = 1/3240; one man = 1/(18x72) = 1/1296; one woman = 1/(12x162) = 1/1944. 4 men + 12 women + 10 children = 4/1296 + 12/1944 + 10/3240 = 1/324 + 1/162 + 1/324 = 4/324 = 1/81. So 81 days.

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40. Find the difference between compound interest and simple interest if P = Rs. 10,000, rate of interest is 10% per annum, n = 3 years.

(A) Rs. 61
(B) Rs. 122
(C) Rs. 320
(D) Rs. 310

Answer: (D) Rs. 310

Explanation: For 3 years, CI - SI = P x r^2 x (300 + r) / 100^3 = 10000 x 100 x 310 / 1000000 = Rs. 310. Check: CI = 10000(1.1^3 - 1) = 3310; SI = 10000 x 10 x 3/100 = 3000; difference = 310.

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41. The compound interest on Rs. 16,000 at 20% per annum for 9 months compounded quarterly is _____.

(A) Rs. 18,522
(B) Rs. 17,640
(C) Rs. 16,800
(D) Rs. 2,522

Answer: (D) Rs. 2,522

Explanation: Quarterly rate = 20/4 = 5%; 9 months = 3 quarters. Amount = 16000 x (1.05)^3 = 16000 x 1.157625 = Rs. 18,522. Compound interest = 18,522 - 16,000 = Rs. 2,522. (Rs. 18,522 is the amount, not the interest - a trap.)

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42. Find the simple interest on Rs. 68,000 at 16⅔% per annum for 9 months.

(A) Rs. 8,500
(B) Rs. 1,625
(C) Rs. 5,156.25
(D) Rs. 12,000

Answer: (A) Rs. 8,500

Explanation: SI = P x R x T / 100 with R = 50/3 % and T = 9/12 = 3/4 year. SI = 68000 x (50/3) x (3/4) / 100 = 68000 x 12.5 / 100 = Rs. 8,500.

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43. Arrange the fractions 17/18, 31/36, 43/45, 59/60 in the ascending order.

(A) 31/36 < 17/18 < 43/45 < 59/60

(B) 17/18 < 31/36 < 43/45 < 59/60

(C) 31/36 < 17/18 < 59/60 < 43/45

(D) 43/45 < 17/18 < 59/60 < 31/36

Answer: (A) 31/36 < 17/18 < 43/45 < 59/60

Explanation: Compare how far each is from 1: 1 - 17/18 = 1/18, 1 - 31/36 = 5/36, 1 - 43/45 = 2/45, 1 - 59/60 = 1/60. The bigger the gap, the smaller the fraction: 5/36 (0.139) > 1/18 (0.056) > 2/45 (0.044) > 1/60 (0.017). So 31/36 < 17/18 < 43/45 < 59/60. (Decimals: 0.861, 0.944, 0.956, 0.983.)

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44. When a number is decreased by 60%, it becomes 200. Find the number.

(A) 600

(B) 500

(C) 400

(D) 300

Answer: (B) 500

Explanation: After a 60% decrease, 40% of the number remains. 40% of x = 200, so x = 200 x 100/40 = 500. Check: 500 - 60% of 500 = 500 - 300 = 200.

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45. Simplify : 24 + 2 × 8 ÷ 2 − 1

(A) 103

(B) 31

(C) 27

(D) 78

Answer: (B) 31

Explanation: Using BODMAS, do multiplication/division left to right first: 2 x 8 = 16, 16 / 2 = 8. Then 24 + 8 - 1 = 31.

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46. If we write like this AEBFCGDH .... Write the letters which come near to "J".

(A) F, G, L, M

(B) G, H, M, N

(C) F, G, M, N

(D) G, H, L, M

Answer: (C) F, G, M, N

Explanation: The series pairs each letter with the letter 4 places ahead: AE BF CG DH EI FJ GK HL IM JN ... Written out: A E B F C G D H E I F J G K H L I M J N. J appears twice: between F and G (F J G) and between M and N (M J N). So the letters next to J are F, G, M, N.

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47. 6 7 4 8 5 9 8 4 8 3 2 5 8 6 7 8 3 8.

Using the above sequence find the number that does not belong to the group 688, 426, 542, 287.

(A) 542

(B) 287

(C) 426

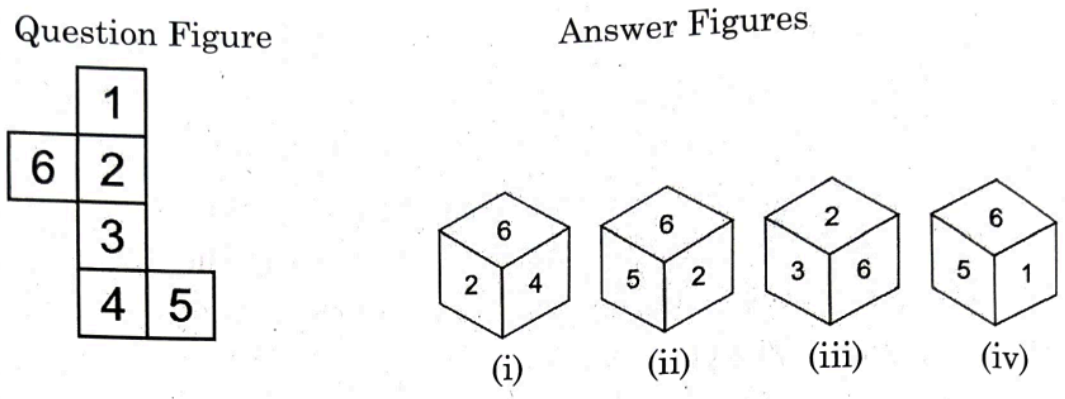
(D) 688

Answer: (B) 287

Explanation: Take every third digit of the sequence, leaving two digits between picks. 688 comes from positions 1, 4, 7, 542 from 5, 8, 11 and 426 from 8, 11, 14. 287 cannot be formed this way (it appears only by taking every second digit, positions 11, 13, 15). It is also the only odd number of the four. Answer B, 287.

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48. Select the correct answer choice which is formed by folding the unfolded dice.



(Figure in words – Question Figure (net): a vertical column 1, 2, 3, 4 from top to bottom; 6 attached to the left of 2; 5 attached to the right of 4. Answer Figures (top / left / right faces): (i) 6 / 2 / 4; (ii) 6 / 5 / 2; (iii) 2 / 3 / 6; (iv) 6 / 5 / 1)

(A) Only (i)

(B) Only (ii)

(C) (i) and (iv)

(D) Only (iii)

Answer: (D) Only (iii)

Explanation: In the straight strip 1-2-3-4, alternate faces are opposite: 1 and 3, 2 and 4. The flaps 6 (left of 2) and 5 (right of 4) fold onto opposite sides, so 5 is opposite 6. Opposite faces can never be seen together. (i) shows 2 and 4, while (ii) and (iv) show 5 and 6, so all three are impossible. Only (iii) (2, 3, 6) has no opposite pair, so the answer is D, Only (iii).

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49. Six persons that is A, B, C, X, Y and Z who all are sitting around a circular table facing outside. They all are of different age. Y is third youngest person. Only two persons sit between X and Y. Z sits second to the left of C, who is 20 Years of age. The one who is second oldest person is of 24 Years of age. Z is elder than A and C but not the eldest. C sits on the immediate right of X. B is elder than A and Z. A and Z are not immediate neighbours. The one who is the youngest is less than 20 years of age. A is not younger than Y. What will be the possible age of A?

(A) 25 Years
(B) 20 Years
(C) 27 Years
(D) 22 Years

Answer: (D) 22 Years

Explanation: Age order: B > Z > A (B elder than Z and A; Z elder than A). A is elder than Y, and Y is 3rd youngest, so B, Z, A are the three eldest and Z (not eldest) is 2nd oldest = 24 years. C = 20 cannot be the youngest (youngest is below 20), so the order from youngest is X < C(20) < Y < A < Z(24) < B. So A is between 20 and 24, above Y (>20): 22 years fits; 25 and 27 exceed 24 and 20 equals C.

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50. If each of the letters in the English Alphabet is assigned odd numerical value beginning A = 1, B = 3, and so on. The total value of the letters of the word FILM HINDI

(A) 108
(B) 135
(C) 142
(D) 159

Answer: (D) 159

Explanation: Letter value = 2n - 1 (n = position). F=11, I=17, L=23, M=25, H=15, I=17, N=27, D=7, I=17. Sum = 11+17+23+25+15+17+27+7+17 = 159. Shortcut: positions add to 84; 2 x 84 - 9 = 159.

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51. Arrange the policies which have been implemented by the Government of India chronologically.
(1) Science and Technology Policy
(2) Science, Technology and Innovation Policy
(3) Scientific Policy Resolution
(4) Technology Policy Statement

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

Answer: (B) (3), (4), (1), (2)

Explanation: Scientific Policy Resolution came in 1958, Technology Policy Statement in 1983, Science and Technology Policy in 2003 and Science, Technology and Innovation Policy in 2013. So the order is (3), (4), (1), (2). Option D wrongly puts the 2003 policy before the 1983 statement.

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52. Match the following.

(a) Black carbon	1. Carbon released through biological particles on snow and ice
(b) Grey carbon	2. Carbon released by incomplete combustion of organic matter
(c) Brown carbon	3. Carbon released through industrial emissions
(d) Red carbon	4. Carbon released through fossil fuels

(A) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

(B) (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) 2

(C) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 2

(D) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4

Answer: (A) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Explanation: Red carbon = biological particles (snow algae) on snow and ice (d-1); brown carbon = incomplete combustion of organic matter/biomass (c-2); grey carbon = industrial emissions (b-3); black carbon = soot from fossil-fuel burning (a-4). Only option A has red carbon = 1, so B, C, D cannot fit.

