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DSSSB Junior Stenographer 2021 — 23 April 2021, Shift 1

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Mental Ability1

1. Which option word CANNOT be formed by using the letters of the word given below?
APPRECIATION

(a) PATRON
(b) CARROT
(c) TROPIC
(d) IRONIC

Answer: (b)

2. Find the wrong term in the following series:
BD, FH, JL, NP, RS

(a) FH
(b) JL
(c) NP
(d) RS

Answer: (d)

3. Complete the following letter series:
ZWQ, XUO, VSM, _____.

(a) TQK
(b) SPJ
(c) URL
(d) RSM

Answer: (a)

4. Find the missing term in the following series :
2DW, 6GV, 10JU, _____, 18PS

(a) 14NU
(b) 14MT
(c) 14OS
(d) 14NR

Answer: (b)

5. Select the option that is related to the third term on the same basis as the second term is related to the first term.
Pedal : Bicycle :: Pages : ?

(a) Books
(b) Letters
(c) Sentences
(d) Words

Answer: (a)

6. Which option pair shares the same relationship between its words as that shared by the words in the below pair?
JSY : LVC :: ?

(a) BHK : EIM
(b) NVE : PYI
(c) MNO : PQR
(d) FPT : HQV

Answer: (b)

7. Select the option that is related to the third term on the same basis as the second term is related to the first term.
DGM : BIK :: WPN : ?

(a) TQO
(b) VSM
(c) STK
(d) URL

Answer: (d)

8. If SANDY is coded as 8-26-13-23-2, then what is the code for TENOR?

(a) 7-22-13-12-9
(b) 20-5-14-15-18
(c) 8-23-14-13-10
(d) 21-6-15-16-19

Answer: (a)

9. If BE = 7, BAT = 23, then what is the code for BUG?

(a) 36
(b) 30
(c) 28
(d) 32

Answer: (b)

10. If meat is lemon, lemon is soap, soap is detergent, detergent is honey, honey is salt, salt is butter, butter is flour, then which among the following is sweet in taste?

(a) flour
(b) butter
(c) honey
(d) salt

Answer: (d)

11. If SLATE is coded as HOZGV, then what is the code for HURRY?

(a) THIIE
(b) TGJJC
(c) SFIIB
(d) SHJJD

Answer: (c)

12. If P $ Q means P is the father of Q; P * Q means P is the brother of Q and P + Q means P is the wife of Q and P ! Q means P is the sister of Q, then what does A + B $ C ! D means?

(a) A is the husband of D
(b) A is the father of D
(c) A is the mother of D
(d) A is the brother of D

Answer: (c)

13. Arrange the following in a logical sequence:
1. Centimeter
2. Hectometer
3. Millimeter
4. Kilometer
5. Decameter

(a) 1, 4, 3, 5, 2
(b) 2, 3, 1, 5, 4
(c) 4, 3, 5, 2, 1
(d) 3, 1, 5, 2, 4

Answer: (d)

14. Meena, Nikita, Prachi, Raman and Sikha are sitting around a circular table. Raman is sitting to the immediate right of Sikha. Prachi is sitting to the immediate left of Sikha. If Meena is sitting between Raman and Nikita, who is sitting to the immediate left of Nikita?

(a) Prachi
(b) Meena
(c) Sikha
(d) Raman

Answer: (b)

15. In the question one statement is given, followed by two course of actions, I and II. You have to consider the statements to be true even if it seems to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which of the given course of actions, if any, follows from the given statement.
Statement: The company has been making losses from last 3 years.
Course of Actions:
I : The company should shut down to avoid further losses.
II : Board of Directors should analyse reasons of losses and make changes accordingly and restructure the entire organisation to revive the company.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Only II follows

(c) Both I and II follows

(d) Either I or II follows

Answer: (d)

16. In the question two statements are given, followed by two conclusions, I and II. You have to consider the statements to be true even if it seems to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which of the given conclusions, if any, follows from the given statements.
Statement 1 : All pumpkins are peas.
Statement 2 : No peas are brinjals.
Conclusion I : Some brinjals are pumpkins.
Conclusion II : Some peas are pumpkins.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) Neither I nor II follows

Answer: (b)

17. In the question one statement is given, followed by two conclusions, I and II. You have to consider the statement to be true even if it seems to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which of the given conclusions, if any, follows from the given statement.
Statement: Meena's boss scolded her in front of everyone in the meeting.
Conclusion I : Meena's boss does not like her.
Conclusion II : Meena was not very popular among her colleagues.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) Neither I nor II follows

Answer: (d)

18. Complete the following number series:
30, 41, 54, 69, 86, _____.

(a) 98

(b) 104

(c) 102

(d) 105

Answer: (d)

19. Select the option that is related to the third term on the same basis as the second term is related to the first term.
8 : 56 :: 12 : ?

(a) 132

(b) 144

(c) 156

(d) 120

Answer: (a)

20. Find the missing number in the following series:
190, 201, 179, 212, _____, 223

(a) 172

(b) 218

(c) 168

(d) 156

Answer: (c)

Mental Ability2

21. If 124@26 = 30, 98@87 =37, 62@33 = 19, then 86@54 =?

(a) 32

(b) 28

(c) 46

(d) 54

Answer: (b)

22. Which two signs should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?
1008 ÷ 21 + 8 × 19 – 26 = 377

(a) ÷ and ×

(b) ÷ and -

(c) + and ×

(d) + and -

Answer: (c)

23. The H.C.F. of two numbers is 29 and the other two factors of their L.C.M. are 12 and 11. What is the larger of the two numbers?

(a) 348

(b) 319

(c) 121

(d) 667

Answer: (a)

24. Find the wrong term in the following number series:
17, 30, 56, 94, 147

(a) 30
(b) 56
(c) 94
(d) 147

Answer: (c)

29. Kashish is standing 80 m away the south-west direction of Lalit. If Manisha is standing 80 m away the south-east direction of Lalit, then Manisha is in which direction of Kashish?

(a) East
(b) West
(c) North
(d) South

Answer: (a)

30. Shubham drives 25 km towards North and then he turns left and drives 45 km. Then, he turns left and drives 25 km. Then, he drives 25 km after turning to the left. Where he is now with respect to his starting position?

(a) 20 km east
(b) 15 km east
(c) 15 km west
(d) 20 km west

Answer: (d)

31. Anand started from his school towards we r walking 50 m, he turned to the right and walked 20 m. Then, he turned to the right and walked 30 m. Then, he turned right at 135 degrees and has walked 60 m. In which direction Anand is going?

(a) South-East
(b) South-West
(c) North-East
(d) North-West

Answer: (b)

32. Amrish runs 150 metres towards East and turns to right and runs 100 metres. Then, he turns to right and runs 90 metres, and again turns to left to run 50 metres. Then, he takes a left turn and runs 120 metres and then turns to left and runs 60 metres. What direction is Amrish facing now?

(a) East
(b) West
(c) North
(d) South

Answer: (c)

General Awareness1

41. The Mewar festival is celebrated to mark the arrival of the _____ season.

(a) autumn
(b) summer
(c) spring
(d) winter

Answer: (c)

42. Which among the following is a folk singing style involving narration of tales from the ancient Indian epic Mahabharata?

(a) Baul
(b) Pandavani
(c) Wanawan
(d) Alha

Answer: (b)

43. The Gambhira dance form is associated with which of the following states?

(a) Tamil Nadu
(b) Kerala
(c) Madhya Pradesh
(d) West Bengal

Answer: (d)

44. The Golghar monument built by British Govern[illegible]t is located in which of the following states?

(a) Bihar
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Gujarat
(d) Karnataka

Answer: (a)

45. Which among the following taxes is levied either by the state or central governments on roads and bridges?

(a) Sales Tax
(b) Service Tax
(c) Toll Tax
(d) Value Added Tax

Answer: (c)

46. _____ is a sustained decrease in the general price level in an economy.