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53. Match the following.

(a) Coxsackie virus	1. Chicken pox
(b) Parvovirus B19	2. German Measles
(c) Rubella virus	3. Erythema infectiosum
(d) Varicella-zoster virus	4. Hand, foot and mouth disease

(A) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

(B) (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 4

(C) (a) 2 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 3

(D) (a) 1 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 2

Answer: (A) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Explanation: Coxsackie virus causes hand, foot and mouth disease (4); Parvovirus B19 causes erythema infectiosum or 'fifth disease' (3); Rubella virus causes German measles (2); Varicella-zoster virus causes chicken pox (1). So A: 4, 3, 2, 1.

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54. Which of the following statements are true about the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) recommendations on Chennai floods.

(i) Expert Committee for water release decisions.

(ii) Establishing Chennai AWS network for rainfall monitoring.

(iii) Sharing of flood management best practices.

(iv) Use of only satellite data for forecasting.

(A) (i), (ii) and (iii) only

(B) (ii) and (iii) only

(C) (i) and (iv) only

(D) (ii), (iii) and (iv) only

Answer: (A) (i), (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: After the 2015 Chennai floods (sudden release from Chembarambakkam), the lessons included an expert committee for reservoir water-release decisions, a Chennai Automatic Weather Station network for rainfall monitoring, and sharing flood-management best practices. 'Only satellite data' is wrong – forecasting combines ground stations, radar and satellites.

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55. Consider the following statement with respect to Omega Block :
Assertion [A] : The Omega Block over Europe has been conclusively established as the primary cause of India's delayed monsoon.
Reason [R] : Scientists are still examining whether the Omega Block's diversion of atmospheric jet stream has influenced the Indian Monsoon.

(A) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(B) Both [A] & [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is true, but [R] is false
(D) [A] is false, but [R] is true

Answer: (D) [A] is false, but [R] is true

Explanation: An Omega Block is a blocking high-pressure pattern shaped like the Greek letter omega that can divert the jet stream. Scientists are only studying whether it influenced the Indian monsoon; it has NOT been 'conclusively established' as the primary cause of delay. The word 'conclusively' makes [A] false, while [R] is true.

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56. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true about Dr. Yellapragada Subbarao?
(i) Dr. Yellapragada Subbarao mapped ATP and phosphocreatine and created methotrexate.
(ii) He was born in Arunachal Pradesh.
(iii) Denial of MBBS degree at Madras Medical College due to wearing Dhoti.

(A) (ii) only
(B) (i) and (ii) only
(C) (i) and (iii) only
(D) (i) only

Answer: (D) (i) only

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57. Reason and Assertion type :
Assertion [A] : Shivaji aimed at establishing Maratha rule in Delhi.
Reason [R] : Shivaji took the leadership of the Maratha resistance against the Mughals.

(A) [A] is false but [R] is true
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is true but [R] is false
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not a correct explanation of [A]

Answer: (A) [A] is false but [R] is true

Explanation: Shivaji's aim was Swarajya – an independent Maratha kingdom in the Deccan – not Maratha rule at Delhi; Maratha influence over Delhi came later under the Peshwas. So [A] is false. He did lead the Maratha resistance against the Mughals – [R] true.

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58. Match the following :

(a) The East India Association	1. Sisir Kumar Ghosh
(b) The Indian League	2. Dadabhai Naoroji
(c) The Bombay Association	3. P. Ananda Charlu
(d) The Madras Mahajana Sabha	4. Badruddin Tyabji

(A) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 2
(B) (a) 2 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 3
(C) (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 4 (d) 1
(D) (a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 3 (d) 2

Answer: (B) (a) 2 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 3

Explanation: East India Association (London, 1866) was founded by Dadabhai Naoroji (2); the Indian League (1875) by Sisir Kumar Ghosh (1); the Bombay (Presidency) Association (1885) by Badruddin Tyabji with Pherozeshah Mehta and K.T. Telang (4); the Madras Mahajana Sabha (1884) by P. Ananda Charlu, M. Viraraghavachari and others (3). So B: 2, 1, 4, 3.

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59. Which of the following is incorrectly paired?
(1) Vaikkom Satyagraha - 1924
(2) Self Respect Movement - 1925
(3) Self Respect Marriage Act - 1935
(4) First Communal Government Order - 1929

(A) (1) and (3)
(B) (3) and (4)
(C) (4) and (1)
(D) (2) and (3)

Answer: (B) (3) and (4)

Explanation: Vaikom Satyagraha began in 1924 and Periyar started the Self-Respect Movement in 1925 - both correct. Self-respect marriages were legalised only in 1967 (Hindu Marriage (Madras Amendment) Act, 1967, under Anna), not 1935. The First Communal G.O. was issued by the Justice Party government on 16 September 1921, not 1929. So (3) and (4) are wrongly paired.

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60. Assertion [A] : The Gandhi-Irwin Pact resulted in the suspension of Civil Disobedience Movement.
Reason [R] : Gandhi participated in the Second Round Table Conference.

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false, [R] is true
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Answer: (B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

Our faculty key differs here (reasons with evidence on our answer key page); the final TNPSC key will settle it.

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61. Match the following with regard to Indian Constitution :

Part	Subject
(a) XI	1. The Directive Principles of State Policy
(b) IX	2. Elections
(c) XV	3. Panchayats
(d) IV	4. Relations between the Union and the States

(A) (a) 2 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 3
(B) (a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 2
(C) (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) 2
(D) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Answer: (D) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Explanation: Part XI deals with Relations between the Union and the States (4); Part IX with Panchayats (3); Part XV with Elections (2); Part IV with Directive Principles of State Policy (1). So D: 4, 3, 2, 1.

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62. Arrange the following Political Parties (Chronological Order) as per their formation :
(1) Dr. Asom Gana Parishad
(2) Biju Janata Dal
(3) National Peoples Party
(4) Aam Aadmi Party

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

Answer: (B) (1), (2), (4), (3)

Explanation: Asom Gana Parishad was formed in October 1985, Biju Janata Dal in December 1997, Aam Aadmi Party on 26 November 2012 and National People's Party (P.A. Sangma) on 6 January 2013. So the order is (1), (2), (4), (3).

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63. Consider the following statements about the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC)
Find out the correct statements.

(A) It's a complete judicial body
(B) It was established under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986
(C) It's headed by the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs
(D) It's Headquarter is Allahabad

Answer: (B) It was established under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986

Explanation: NCDRC is a quasi-judicial body set up in 1988 under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (now continued under the 2019 Act). It is headed by a President who is a (retired) Supreme Court judge, not a Minister, and it sits in New Delhi, not Allahabad.

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64. Which of the following statements are true about Public Accounts Committee?
(i) This Committee was set up first in 1921 under the provisions of Government of India Act, 1919
(ii) This Committee consists of 22 members, 15 members from Lok Sabha and 7 members from Rajya Sabha
(iii) A Minister cannot be elected as a Member of the Committee

(A) (i) only
(B) (i) and (iii) only
(C) (i) and (ii) only
(D) (i), (ii) and (iii)

Answer: (D) (i), (ii) and (iii)

Explanation: The PAC was first set up in 1921 under the Government of India Act, 1919 (Montford reforms). It has 22 members - 15 from Lok Sabha and 7 from Rajya Sabha. A Minister cannot be elected a member, and a member who becomes a Minister ceases to be a member. All three are true.

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65. The correct statements about the Panchayats are the
(i) Panchayats have power to implementation of schemes for economic development and Social Justice.
(ii) Panchayats have no power to prepare a plan for Economic Development and Social Justice.
(iii) Panchayat can file a petition against an order of a State Authority.

(A) (i) only
(B) (i) and (ii) only
(C) (i) and (iii) only
(D) (ii) and (iii) only

Answer: (C) (i) and (iii) only

Explanation: Under Art. 243G Panchayats may be empowered both to prepare plans and to implement schemes for economic development and social justice – (i) true, (ii) false. A Panchayat is a body corporate, and the Supreme Court (Village Panchayat Calangute case, 2012) held that a Village Panchayat can file a writ petition against an order of a State authority (Director of Panchayats) – so (iii) is true and 'A: (i) only' is wrong.

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66. Match the following :

Name of the Leader	Political Vision
(a) Jawaharlal Nehru	1. Liberal Democrat
(b) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar	2. Radical egalitarian
(c) Mahatma Gandhi	3. Non-Modernist
(d) K.T. Shah	4. Social Democrat

(A) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
(B) (a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 3 (d) 2
(C) (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 1
(D) (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 4

Answer: (B) (a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 3 (d) 2

Explanation: The visions seen in the Constituent Assembly: Nehru – social democrat (4), Ambedkar – liberal democrat (1), Gandhi – non-modernist (3), K.T. Shah – radical egalitarian (2). So 4-1-3-2 = option B. Option A swaps the labels of Ambedkar and Shah.

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67. Which of the following are the drawbacks of the Lokpal and Lok Ayuktas Act, 2013?
(i) Lokpal can suo motu proceed against any public servant.
(ii) Legal assistance to public servants against whom complaint is filed.
(iii) Limitation period of 7 years to file complaints.

(A) (i) only
(B) (i) and (ii) only
(C) (i) and (iii) only
(D) (ii) and (iii) only

Answer: placed before the Expert Committee – no answer in the TNPSC tentative key.

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68. Identify the correct matches :
(1) Art. 353 - Effect of Proclamation of Emergency
(2) Art. 355 - Duty of the Union to protect states against external aggression and internal disturbance
(3) Art. 357 - Suspension of provisions of Article 21 during emergencies.
(4) Art. 358 - Suspension of enforcement of the rights conferred by Part III during emergencies.

(A) (1) and (3) are correct
(B) (1) and (2) are correct
(C) (2) and (3) are correct
(D) (3) and (4) are correct

Answer: (B) (1) and (2) are correct

Explanation: Article 353 deals with the effect of a Proclamation of Emergency and Article 355 with the Union's duty to protect States against external aggression and internal disturbance - both correct. Article 357 is about exercise of legislative powers under a proclamation under Article 356; Article 358 is suspension of Article 19 during emergencies, while suspension of enforcement of Part III rights is Article 359. So only (1) and (2).

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69. Match correctly the Article with its Provision.

(a) Article 330	1. Reservation of seats for SC and ST in the Legislative Assembly of States.
(b) Article 331	2. Reservation for SC and ST in the House of People.
(c) Article 332	3. Representation of the Anglo-Indian Community in the Legislative Assembly of the State
(d) Article 333	4. Representation of the Anglo-Indian Community in the House of People.

(A) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 4
(B) (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 1
(C) (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) 3
(D) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Answer: (C) (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) 3

Explanation: Art. 330 - reservation of seats for SCs/STs in the Lok Sabha (2); Art. 331 - representation of Anglo-Indians in the Lok Sabha (4); Art. 332 - reservation for SCs/STs in State Legislative Assemblies (1); Art. 333 - representation of Anglo-Indians in State Assemblies (3). (Anglo-Indian nomination ended in 2020 by the 104th Amendment, but the Articles remain.) So C: 2, 4, 1, 3.

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70. _____ is responsible for providing secondary care and implementing various regulations as appropriate authority.

(A) Directorate of Medical Education

(B) Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services

(C) Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine

(D) Directorate of Family Welfare

Answer: (B) Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services

Explanation: In Tamil Nadu, the Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services runs the non-teaching district and taluk hospitals that give secondary care, and the Director is the Appropriate Authority for Acts like the PC&PNDT Act and the Clinical Establishments Act. Medical Education handles tertiary/teaching hospitals, Public Health handles primary/preventive care.

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71. Assertion [A] : One fifth of the geographical area of Tamil Nadu is covered by forest land.
Reason [R] : Out of which, around 3% land are under Dense Forest.

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false

(B) Both [A] and [R] are true

(C) [R] is true but [A] is false

(D) Both [A] and [R] are false

Answer: (B) Both [A] and [R] are true

Explanation: Per ISFR 2021, Tamil Nadu's forest cover is 26,419 sq km, 20.31% (one fifth) of its area – [A] true. Very dense forest is 3,593 sq km, about 2.8% (~3%) of the area – [R] true.

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72. Assertion [A] : Poverty level declines with a rise in agricultural output.
Reason [R] : Agricultural incomes have declined due to wide fluctuations in climatic conditions.

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false

(B) [A] is false but [R] is true

(C) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Answer: (D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Explanation: Rising farm output raises rural incomes and employment, so poverty falls – [A] true. Climatic fluctuations (droughts, floods) have reduced farm incomes – [R] true. But [R] is about falling incomes and does not explain why poverty declines when output rises.

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73. Select the following statements are true about 'Economic statecraft'.
(i) It employs fiscal and monetary tools to promote economic growth
(ii) It employs economic tools to achieve national security objectives
(iii) It reflects rising geopolitical competition.

(A) (i) and (ii) only
(B) (ii) and (iii) only
(C) (iii) only
(D) (i) and (iii) only

Answer: (B) (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: Economic statecraft means using economic instruments - tariffs, sanctions, export controls, investment screening, aid, supply-chain policy - to achieve foreign-policy and national-security goals, and its growing use reflects rising geopolitical competition (e.g. US-China). Using fiscal and monetary tools to promote growth is ordinary macroeconomic policy, not statecraft. So (ii) and (iii).

74. Match the following

(a) Art 268	1. Taxes levied and collected by the union but assigned to the states
(b) Art 269	2. Grants-in-aid
(c) Art 275	3. Finance commission
(d) Art 280	4. Duties levied by the union but collected and appropriated by the states

(A) (a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3
(B) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
(C) (a) 1 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 3
(D) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Answer: (A) (a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3

Explanation: Art. 268 - duties levied by the Union but collected and appropriated by the States (e.g. stamp duties) (4); Art. 269 - taxes levied and collected by the Union but assigned to the States (1); Art. 275 - grants-in-aid from the Union to States (2); Art. 280 - Finance Commission (3). So A: 4, 1, 2, 3.

75. Assertion [A] : The central problem of developing economies is the prevalence of 'mass poverty'.
Reason [R] : Developing economies are characterized by low resource base of the poor who own a very small portion of the total assets.

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false
(B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]
(C) [A] is false but [R] is true
(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Answer: (B) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

Explanation: Mass poverty is the central problem of developing economies – [A] true. The poor have a very low resource base, owning only a tiny share of total assets, so their incomes stay low – this causes mass poverty, so [R] explains [A].

76. Which of the following features are true about (CMSPGHS) Chief Minister Solar Powered Green House Scheme?
(i) Protect the farmers from exploitative practices of private traders.
(ii) All the people living below poverty line in rural areas are eligible for solar powered green houses.
(iii) No land acquisition is envisaged under this scheme. Only people with patta for their sites are eligible under this scheme.

(A) (i) only
(B) (ii) only
(C) (iii) only
(D) (ii) and (iii) only

Answer: (D) (ii) and (iii) only

Explanation: The TN Rural Development Department's CMSPGHS page lists under Features (2.1), word for word: 'All the people living below poverty line in rural areas are eligible for Solar Powered Green Houses' and 'No land acquisition is envisaged under this scheme. Only people with patta for their sites are eligible' – so (ii) and (iii) are true. (i) is the aim of Uzhavar Sandhai/regulated markets, not a housing scheme. Extra conditions in the separate eligibility section (BPL wait list, 300 sq ft site) do not make the official feature (ii) false, so C is wrong.

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77. Which of the following statement are true about Zamindari System?
(i) This system was introduced by Cornwallis in 1973.
(ii) This system was prevalent in West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
(iii) The demand was fixed at 9/11 of the rental, the rest 2/11 being the Zamindar's remuneration.
(iv) The Zamindari settlement made them owner of the land. Thereby creating a permanent interest in land.

(A) (i), (iii) and (iv) only
(B) (ii) and (iii) only
(C) (i), (ii) and (iv) only
(D) (i) and (iv) only

Answer: (C) (i), (ii) and (iv) only

Explanation: The Zamindari (Permanent Settlement) system was introduced by Cornwallis in 1793 (the paper prints 1973 – misprint). It prevailed in Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, UP, Andhra and MP, and made zamindars owners of land with a permanent interest – (i), (ii), (iv) true. (iii) is false: the state demand was 10/11 of the rental and the zamindar kept 1/11, not 9/11 and 2/11.

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78. Match the following :

(a) Indian Money Market	1. New York
(b) England Money Market	2. Mumbai
(c) USA Money Market	3. London
(d) Japan Money Market	4. Tokyo

(A) (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 1 (d) 4

(B) (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 4 (d) 1

(C) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 1 (d) 2

(D) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 4 (d) 3

Answer: (A) (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 1 (d) 4

Explanation: The main money-market centres: India - Mumbai (2), England - London (3), USA - New York (1), Japan - Tokyo (4). So (a)-2, (b)-3, (c)-1, (d)-4, which is option A.

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79. Choose the wrong matches :

(1) Viralkavar Periyazh Paanar - Kurunthogai

(2) Meen Seevum Pancheri Yodu - Madurai Kanchi

(3) Mullai Nalyazh Paanar - Ayngurunooru

(4) Paanar Padumalai Panniya Yelaalin - Pathitrupaththu

(A) (1) and (4)

(B) (1) and (2)

(C) (2) and (3)

(D) (3) and (4)

Answer: (A) (1) and (4)

Explanation: 'Viral kavar periyazh' is from Pathitrupathu, not Kurunthogai – (1) wrong. 'Paanar padumalai panniya ezhaalin' is Kurunthogai 323 (Pathadi Vaikalar), not Pathitrupathu – (4) wrong; the two sources are swapped. 'Meen seevum paancheriyodu' (Maduraikanchi) and 'Mullai nalyazh paana' (Ainkurunuru) are correct.

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80. Choose the right matches among type :

(1) Glimpses of world history - Gandhiji

(2) India wins freedom - Abul Kalam Azad

(3) The Indian Struggle - Subash Chandra Bose

(4) The Story of My Experiment with Truth - Jawaharlal Nehru

(A) (1) and (3) are correct

(B) (1) and (2) are correct

(C) (2) and (3) are correct

(D) (3) and (4) are correct

Answer: (C) (2) and (3) are correct

Explanation: 'India Wins Freedom' is by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and 'The Indian Struggle' is by Subhas Chandra Bose - both correct. 'Glimpses of World History' was written by Jawaharlal Nehru and 'The Story of My Experiments with Truth' by Gandhiji, so (1) and (4) are swapped and wrong.

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81. In the phrase “Everyone will despise the needy”, Valluvam points out to those who are?

(A) who are without material wealth

(B) who are without spiritual wealth

(C) who are without love

(D) who are without knowledge

Answer: (A) who are without material wealth

Explanation: The line is from Kural 752 (chapter Porul Seyalvagai): 'Illaarai ellaarum elluvar; selvarai ellaarum seyvar sirappu' - everyone despises those who have nothing and everyone honours the rich. Since the chapter is about earning wealth and 'illaar' is contrasted with 'selvar' (the rich), it means those without material wealth.