(a) Deflation
(b) Disinflation
(c) Inflation
(d) Hyperinflation

Answer: (a)

47. Which among the following banks was the first bank to introduce saving account in India?

(a) Canara Bank
(b) Presidency Bank
(c) Bank of India
(d) State Bank of India

Answer: (b)

48. As announced by India's Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Budget 2021, _____ Textile Parks will be established over 3 years under the scheme of MITRA.

(a) 5
(b) 2
(c) 10
(d) 7

Answer: (d)

49. Which of the following is a characteristic of Monopsony?

(a) Single seller and many buyers
(b) Many sellers and many buyers
(c) Many sellers and single buyer
(d) Single seller and single buyer

Answer: (c)

50. The energy that an object possesses because of motion, is known as _____ energy.

(a) electrical
(b) chemical
(c) kinetic
(d) potential

Answer: (c)

51. The neutral value of pH scale is _____.

(a) 6
(b) 7
(c) 8
(d) 10

Answer: (b)

52. Aurelia is an example of which of the following phyla?

(a) Cnidaria
(b) Ctenophora
(c) Platyhelminthes
(d) Aschelminthes

Answer: (a)

53. When was the Kyoto Protocol adopted?

(a) 1976
(b) 1989
(c) 1982
(d) 1997

Answer: (d)

54. The Strait of Malacca joins the Indian Ocean and the _____ Ocean.

(a) Southern
(b) Arctic
(c) Pacific
(d) Atlantic

Answer: (c)

55. The Kadra Dam of Karnataka is built across which of the following rivers?

(a) Krishna
(b) Kali
(c) Kaveri
(d) Periyar

Answer: (b)

56. Which among the following mountain ranges is th ngest continental mountain range in the world?

(a) Andes
(b) Rockies
(c) Himalayas
(d) Western Ghats

Answer: (a)

57. The Indravati river is a tributary of which of the following rivers?

(a) Ravi
(b) Krishna
(c) Chenab
(d) Godavari

Answer: (d)

58. Which among the following soils is formed due to leaching by heavy rains and destruction of humus by bacteria?

(a) Arid
(b) Laterite
(c) Alluvial
(d) Black

Answer: (b)

59. Who among the following wrote "Akbar-Nama"?
(a) Chand Bardai
(b) Abul Fazl
(c) Gulbadan Begum
(d) Amir Khusro
Answer: (b)

60. Who among the following Mughal Emperors built Ibadat Khana at Fatehpur Sikri?
(a) Akbar
(b) Babur
(c) Humayun
(d) Jahangir
Answer: (a)

General Awareness2

61. Who among the following was the President of the Banaras session of the Indian National Congress in 1905?
(a) Surendranath Banerjee
(b) Dadabhai Naoroji
(c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
(d) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
Answer: (d)

62. Akbar issued the “Degree of Infallibility ___.
(a) 1596
(b) 1612
(c) 1579
(d) 1552
Answer: (c)

63. Which among the following is also known as "Old Stone Age"?
(a) Chalcolithic Age
(b) Neolithic Age
(c) Mesolithic Age
(d) Paleolithic Age
Answer: (d)

64. Who among the following Mughal Emperors abolished Jizya Tax?
(a) Babur
(b) Akbar
(c) Jahangir
(d) Shah Jahan
Answer: (b)

65. Geetika Jakhar won the Arjuna Award in 2006 for _____.

(a) swimming
(b) wrestling
(c) tennis
(d) football

Answer: (b)

66. Who among the following is the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand as of March 2021?

(a) Naveen Patnaik
(b) Yogi Aditya Nath
(c) Tirath Singh Rawat
(d) Biplab Kumar Deb

Answer: (c)

67. Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance' is the autobiography of which of the following famous personalities?

(a) Barack Obama
(b) Charles Darwin
(c) Benjamin Franklin
(d) Annie Besant

Answer: (a)

68. Who among the following is the Minister of Corp te Affairs in India as of March 2021?

(a) Ram Vilas Paswan
(b) Nirmala Sitharaman
(c) Rajnath Singh
(d) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Answer: (b)

69. The Inheritance of Loss' is written by which of the following authors?

(a) Arundhati Roy
(b) Amitav Ghosh
(c) Jhumpa Lahiri
(d) Kiran Desai

Answer: (d)

70. Sudarshan Sahoo from Odisha, received the Padma Vibhushan in 2021 for his contribution in the field of _____.

(a) Medicine
(b) Art
(c) Archaeology
(d) Public Affairs

Answer: (b)

71. The concept of 'Procedure for Amendment of the Constitution' in the Indian Constitution has been borrowed from the constitution of which of the following countries?