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82. Read the following assertion and reason and select the correct answer from the code given below.
Assertion [A] : In 1925 Thanthai Periyar left the Congress Party.
Reason [R] : In 1925 Thanthai Periyar started the Self-Respect Movement.
Code :

(A) [A] is true but [R] is false

(B) [A] is false but [R] is true

(C) Both [A] and [R] are true, and [R] is the correct explanation of [A]

(D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Answer: (D) Both [A] and [R] are true, but [R] is not the correct explanation of [A]

Explanation: Periyar left the Congress in 1925 after his communal-representation resolution was rejected at the Kanchipuram conference, and he started the Self-Respect Movement the same year – both true. But starting the movement was the result, not the cause, of leaving Congress, so [R] does not explain [A].

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83. In which Sangam Literature today’s Kodumanal was referred as Kodumanam?

(A) Kurunthokai

(B) Natrinai

(C) Pattinapalai

(D) Pathitrupathu

Answer: (D) Pathitrupathu

Explanation: Kodumanal (Erode district, on the Noyyal) was an ancient industrial and trade centre. Pathitrupathu (on the Chera kings) mentions it as 'Kodumanam', famous for its ornaments. Excavations there found beads, iron-working and Tamil-Brahmi pottery inscriptions.

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84. Choose the correct answer from the following.
The person who received “Kaisar i Hind” medal from the British for the medical service on the ship ‘SS Madras’ during the first world war.

(A) Natesanar

(B) T.A. Ramalingam

(C) Sir. Pitti Thiyagarayar

(D) T.M. Nair

Answer: (D) T.M. Nair

Explanation: Dr. T.M. Nair, a co-founder of the Justice Party, served as one of the surgeons on the hospital ship SS Madras during the First World War and was awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind medal at the end of the war. Natesanar was also a doctor, but the SS Madras service and the medal belong to T.M. Nair.

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85. Choose the correct statement/statements regarding the aims of the Self-Respect Movement.
(I) To promote rationale thinking, self-respect and self confidence.
(II) To protect the rights of the Brahmins.
(III) To eradicate the social evils like injustice towards women.
(IV) To abolish superstitious beliefs.

(A) (I), (II) and (IV)
(B) (I), (III) and (IV)
(C) (II), (III) and (IV)
(D) (I), (II), (III) and (IV)

Answer: (B) (I), (III) and (IV)

Explanation: The Self-Respect Movement (1925) aimed at rational thinking and self-respect, removal of social evils such as caste discrimination and injustice to women, and abolition of superstitions. It opposed Brahminical dominance, so 'protecting the rights of the Brahmins' (II) is wrong. Hence (I), (III) and (IV).

86. Match the following type :

(a) Food mixed by little fingers of children's hands	1. Speaking sweet words
(b) One's hand is to make to choice of unripe to ripe fruit	2. The wealth of self control
(c) It is not good to forget the good done	3. Gratitude
(d) The tongue's caustic reproach will never heal	4. The Begetting of children

(A) (a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 3 (d) 2
(B) (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 4
(C) (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
(D) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 1

Answer: (A) (a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 3 (d) 2

Explanation: 'Sirukai alaaviya koozh' - Kural 64, chapter Makkatperu (Begetting of children) = 4. 'Kaniyiruppak kaai kavarnthatru' - Kural 100, Iniyavai Kooral (Speaking sweet words) = 1. 'Nandri marappathu nandrandru' - Kural 108, Seynandri Arithal (Gratitude) = 3. 'Aaraathe naavinaal sutta vadu' - Kural 129, Adakkamudaimai (Self control) = 2. Code 4, 1, 3, 2 = A.

87. What message does Naladiyar conveys through this line "Neeroliya Palun Kurukin therinthu"?
(Like the swan that leaving the water drinks the milk)

(A) Leaving the water drink the milk
(B) Learning the books likes the qualities of milk and water
(C) Learning good books by removing bad ones
(D) Learning in the way of things learned from good books

Answer: (C) Learning good books by removing bad ones

Explanation: This is from Naladiyar song 135 (chapter Kalvi): learning is endless, life is short and full of troubles, so one should carefully choose and learn only the good, worthy books, leaving out the useless ones - just as the swan (annam) drinks only the milk leaving the water. So the message is to learn good books by removing bad ones. Option A is only the literal picture; D (living by what is learnt) is not this line's point.

88. Choose the correct match from the following :
(1) South Indian Liberal Federation - 1950
(2) Trade Union (or) Labour Union - 1918
(3) Communal Reservation Law - 1921
(4) Charity Law - 1930

(A) (1) and (4) are correct
(B) (2) and (4) are correct
(C) (1) and (3) are correct
(D) (2) and (3) are correct

Answer: (D) (2) and (3) are correct

Explanation: The Madras Labour Union, India's first trade union, was formed in 1918 (B.P. Wadia) - correct. The first Communal G.O. on reservation was issued by the Justice Party government in 1921 - correct. The South Indian Liberal Federation (Justice Party) was founded in 1916, not 1950, and the Hindu Religious Endowments (charity) Act came in 1926, not 1930.

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89. The perimeter of an equilateral triangle is 180 cm. Find the area of it

(A) 1548.8 cm^2
(B) 1558.8 cm^2
(C) 1538.8 cm^2
(D) 1528.8 cm^2

Answer: (B) 1558.8 cm^2

Explanation: Side = 180 / 3 = 60 cm. Area = (√3 / 4) × $side^2$ = (1.732 / 4) × 3600 = 1.732 × 900 = 1558.8 cm^2.

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90. Four cows are tethered at four corners of a square plot of side 84 feet so that they just cannot reach one another. The ungrazed area is _____.

(A) 1612 sq.feet
(B) 1522 sq.feet
(C) 1512 sq.feet
(D) 1622 sq.feet

Answer: (C) 1512 sq.feet

Explanation: Each rope = 84 / 2 = 42 ft. Each cow grazes a quarter circle; four quarters = one full circle = (22/7) x 42 x 42 = 5544 sq ft. Square area = 84 x 84 = 7056 sq ft. Ungrazed = 7056 - 5544 = 1512 sq ft.

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91. Adam borrowed some money at the rate of interest 6% p.a. for the first two years. At the rate of interest 9% p.a. for the next three years and at the rate of interest 14% p.a. for the period beyond five years. If he pays a total interest of Rs. 11,400 at the end of nine years. How much money did he borrow?

(A) Rs. 14,000
(B) Rs. 11,400
(C) Rs. 12,000
(D) Rs. 12,200

Answer: (C) Rs. 12,000

Explanation: Simple interest: total rate = 6 x 2 + 9 x 3 + 14 x 4 = 12 + 27 + 56 = 95%. So 95% of P = 11,400, P = 11,400 x 100 / 95 = Rs. 12,000.

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92. The ratio of milk and water in 72 litres of mixture is 5 : 3. What amount of water is added to make the ratio of milk and water 3 : 5 respectively?

(A) 81

(B) 84

(C) 83

(D) 48

Answer: (D) 48

Explanation: Milk = 72 x 5/8 = 45 L, water = 27 L. For milk : water = 3 : 5 with milk 45 L, water must be 45 x 5/3 = 75 L. Water to add = 75 - 27 = 48 L.

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93. A sum of Rs. 5,200 is divided between A, B, C and D such that, (A's share)/(B's share) = (B's share)/(C's share) = (C's share)/(D's share) = 2/3. Find A's share.

(A) Rs. 1,300

(B) Rs. 1,000

(C) Rs. 640

(D) Rs. 780

Answer: (C) Rs. 640

Explanation: A : B = 2 : 3, B : C = 2 : 3, C : D = 2 : 3, so A : B : C : D = 8 : 12 : 18 : 27 (total 65 parts). One part = 5200 / 65 = 80, so A = 8 x 80 = Rs. 640 (B 960, C 1440, D 2160).

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94. There are 336 English books, 240 Maths books, 96 Science books. These have to be started in such a way that all the books are stored subject-wise and height of each stack is the same. Total number of stacks will be _____.

(A) 21

(B) 48

(C) 14

(D) 22

Answer: (C) 14

Explanation: For the least number of equal stacks, take the HCF: HCF(336, 240, 96) = 48 books per stack. Stacks = 336/48 + 240/48 + 96/48 = 7 + 5 + 2 = 14.

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95. If the difference between 90% of a number and 72% of the same number is 256 then 54% of that number is _____.

(A) 768

(B) 652

(C) 1024

(D) 512

Answer: (A) 768

Explanation: 90% - 72% = 18% of the number = 256. 54% is 3 times 18%, so 54% = 3 x 256 = 768.

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96. Find the next number in the given sequence

1, 3, 11, 31, 69, _____.

(A) 125

(B) 130

(C) 131

(D) 132

Answer: (C) 131

Explanation: Differences: 2, 8, 20, 38; second differences: 6, 12, 18 (increase by 6). Next second difference 24, next difference 38 + 24 = 62, next term 69 + 62 = 131.

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97. Which one of the following cannot be the square of a natural number?

(A) 32761

(B) 81225

(C) 42438

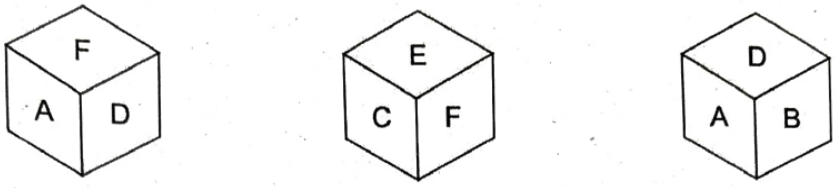
(D) 20164

Answer: (C) 42438

Explanation: A perfect square never ends in 2, 3, 7 or 8. 42438 ends in 8, so it cannot be a square. Check: 32761 = 181^2, 81225 = 285^2, 20164 = 142^2.