(a) Japan
(b) Australia
(c) South Africa
(d) United States of America

Answer: (c)

72. Which among the following Schedules in the Indian Constitution deals with the validation of certain acts and regulations?

(a) Eighth
(b) Ninth
(c) Tenth
(d) Seventh

Answer: (b)

73. Which among the following Constitutional Amendments led to the formation of the state of Nagaland?

(a) 13th
(b) 8th
(c) 15th
(d) 17th

Answer: (a)

74. The 83rd Constitutional Amendment ex nted _____ from reservation for Scheduled Castes in Panchayati Raj institutions.

(a) Tamil Nadu
(b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Madhya Pradesh
(d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: (b)

75. Which among the following languages was added in the Eighth Schedule by 92nd Constitutional Amendment?

(a) Konkani
(b) Manipuri
(c) Sindhi
(d) Bodo

Answer: (d)

76. Which among the following cricket stadiums is not located in New Zealand?

(a) Hagley Oval
(b) Warren Park
(c) Saxton Oval
(d) Seddon Park

Answer: (b)

77. Who among the following become the first Indian woman cricketer to score 10,000 international runs across all formats in March 2021?

(a) Sushma Verma
(b) Harmanpreet Kaur
(c) Mithali Raj
(d) Smriti Mandhana

Answer: (c)

78. Who among the following is the first Indian to win the All England Badminton Championship?

(a) Saina Nehwal
(b) Srikanth Kidambi
(c) Pusarla Venkata Sindhu
(d) Prakash Padukone

Answer: (d)

79. Which among the following teams has won the Ir n Premier League (IPL) most number of times as of February 2021?

(a) Chennai Super Kings
(b) Mumbai Indians
(c) Kolkata Knight Riders
(d) Rajasthan Royals

Answer: (b)

80. Who among the following was the first Indian recipient of the Wisden Leading Cricketer in the World?

(a) Anil Kumble
(b) Sachin Tendulkar
(c) Virender Sehwag
(d) Rahul Dravid

Answer: (c)

Arithmetic Ability1

81. What is the fractional form of 0.4?

(a) 2/5
(b) 4/5
(c) 1/5
(d) 2/10

Answer: (a)

82. (7/5)×30 + x = 46. What is the value of x?

(a) 5
(b) 4
(c) 12
(d) 6

Answer: (b)

83. What is the least 4-digit number that is exactly divisible by 3, 7 and 10?

(a) 2800
(b) 2100
(c) 1050
(d) 1200

Answer: (c)

84. There are two numbers in the ratio 4 : 9. If the LCM of the two numbers is 180, what is the sum of the two numbers?

(a) 45
(b) 60
(c) 55
(d) 65

Answer: (d)

85. What is the least number that must be added to 2540 so that the sum is divisible exactly by 10, 12, 16 and 18?

(a) 120
(b) 340
(c) 720
(d) 360

Answer: (b)

86. A and B work in a company where A gets a day off after every 6 days and B gets a day off after every 5 days. If they both get a day off on a particular day together, then after how many days will they both have a day off on the same day?

(a) 24
(b) 18
(c) 60
(d) 30

Answer: (d)

87. In a class of nine students, the average weight of five boys is 45 kg and of four girls is 36 kg. What is the average weight of the entire class?

(a) 42.6 kg
(b) 43 kg
(c) 41 kg
(d) 42 kg

Answer: (c)

88. The average temperature of Hyderabad for the months of June and July is 36°C. If in the month of August, the average temperature is 40°C, then what will be the average temperature (in °C) of the three months taken together?

(a) 36
(b) 37.33
(c) 38
(d) 35

Answer: (b)

89. A trader made a profit of 30 percent on selling his wares at a certain price. What would be his profit percentage if he had sold at 10 percent discount?

(a) 17 percent
(b) 16 percent
(c) 18 percent
(d) 15 percent

Answer: (a)

90. Neal cut a cake into five equal pieces and gave two pieces away. What percent of the cake remains with him?

(a) 40 percent
(b) 60 percent
(c) 45 percent
(d) 65 percent

Answer: (b)

91. The distance from city A to B is 120 km. Rina started from A to reach B at the speed of 45 kmph. What percent of the journey will she complete in 20 minutes?

(a) 20
(b) 18
(c) 12.5
(d) 25

Answer: (c)

92. Fresh prunes contain 30 percent water and dried prunes contain 5 percent water. How much dried prunes can be obtained from 5 kg of fresh prunes approximately?

(a) 4.16 kg
(b) 3.5 kg
(c) 3.84 kg
(d) 3.68 kg

Answer: (d)

93. Samir sold his watch which he purchased for Rs. 5000 at Rs. 4500. What is his loss?

(a) Rs. 50
(b) Rs. 500
(c) Rs. 1000
(d) Rs. 1200

Answer: (b)

94. Ananya sold her bike at 5 percent loss at Rs 4750. What was the cost price of the bike?

(a) Rs. 4000
(b) Rs. 5500
(c) Rs. 4500
(d) Rs. 5000

Answer: (d)

95. An item was to be sold at twice its cost price. Bu e shopkeeper offered a certain discount and still made a profit of 50 percent. What was the perc age of discount that was offered?

(a) 20 percent
(b) 75 percent
(c) 25 percent
(d) 50 percent

Answer: (c)

96. Mayank mixed two types of rice of prices Rs. 5 per kg and Rs. 6 per kg in the ratio 3 : 5 and sold the mixture at Rs. 6.75 per kg. What is the percentage of profit?

(a) 12
(b) 20
(c) 22
(d) 22.5

Answer: (b)

97. A is 50 percent faster than B. What is the ratio of speed of B and A?

(a) 2 : 3
(b) 1 : 3
(c) 3 : 2
(d) 2 : 5

Answer: (a)

98. Liquids A and B are mixed in the ratio 1 : 2 to form a mixture. If 2 litres of liquid A and 3 litres of B are added to the mixture the ratio changes to 6 : 11. What was the initial quantity of liquid A in litres?

(a) 8

(b) 6

(c) 3

(d) 4

Answer: (d)

99. Samina decided to make pancakes on a Sunday and for that she needed egg, flour and pure milk in the ratio 1 : 4 : 2. She can make 10 pancakes from 500 grams of the batter. How much of flour will be required to make 50 pancakes approximately?

(a) 1.43 kg

(b) 1.6 kg

(c) 2 kg

(d) 4 kg

Answer: (a)

100. Nilesh invested Rs. 5000 at 5 percent simple interest and Rs. 4500 at 8 percent simple interest per annum. What was the total interest earned by him at the end of two years?

(a) Rs. 1450

(b) Rs.1500

(c) Rs. 1220

(d) Rs. 1250

Answer: (c)

Arithmetic Ability2

101. A sum of Rs. 7500 was borrowed at x percent p.a. compound interest for 2 years. If the interest after two years was equal to 25.44 percent of the principal amount, then what is the value of x?

(a) 15

(b) 12

(c) 11

(d) 19

Answer: (b)

102. A sum was borrowed at 10 percent p.a. simple interest. If the rate of interest was reduced by one-fourth, then the interest payable after 3 years would reduce by Rs. 937.5, then what was the sum borrowed?

(a) Rs. 12570

(b) Rs. 25000

(c) Rs. 1250

(d) Rs. 12500

Answer: (d)

103. A train was travelling at 80 percent of its normal speed and reached its destination which is 240 km away in 5 hours instead of 4 hours. What is the normal speed of the train?

(a) 60 kmph

(b) 72 kmph

(c) 64 kmph

(d) 58 kmph

Answer: (a)

104. A train travelling at 54 kmph passes a pole in 9 seconds. If the train increases its speed by 6 kmph how long would it take to overtake another train 120 m long running at the speed of 45 kmph?