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98. If B is at the top, find the letter which will be opposite to it, by using the following figures.



(Figure in words – three views of the same cube (top / left / right faces): (i) F / A / D; (ii) E / C / F; (iii) D / A / B)

(A) A

(B) D

(C) E

(D) F

Answer: (D) F

Explanation: F is seen next to A and D (cube 1) and next to E and C (cube 2). So F touches A, C, D and E; the only letter left is B, so F is opposite B. With B on top, F is at the bottom.

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99. Mathi and Deepika are friends. Mathi says, "Today is my birthday" and she asks Deepika, "When did you celebrate your birthday"? Deepika replies, "Today is Monday and I celebrated my birthday 75 days ago". Find the day when Deepika celebrated her birthday.

(A) Sunday
(B) Saturday
(C) Monday
(D) Wednesday

Answer: (D) Wednesday

Explanation: 75 days = 10 weeks + 5 days. Going 5 days back from Monday: Sunday, Saturday, Friday, Thursday, Wednesday. So her birthday was on Wednesday.

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100. Select the combination of numbers that form a meaningful word based on the given code
P O L I C M A N T
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

(A) 2, 5, 6, 7, 1, 4, 8, 3, 9
(B) 5, 2, 7, 1, 6, 4, 3, 8, 9
(C) 5, 2, 6, 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9
(D) 2, 5, 1, 6, 7, 3, 8, 4, 9

Answer: (C) 5, 2, 6, 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9

Explanation: Decode option C: 5-C, 2-O, 6-M, 1-P, 3-L, 4-I, 7-A, 8-N, 9-T = COMPLIANT, a meaningful word. The others give OCMAPINLT, COAPMILNT and OCPMALNIT, which are not words.

Part C – General English (Q101–200)

101. The Superlative form of 'Mohan is better than any other student in the college' is

(A) Mohan is one of the best students in the college
(B) Mohan is a best student of our college
(C) Mohan is the best student in our college
(D) None of the above

Answer: (C) Mohan is the best student in our college

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102. Choose the correct sentence pattern :
His words filled them with terror.

(A) SVOC
(B) SVOA
(C) SVCA
(D) SVIODO

Answer: (A) SVOC

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103. The Complex form of the simple sentences :
A fox once met a lion. The fox had never seen a lion before. is

(A) A fox who had never seen a lion before met him
(B) A fox who have never seen a lion before met him
(C) A fox had never seen a lion before
(D) A fox had never met a lion before

Answer: (A) A fox who had never seen a lion before met him

104. Match the statements given in Column A with their question tag in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Column A	Column B
(a) I am a hardworking person	1. can't she?
(b) Her sister can teach English	2. didn't she?
(c) She came to college	3. do we?
(d) We don't watch movies	4. aren't I?

(A) (a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3
(B) (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 4 (d) 1
(C) (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 1
(D) (a) 1 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 2

Answer: (A) (a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3

105. Identify the regular verb.

(A) Go
(B) Talk
(C) Eat
(D) Sing

Answer: (B) Talk

106. Pick out the main verb in the following sentence :
I have had dinner.

(A) have
(B) had
(C) have had
(D) had have

Answer: (B) had

107. Modify the imperative sentence into appreciative statement.
"Work faster"

(A) Do work faster, Don't waste time.
(B) Please work faster.
(C) Wonderful initiative in picking up the pace.
(D) You should work fast to achieve more.

Answer: (C) Wonderful initiative in picking up the pace.

108. Choose the correct inquisitive interrogative for the given imperative.
"Please help me".

(A) Can you help me?
(B) You help me?
(C) Will help me?
(D) Did you help me?

Answer: (A) Can you help me?

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109. Which of the following is an Exclamatory sentence expressing strong surprise?
(a) You were detained!
(b) How wonderful she!
(c) What a surprise that was!
(d) Can you believe you were detained?

(A) (a)
(B) (b)
(C) (c)
(D) (d)

Answer: (C) (c)

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110. Which of the following is an imperative sentence?

(A) No one will remember.
(B) Well done! You got selected.
(C) Read the instructions carefully.
(D) No pain No gain.

Answer: (C) Read the instructions carefully.

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111. Choose the correct tense form of the verb.
They _____ for five years.

(A) are married
(B) have married
(C) were married
(D) have been married

Answer: (D) have been married

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112. Identify the sentence with correct passive voice for the given sentence :
Did he give you a call?

(A) Was he given a call by you?
(B) Were you given a call by him?
(C) Did the call given by you?
(D) Was you given a call by him?

Answer: (B) Were you given a call by him?

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113. Identify the right Figure of Speech in the following sentence :
"She has many mouths to feed ".

(A) Epithet
(B) Synecdoche
(C) Hyperbole
(D) Euphemism

Answer: (B) Synecdoche

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114. Connect the given single word with another single word given in the choices to make two Compound words : Fire, Bon

(A) Cook, Stove
(B) Flame, Matches
(C) Man, Fire
(D) Stick, Fire

Answer: (C) Man, Fire

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115. Identify the British English word for "Overpass".

(A) Flyover
(B) Gatepass
(C) Bypass
(D) Crossroads

Answer: (A) Flyover

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116. Select the correct suffix and form a correct word.
"He identifies himself as a supporter of the (right) _____ policies."

(A) ing
(B) ness
(C) ist
(D) ful

Answer: (C) ist

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117. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words :
"One who can use both hands with equal care"

(A) Costemonger
(B) Novice
(C) Ambidextrous
(D) Sophist

Answer: (C) Ambidextrous

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118. Fill in the blanks using the suitable homophones from the options given below :
Though Indian Farmers earn a good yield, they cannot save much as they have several _____(1)_____ s to support. They are _____(2)_____ on the rains even now in the age of scientific agriculture. _____(3)_____ Agriculturist, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan has given many suggestions to improve fertility of the soil still an outbreak of flood seems _____(4)_____ in some areas which affects the yield.
(a) Eminent
(b) Imminent
(c) Dependant
(d) Dependent

(A) (1)-(d), (2)-(c), (3)-(b), (4)-(a)
(B) (1)-(c), (2)-(d), (3)-(a), (4)-(b)
(C) (1)-(d), (2)-(c), (3)-(a), (4)-(b)
(D) (1)-(a), (2)-(b), (3)-(d), (4)-(c)

Answer: (B) (1)-(c), (2)-(d), (3)-(a), (4)-(b)

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119. Fill in the blanks with suitable Homonyms :
Government has at last agreed to _____ excise duty on cloth.

(A) wave
(B) way
(C) waive
(D) waif

Answer: (C) waive

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120. Choose the Antonym of the underlined word :
The economic success of tech entrepreneurs serves as a paradigm for other startups in the industry.

(A) Prototype
(B) Pattern
(C) Model
(D) Anomaly

Answer: (D) Anomaly

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121. Despite the challenging circumstances, she remained _____ in her determination to succeed.
(a) absolute
(b) hard
(c) impeccable
(d) steadfast

(A) Only (a)
(B) Only (b)
(C) Only (c)
(D) Only (d)

Answer: (D) Only (d)

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122. A statement is followed by two inferences I and II. You have to decide which of the given inferences, if any, follow from the statement :
Statement : We don't retrieve information or images or words from memory registers. Computers do all of these things but we do not.
Inference :
(I) We are not as advanced as computers.
(II) We are different from computers.

(A) Only inference (I) follows
(B) Only inference (II) follows
(C) Both inferences follow
(D) None of the inference follows

Answer: (B) Only inference (II) follows

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123. Scenario : You are trying to find out if a local library has a copy of a specific book for you to borrow. Write an email to the library asking if the book is available and if they have a hold system :
Type of Query
(a) Book Availability and Hold Inquiry
(b) Library Service Request
(c) Resource Information
(d) Borrowing Inquiry

(A) Only (a)
(B) Only (c)
(C) Only (b)
(D) (a), (b), (d)

Answer: (A) Only (a)

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124. Business letters do not conclude with

(A) Yours faithfully
(B) Yours truly
(C) Yours lovingly
(D) Yours sincerely

Answer: (C) Yours lovingly

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125. Thank you for your precious time and I hope to hear from you soon.
Which type of letter consists the sentence?

(A) Complaint letter
(B) Business letter
(C) Order letter
(D) Informal letter

Answer: (B) Business letter

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126. Identify the expression used in rejecting a Complaint letter.

(A) I'm afraid there isn't much we can do about it.

(B) I cannot tell you how sorry I am.

(C) I wish it had never happened.

(D) Would you mind...?

Answer: (A) I'm afraid there isn't much we can do about it.

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127. The word 'Presumption' means _____.

(A) presuppose

(B) pretend

(C) idea taken as true

(D) assumption

Answer: (C) idea taken as true

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128. Which of the following words are correctly paired?

(1) Connoisseur – A person who has a very deep knowledge in a specific field

(2) Condominium – An error to be corrected especially in a printed text

(3) Corrigendum – A territory ruled by two or more countries

(4) Congenital – A condition of anomaly from the time of birth

(A) (2) and (3)

(B) (1) and (4)

(C) (1) and (2)

(D) (3) and (4)

Answer: (B) (1) and (4)

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129. What is a primary, benefit of 'bi-directional referrals'?

(A) Increased competition between providers

(B) Enhanced collaboration and patient care

(C) Reduced communication between parties

(D) Limited access to services

Answer: (B) Enhanced collaboration and patient care

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130. The outdated term for a female administrator of an estate is _____.

(A) Administratrix

(B) Administress

(C) Adminishetor

(D) Admin

Answer: (A) Administratrix

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131. The term “task force” means _____.

(A) An armed force for a special operation

(B) An individual with specialized knowledge

(C) A temporary team within the organization

(D) A group of volunteers with no specific skills

Answer: (A) An armed force for a special operation

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132. Read the passage and choose the statements which do not support the ideas from the passage?
Organic agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of the soil and people. It relies on ecological processes and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. It promotes fair relationships and a good quality of life.
(1) Organic farming is a continuous system.
(2) It neither guarantees fair relationship and a good quality of life.
(3) It does not rely on the use of inputs.
(4) It promises less adverse effects.

(A) (1) and (2)

(B) (1) and (4)

(C) (2) and (3)

(D) (3) and (4)

Answer: (C) (2) and (3)

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133. The annual science fair at Crestwood High School is a highly anticipated event that showcases the innovative projects of students from various grades. The winners receive scholarships and the opportunity to present their work at a regional competition. What is the main purpose of the annual science fair at Crestwood High School?

(A) To sell science related merchandise

(B) To recruit new students

(C) To raise funds to school

(D) To showcase student projects and innovations

Answer: (D) To showcase student projects and innovations

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134. In architecture, much more than any of the other fine arts, there is a marked time lag between the _____ of ideas and their _____ in the shape of completed building.

(A) dawn, predictability

(B) emergence, application

(C) creation, welcoming

(D) tradition, modernization

Answer: (B) emergence, application

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135. Which of the following words are paired with wrong meanings?
1. Glossolalia – Abusive Criticism
2. Fastidious – Hard to please
3. Vituperate – Non meaningful speech
4. Expurgate – Remove all objectionable matter

(A) 1 and 2
(B) 1 and 3
(C) 2 and 3
(D) 3 and 4

Answer: (B) 1 and 3

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136. When Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine lived, people were very superstitious. They believed that there were four fluids in the body, which matched four elements; earth, air, fire and water. Also, they held the belief that thoughts, ideas and feelings come from the brain, and not the heart as others of his time believed.
What does the above passage talk about?

(A) Aesculapius
(B) Hippocrates the Father of Medicine
(C) Four elements and their influence on human behaviour
(D) Popular medical beliefs during Hippocrates' time

Answer: (D) Popular medical beliefs during Hippocrates' time

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137. The use of radioactive isotopes has helped in the diagnosis and prevention of diseases and in the development of agricultural methods. Adverse climatic conditions, inadequate provisions for storage and transport problems account for a heavy loss of agricultural and marine produce.
Find out the meaning of the word 'Adverse' _____.

(A) favourable
(B) pleasant
(C) hostile
(D) positive

Answer: (C) hostile

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138. The serene lake was surrounded by pine trees, their reflections shimmering on the water's surface. The early morning mist hovered above the lake creating a magical atmosphere as the sun began to rise, casting its golden rays across the landscape.
Which question is applicable to the given passage?

(A) How deep is the lake?
(B) How can we avoid water pollution?
(C) What is the history of the lake?
(D) What is the time of the day that is described in the passage?

Answer: (D) What is the time of the day that is described in the passage?

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139. Read the following news item and identify the statements which are best implied in it.

Jal Shakti Abhiyan

National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti launched a campaign, "catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls" on 22nd March 2021 on World Water Day to urge the states and all stakeholders to create Rain Water Harvesting Structures (RWHS), suitable to their climatic conditions and sub-soil strata, with people's active participation.

1. The centre encourages the states to act according to their climatic conditions.
2. Involvement of the State Government only can improve RWHS.
3. RWHS implies only for government structures.
4. RWHS requires peoples' participation.

(A) 1 and 2
(B) 3 and 4
(C) 2 and 3
(D) 1 and 4

Answer: (D) 1 and 4

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140. Translate the following sentence into English.

சூரியன் மறைவதற்குள் தோட்டக்காரர் செடிகளுக்குத் தண்ணீர் ஊற்றியிருப்பார்.

(A) The plants would have been watered by the gardener before sunset
(B) The plants will be watered by the gardener before sunset
(C) The plants are being watered by the gardener before sunset
(D) The plants had been watered by the gardener before sunset

Answer: (A) The plants would have been watered by the gardener before sunset

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141. Sentence : I have finished my work

Question : Which of the following Tamil sentences best conveys the meaning of the given sentence?

(a) நான் என் வேலையை முடித்தேன்.
(b) நான் என் வேலையை முடித்துவிட்டேன்.
(c) நான் என் வேலையை முடித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறேன்.
(d) நான் என் வேலையை முடிப்பேன்.

(A) Only (c)
(B) Only (b)
(C) Both (c) and (b)
(D) Both (a) and (d)

Answer: (B) Only (b)

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142. Which of the following Tamil sentences best capture the meaning of the English idiom : "He is trying to make ends meet".
(a) அவர் இரண்டு முனைகளையும் சந்திக்க வைக்க முயற்சிக்கிறார்.
(b) அவர் செலவுகளை சமாளிக்க முயற்சிக்கிறார்.
(c) அவர் வருமானத்தை அதிகரிக்க முயற்சிக்கிறார்.
(d) அவர் ஒரு வேலையினை முடிக்க முயற்சிக்கிறார்.

(A) Only (a)
(B) Only (b)
(C) Only (c)
(D) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: (B) Only (b)

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143. Translate the following sentence into Tamil :
"Will your luggage be packed before the train's arrival"?

(A) இரயில் வருவதற்குள் உங்கள் உடமைகள் கட்டப்பட்டுவிடுமா?
(B) இரயிலில் வரும்போது உங்கள் உடமைகள் கட்டப்பட்டதா?
(C) இரயில் வரும் முன்பு உங்கள் உடமைகள் கட்டபடுமா?
(D) இரயில் வரும் முன்பு உங்கள் உடமைகளை கட்டிவிட்டீர்களா?

Answer: (A) இரயில் வருவதற்குள் உங்கள் உடமைகள் கட்டப்பட்டுவிடுமா?

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144. From the lesson, "A Visitor from Distant Lands" the foreign visitors are
1. Pepper
2. Potatoes
3. Ladies finger
4. Tomatoes
5. Chillies

(A) 2, 4, 5
(B) 2, 3, 4, 5
(C) 1 and 5
(D) 1, 3, 5

Answer: (B) 2, 3, 4, 5

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145. Which of the following statements are incorrect?
1. Besides mechanical skills, Isaac Newton had a taste for Mathematics.
2. Isaac made a clock using wheels and weights.
3. Isaac calculated the force of a breeze by the length of his jump.
4. Isaac Newton was born in a village in Ireland.

(A) 1 and 3
(B) 2 only
(C) 2 and 4
(D) 4 only

Answer: (C) 2 and 4

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146. Fill in the blanks using the words given in the options.
It is usual that a person _____ his feet, when he walks alone; and _____ if it is dark. His breath begins to _____ and so his eyes _____.
1. shudders
2. wink
3. stamps
4. gasp

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

Answer: (D) 3, 1, 4, 2

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147. Which of the following is incorrectly paired?
1. Instilled values — to be strong
2. Greatest Gift — Dad's presence
3. Dad, A hero — to the world
4. Dad, not a hero — to the poet

(A) 1 and 2
(B) 2 and 4
(C) 3 and 4
(D) 1 only

Answer: (C) 3 and 4

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148. Which is the smallest planet in the solar system?

(A) Sun
(B) Mercury
(C) Earth
(D) Venus

Answer: (B) Mercury

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149. "And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep"
These lines tell about _____.

(A) Distance
(B) Rest
(C) Promises
(D) Travel

Answer: (C) Promises

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150. Which of the following statements are true about 'Sarojini Naidu'?
(i) Sarojini Naidu was a Freedom Fighter and a famous Poet.
(ii) Sarojini Naidu was a Musician and a famous Dancer.
(iii) Sarojini Naidu was called as "The Nightingale of India".

(A) (i) only
(B) (i) and (iii) only
(C) (i) and (ii) only
(D) (ii) and (iii) only

Answer: (B) (i) and (iii) only

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151. What does the speaker ask from a fellow rover?

(A) A bashful word
(B) A merry yarn
(C) A helping hand
(D) A pleasant smile

Answer: (B) A merry yarn

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152. Which of the following sentences contains an error in punctuation?

(A) The meeting is scheduled for 10.00 AM, please be on time.
(B) I need to buy milk, eggs and bread.
(C) After the movie, we went out for dinner.
(D) She loves to travel; especially for Europe.

Answer: (A) The meeting is scheduled for 10.00 AM, please be on time.

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153. Which of the following options correctly combines the two sentences into a compound sentence using an appropriate coordinating conjunction?
Sentence 1 – She wanted to go for a walk.
Sentence 2 – It started raining heavily.
(a) She wanted to go for a walk, but it started raining heavily.
(b) She wanted to go for a walk; therefore, it started raining heavily.
(c) She wanted to go for a walk and it started raining heavily.
(d) She wanted to go for a walk, because it started raining heavily.

(A) (a)
(B) (b)
(C) (c)
(D) (d)

Answer: (A) (a)

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154. Indirect to direct speech :
The teacher said that something is better than nothing.

(A) The teacher said, "something was better than nothing".
(B) The teacher said, "something would be better than nothing".
(C) The teacher said, "something is better than nothing".
(D) The teacher said, "something were better than anything".

Answer: (C) The teacher said, "something is better than nothing".

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155. Having failed thrice, she didn't want to apply again. 'Having failed' is a

(A) present participle
(B) past participle
(C) present perfect participle
(D) perfect participle

Answer: (D) perfect participle

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156. Identify the gerund in the following passage :
An annoying child started torturing her kind hearted mother who was shopping after finishing her day work, along with her ailing mother in the evening.

(A) finishing
(B) annoying
(C) torturing
(D) shopping

Answer: (C) torturing

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157. Choose the correct verbs to fill the sentence.
"He _____ (complete) his home work before I _____ him".

(A) completed, would meet
(B) completed, meet
(C) completed, met
(D) completes, meet

Answer: placed before the Expert Committee – no answer in the TNPSC tentative key.

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158. Identify the correct transformation of the following Exclamatory sentence into Assertive sentence.
If the world could have peace!

(A) I wish the world in peace.
(B) I wish to have peace in the world.
(C) I wish the world could have peace.
(D) I wish the world should have peace.

Answer: (B) I wish to have peace in the world.

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159. Choose the correct negative for the given sentence.
"He is greater than I am".

(A) I am not as great as him
(B) I am not so great as he is
(C) I am not as great as he is
(D) I am not so great as him

Answer: (D) I am not so great as him

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160. Choose the correct Assertive for the given sentence.
'Aren't we friends'?

(A) We have friends
(B) We are not friends
(C) We are friends
(D) We have no friends

Answer: (C) We are friends

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161. "Sit down and rest yourselves here on this bench" the imperative form of this statement will be

(A) 'Please sit down and rest yourself here on this bench'
(B) Sit down and take rest
(C) Sit on this bench
(D) Take rest on this bench

Answer: placed before the Expert Committee – no answer in the TNPSC tentative key.

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162. Identify the sentence that correctly uses Future Perfect Continuous Tense.

(A) By next year, she will have been working at the company for five years.
(B) By next year she shall have worked at the company for five years.
(C) By next year, she will work at the company for five years.
(D) By next year, she will be working at the company for five years.

Answer: (A) By next year, she will have been working at the company for five years.

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163. Choose the sentence with correct Subject Verb agreement

(A) The cat run fast
(B) The dogs barks loudly
(C) She play the piano
(D) He walks to school

Answer: (D) He walks to school

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164. Identify the Part of Speech of the underlined word :
The music sounds melodious in the quiet hall.

(A) Adverb
(B) Adjective
(C) Verb
(D) Noun

Answer: (B) Adjective

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165. Choose the correct expansion for the given Abbreviation :
"SWOT"

(A) Strengths, Work, Opportunities and Thought
(B) Strengths, Willingness, Objectives and Team work
(C) Strength, Wish, Orderliness and Thrusts
(D) Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threat

Answer: (D) Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threat

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166. Some derivatives are given in the options. They are arranged in a sequence of Verb, Noun and Adjective. Identify the incorrect sequence.

	Verb	Noun	Adjective
(1)	Continue	Continual	Continuation
(2)	Admit	Admission	Admissible
(3)	Decisive	Decision	Decide
(4)	Excite	Excitement	Excitable

(A) (1) and (4)
(B) (2) and (3)
(C) (1) and (3)
(D) (3) and (4)

Answer: (C) (1) and (3)

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167. Which of the following is true about the word 'aircraft'?

(A) 'Aircraft' has a regular plural form by adding an 'S' at the end.
(B) 'Aircraft' is used the same for both singular and plural, with no change in form.
(C) 'Aircraft' changes to 'aircrafts' when used in the plural form.
(D) 'Aircraft' is a plural noun and cannot be used in the singular.

Answer: (B) 'Aircraft' is used the same for both singular and plural, with no change in form.

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168. Identify the correct spelling of the word which denotes the following sentence :
A space from which most or all of the matter has been removed.

(A) Vaccum
(B) Vacume
(C) Vacuum
(D) Vacum

Answer: (C) Vacuum

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169. Match the words in Column A with their suitable collocations in Column B :

Column A	Column B
(a) Legal	1. Money
(b) Raise	2. Priority
(c) High	3. Advice
(d) Top	4. Standard

(A) (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 3
(B) (a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 2
(C) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 2
(D) (a) 1 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 2

Answer: (C) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 2

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170. Pick out the pair of words which sounds the same.
road, course
(a) roed, curse
(b) road, coarse
(c) rode, coarse
(d) rowed, coarse

(A) Only (a)
(B) Only (b)
(C) Only (c)
(D) Only (c) & (d)

Answer: (D) Only (c) & (d)

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171. Sentence : The city's problems were numerous and complex.
Question : Choose the best replacement for 'problems' that suggests the severity and urgency of the issues.

(A) concerns
(B) issues
(C) crises
(D) situations

Answer: (C) crises

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172. Sentence : I concur with your assessment.
Question : Which of the following words or phrases could be substituted for 'concur with' without changing the meaning?
(i) disagree with
(ii) agree with
(iii) am in agreement with
(iv) dispute

(A) Only (ii)
(B) (ii) and (iii)
(C) Only (iii)
(D) None of the above

Answer: (B) (ii) and (iii)

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173. Complete the following sentence by choosing the most appropriate words from the options provided. Select one word for each blank.
The international climate mission aimed to (Blank 1) global carbon emissions through the (Blank 2) of sustainable energy technologies.
Blank 1 : (a) exacerbate (b) mitigate (c) amplify (d) propagate.
Blank 2 : (a) proliferation (b) stagnation (c) depletion (d) curtailment.

(A) 1-(a), 2-(b)
(B) 1-(b), 2-(a)
(C) 1-(c), 2-(c)
(D) 1-(d), 2-(d)

Answer: (B) 1-(b), 2-(a)

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174. Find out the right order of the sentence.
thief/police/the/the/down/brought.

(A) Down the thief the police brought
(B) The thief down brought the police
(C) The police brought the thief down
(D) The police brought thief the down

Answer: (C) The police brought the thief down

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175. Arrange the jumbled statements in logical form and choose the correct order.
(a) This, however, prioritizing a careful consideration of the potential for untoward challenges.
(b) The inference of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing various sectors of society
(c) Eventually, there is a growing demand for effective ethical frameworks to channelize AI development and intervention
(d) In essence, the aim is to maximize the advantages of AI while minimizing the disadvantages of AI.

(A) (b), (a), (c), (d)
(B) (a), (c), (d), (b)
(C) (d), (b), (a), (c)
(D) (b), (a), (d), (c)

Answer: (A) (b), (a), (c), (d)

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176. What is the function of the “CC” field in an email?

(A) To mark an email as urgent

(B) To send the mail to a specific person only

(C) To send a copy of the email to additional recipients

(D) To attach files to email

Answer: (C) To send a copy of the email to additional recipients

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177. Which Article deals with the use of Hindi or English for communication between states and the union?

(A) Article 343

(B) Article 350

(C) Article 346

(D) Article 345

Answer: (C) Article 346

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178. Scenario : A local resident is reviewing a document released by the municipal corporation regarding new regulations for waste disposal.
Question : Which of the following words or phrases would be considered an ‘official term’ rather than a ‘general term’ in the context of this document? Select all that apply.
(a) Trash
(b) Ordinance
(c) Solid waste management
(d) Garbage

(A) (b) and (c)

(B) (a) and (d)

(C) (a) and (c)

(D) (b) and (d)

Answer: (A) (b) and (c)

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179. Scenario : A citizen, Mr. Akash has various concerns and needs that require interaction with different State Government departments. Match Mr. Akash's needs with the appropriate department(s).
Column A (Mr. Akash's Needs)
(1) Mr. Akash needs to obtain land records for his ancestral property.
(2) Mr. Akash wants to enroll his children in government schools and understand the curriculum.
(3) Mr. Akash wishes to report a water supply issue in his locality and seek a solution.
(4) Mr. Akash wants to apply for a loan for agricultural purposes and seek advice on modern farming techniques.
Column B (Departments)
(a) Agriculture – Farmers Welfare Department
(b) School Education Department
(c) Revenue and Disaster Management Department
(d) Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department
(e) Finance Department
(f) Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department

(A) (1)-(a), (2)-(b), (3)-(d), (4)-(c)
(B) (1)-(c), (2)-(b), (3)-(d), (4)-(a)
(C) (1)-(b), (2)-(c), (3)-(a), (4)-(d)
(D) (1)-(d), (2)-(c), (3)-(a), (4)-(b)

Answer: (B) (1)-(c), (2)-(b), (3)-(d), (4)-(a)

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180. The term "monopoly" refers to _____.

(A) powerlessness
(B) ownership
(C) incapacity
(D) incompetence

Answer: (B) ownership

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181. Passage : Sustainable practices are crucial for ecological balance. Urban green spaces mitigate pollution. Community-driven conservation fosters long term impact. Collective action is key to a healthier planet.
Question : Which of the following statements best express the main ideas of the passage?
(a) Urban green spaces have minimal impact on pollution.
(b) Sustainable practices are vital for ecological balance.
(c) Community-driven conservation is important for long-term impact
(d) Individual action is more important than collective action.

(A) (a) and (d)
(B) (b) and (c)
(C) (c) and (d)
(D) (a) and (c)

Answer: (B) (b) and (c)

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182. Drug awareness is crucial for promoting health and safety in communities. Understanding the effects of drugs, both legal and illegal can help individuals' informed choices. Substance abuse can lead to serious health issues, addiction and social problems. Education about the risks associated with drug use is essential.
Which of the following can be a consequence of substance abuse?

(A) Improved social relationships
(B) Serious health issues and addiction
(C) Increased academic performance
(D) Enhanced physical fitness

Answer: (B) Serious health issues and addiction

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183. Passage : The artist's paintings were filled with dark colours. Silent figures stood against barren landscapes. This created a sense of unease. Viewers felt a deep sense of isolation while observing the art.
Question : Complete the following sentence with the options given that accurately reflect the implied meaning of the passage :
The artist's use of dark colours and silent figures suggests a feeling of _____

(A) joyful celebration
(B) deep isolation
(C) profound unease
(D) vibrant community

Answer: (C) profound unease

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184. Passage : First, the scientists gathered data from the experiment. Next, they analyzed the results. Then, they formed a hypothesis. Finally, they published their findings.
Question : Complete the following sentence with the given options that accurately reflect the sequence of events in the passage.
After analyzing the results, the scientists _____ and then _____.
(a) Gathered data
(b) Formed a hypothesis
(c) Published their findings
(d) Ignored the data

(A) (b) and (c)
(B) (a) and (d)
(C) (b) and (a)
(D) (c) and (a)

Answer: (A) (b) and (c)

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185. The Great Wall of China, one of the most iconic structures in the world, stretches over 13,000 miles across Northern China. Originally built to protect against invasions, it showcases impressive engineering and architectural skills from various dynasties. Today it is a UNESCO – World Heritage site and attracts millions of tourists each year.
Match the items in Column A with their answers in Column B :

Column A	Column B
(a) The Great wall of China	1. Protect against invasions
(b) The Great wall was built	2. Millions each year
(c) The length of the Great wall	3. UNESCO World Heritage site
(d) The number of Visitors	4. Over 13,000 miles

(A) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 2
(B) (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 1 (d) 3
(C) (a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 4
(D) (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 1

Answer: (A) (a) 3 (b) 1 (c) 4 (d) 2

186. Match the following :

(a) Bromatology	1. Study of fruits and seeds
(b) Thalassophobia	2. Dancing
(c) Carpology	3. Fear of sea or water
(d) Chorophobia	4. Study of food

(A) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 1 (d) 2
(B) (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 4 (d) 1
(C) (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 1
(D) (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 1

Answer: (A) (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 1 (d) 2

187. Passage : A newly introduced digital learning platform faced resistance from some teachers. They cited concerns about increased workload and the potential for technological glitches. However, student engagement increased, and data showed improved learning outcomes in specific subjects.
Question : Based on the above scenario, which statement(s) are most likely to be true?
(a) The digital platform is universally accepted by all stakeholders
(b) The platform has demonstrated some positive impacts on student learning
(c) Teachers are primarily concerned about the cost of the platform
(d) There is a conflict between the perceived drawbacks by teachers and the observed benefits

(A) Both (b) and (d)
(B) Both (a) and (b)
(C) Both (a) and (d)
(D) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: (A) Both (b) and (d)

188. Passage : A government agency introduced online portals for various public services. While this reduced wait time and paperwork, it also created challenges for elderly citizens who were not digitally literate. The agency then initiated training programs and established help desks to assist the senior citizens, but resource constraints limited the reach of these support services.
Question : Based on the passage, which of the following is/are most likely true?
(a) The introduction of e-services has been universally beneficial.
(b) The agency recognized the need to address digital literacy barriers
(c) Resource limitations affected the agency's support initiatives.
(d) E-services completely eliminated the need for physical service centers

(A) both (a) and (b)
(B) both (a) and (d)
(C) both (b) and (d)
(D) both (b) and (c)

Answer: (D) both (b) and (c)

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189. _____ is the exact conversion of text from one language to another.

(A) Transcription
(B) Transliteration
(C) Encoding
(D) Decoding

Answer: (B) Transliteration

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190. 'Don't ask for it unless you want it'.
Identify the speaker and listener of the above statement?

(A) Peter said to Tom
(B) Polly said to Tom
(C) Tom said to Polly
(D) Tom said to Peter

Answer: (D) Tom said to Peter

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191. Identify the statements which are incorrect?
1. Jim Corbett was a French hunter and tracker.
2. Jim Corbett preferred to hunt alone.
3. Jim Corbett was always against game hunting.
4. Robinson Crusoe was Jim Corbett's colleague

(A) 1 and 4
(B) 2 and 3
(C) 1 and 3
(D) 2 and 4

Answer: (A) 1 and 4

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192. Choose the correct answer :
The setting of the play "The Dying Detective" is in _____.

(A) Sherlock Holmes's House
(B) Victor Savage's House
(C) Dr. Watson's House
(D) Mrs. Hudson's House

Answer: (D) Mrs. Hudson's House

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193. Choose the right matches among them :
1. INSV — International Naval Ship Vessel
2. INSV Tarini — Second Sail Boat of Indian Navy
3. Tara Tarini — Temple in Tanjore district in Tamil Nadu
4. Tarini — Means 'Saviour' in Sanskrit.

(A) 1 and 3 are correct
(B) 2 and 4 are correct
(C) 3 and 4 are correct
(D) 2 and 3 are correct

Answer: (B) 2 and 4 are correct

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194. Which poet is known as "The Poet of the People"?

(A) Edgar Albert Guest
(B) Henry Van Dyke
(C) Sarojini Naidu
(D) John Masefield

Answer: (A) Edgar Albert Guest

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195. Scenario : A new policy regarding Rural Development is being formulated by the Ministry of Rural Development. The policy document is currently being reviewed by various departments before it is presented to the Cabinet for approval. During this process, several administrative actions and terms came into play.
Question : Considering the scenario, which of the following administrative actions or terms are likely to be involved in the policy formulation and approval process? Select all that apply.
(a) Noting
(b) Sanction
(c) Abeyance
(d) Tender

(A) (a) and (b)
(B) (a) and (c)
(C) (b) and (d)
(D) (c) and (d)

Answer: (A) (a) and (b)

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196. Passage : The Scientist stared at the graph, her brow furrowed in concentration. The data points formed an unexpected pattern, deviating significantly from the predicted curve. She muttered to herself, 'This changes everything'.
Question : What can be inferred about the Scientist's reaction to the data?

(A) She is pleased with the results
(B) She is confused by the results
(C) She is indifferent to the results
(D) She is concerned about the results

Answer: (B) She is confused by the results

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197. "O'er the yellow pebbles dancing"
Find the poetic device used here.

(A) Simile
(B) Personification
(C) Refrain
(D) Anaphora

Answer: (B) Personification

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198. Which of the following phrases are correct, according to the poet Tupac Shakur?
The power of the _____
1. Mind can learn
2. Anger can rage
3. Sun can cool us
4. Foe can relax us

(A) 1 and 2
(B) 3 and 4
(C) 1 and 3
(D) 2 and 4

Answer: (A) 1 and 2

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199. Identify the question type :
_____ questions encourage open discussion and allow the speaker share his/her opinion, especially one that relates to creative and critical thinking.

(A) Divergent
(B) Rhetoric
(C) Open-ended
(D) Close-ended

Answer: (A) Divergent

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200. The _____ type of question has a dependent clause and not a main clause.

(A) Wh-type

(B) Question tag

(C) Embedded question

(D) Variable question

Answer: (C) Embedded question

All answers at a glance

1 **B**	2 **B**	3 **A**	4 **B**	5 **D**	6 **A**	7 **C**	8 **D**	9 **B**	10 **C**
11 **C**	12 **B**	13 **D**	14 **D**	15 **A**	16 **B**	17 **C**	18 **D**	19 **B**	20 **B**
21 **A**	22 **C**	23 **C**	24 **C**	25 **B**	26 **A**	27 **A**	28 **A**	29 **C**	30 **C**
31 **C**	32 **D**	33 **A**	34 **B**	35 **C**	36 **A**	37 **B**	38 **D**	39 **C**	40 **D**
41 **D**	42 **A**	43 **A**	44 **B**	45 **B**	46 **C**	47 **B**	48 **D**	49 **D**	50 **D**
51 **B**	52 **A**	53 **A**	54 **A**	55 **D**	56 **D**	57 **A**	58 **B**	59 **B**	60 **B**
61 **D**	62 **B**	63 **B**	64 **D**	65 **C**	66 **B**	67 **—**	68 **B**	69 **C**	70 **B**
71 **B**	72 **D**	73 **B**	74 **A**	75 **B**	76 **D**	77 **C**	78 **A**	79 **A**	80 **C**
81 **A**	82 **D**	83 **D**	84 **D**	85 **B**	86 **A**	87 **C**	88 **D**	89 **B**	90 **C**
91 **C**	92 **D**	93 **C**	94 **C**	95 **A**	96 **C**	97 **C**	98 **D**	99 **D**	100 **C**
101 **C**	102 **A**	103 **A**	104 **A**	105 **B**	106 **B**	107 **C**	108 **A**	109 **C**	110 **C**
111 **D**	112 **B**	113 **B**	114 **C**	115 **A**	116 **C**	117 **C**	118 **B**	119 **C**	120 **D**
121 **D**	122 **B**	123 **A**	124 **C**	125 **B**	126 **A**	127 **C**	128 **B**	129 **B**	130 **A**
131 **A**	132 **C**	133 **D**	134 **B**	135 **B**	136 **D**	137 **C**	138 **D**	139 **D**	140 **A**
141 **B**	142 **B**	143 **A**	144 **B**	145 **C**	146 **D**	147 **C**	148 **B**	149 **C**	150 **B**
151 **B**	152 **A**	153 **A**	154 **C**	155 **D**	156 **C**	157 **—**	158 **B**	159 **D**	160 **C**
161 **—**	162 **A**	163 **D**	164 **B**	165 **D**	166 **C**	167 **B**	168 **C**	169 **C**	170 **D**
171 **C**	172 **B**	173 **B**	174 **C**	175 **A**	176 **C**	177 **C**	178 **A**	179 **B**	180 **B**
181 **B**	182 **B**	183 **C**	184 **A**	185 **A**	186 **A**	187 **A**	188 **D**	189 **B**	190 **D**
191 **A**	192 **D**	193 **B**	194 **A**	195 **A**	196 **B**	197 **B**	198 **A**	199 **A**	200 **C**

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