(a) 32.4 s

(b) 61.2 s

(c) 65 s

(d) 60 s

Answer: (b)

105. There are two athletes Sam and Kyle running around a track of radius 49 m. Sam is running at the speed of 44 m per minute. What is the speed of Kyle if they meet at the starting point for the first time after 77 minutes?

(a) 35m per min

(b) 25 m per min

(c) 28 m per min

(d) 30 m per min

Answer: (c)

106. Mustafa and Samir can complete a work [illegible] and 36 days respectively. If they start working together, then on which day will the work be completed?

(a) 12th

(b) 14th

(c) 15th

(d) 16th

Answer: (c)

107. A takes 12 days to complete a work alone. But working together with B, they completed the work in 8 days. What is the ratio of efficiency of A and B?

(a) 2 : 3

(b) 2 : 1

(c) 1 : 2

(d) 3 : 2

Answer: (b)

108. Seema can do 50 percent of a work in 9 days. If she is assisted by Ratan at every fourth day, then in how many days will the work be completed?
Given that Ratan is one-fifth as efficient as Seema.

(a) 16

(b) 12

(c) 18

(d) 14

Answer: (c)

109. 32 women can do a work in 75 days and the same work can be done by 40 men in 60 days. They all started working together and if after 5 days 20 women and 10 men left, then how many additional days approximately will be required to complete the work?

(a) 18

(b) 20

(c) 15

(d) 24

Answer: (b)

110. A cylinder has height 10 cm and radius 2 cm. If its height is reduced by 2 cm, then what will be the approximate change in its volume?

(a) 25.14 cu cm

(b) 24 cu cm

(c) 36 cu cm

(d) 26.8 cu cm

Answer: (a)

111. A cone of height 4 cm and radius 3 cm is mounted on top of a hemisphere such that their bases exactly coincide. What is the approximate surface area of the resulting solid?

(a) 72 sq cm

(b) 75.43 sq cm

(c) 76 sq cm

(d) 103.71 sq cm

Answer: (d)

112. A hemisphere of radius 7 cm is stuck on each of the 6 sides of a cube whose length is equal to the diameter of the hemisphere. What is the total surface area of the resulting solid?

(a) 1176 sq cm

(b) 1500 sq cm

(c) 2100 sq cm

(d) 2000 sq cm

Answer: (c)

113. The dimensions of a cuboid are 10 cm × 12 cm × 15 cm. If the length, breadth and height are reduced by 10 percent each, then what is the percentage reduction in volume?

(a) 8.1

(b) 30

(c) 29

(d) 27.1

Answer: (d)

General English1

121. The sentence below has been divided into three parts. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the option 'No Error'.

(a) Virat Kohli is considered

(b) as the best batsman

(c) between all the three formats of the game.

(d) No Error

Answer: (c)

122. The sentence below has been divided into three parts. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the option 'No Error'.

(a) As good as a carnival it was, it was

(b) nothing compared to the annual Canadian

(c) carnival held every year on March.

(d) No error

Answer: (c)

123. The sentence below has been divided into three parts. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the option 'No Error'.

(a) The powerful campaign led by the opposition

(b) drew massive influx of supporters for their cause and things

(c) went awry for the government.

(d) No error

Answer: (b)

124. The sentence below has been divided into three parts. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the option 'No Error'.

(a) A part of the curriculum had been changed

(b) earlier this week as the education ministry found

(c) certain subjects non benefiting.

(d) No error

Answer: (c)

125. The sentence below has been divided into three parts. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the option 'No Error'.

(a) Following the dreaded lunch

(b) he decided to never

(c) see her again.

(d) No error

Answer: (a)

126. Select the word segment that substitutes (replaces) the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully. Select the option 'no correction required' if the sentence is correct as given.
The sheer audacity of this album, (it's unabashed confidence and sense of drama) is jaw dropping.

(a) its unabashed confidence and sense of drama

(b) its' unabashed confidence and sense in drama

(c) it's unabashed confidence and sense in drama

(d) No corrections required

Answer: (a)

127. Select the word segment that substitutes (replaces) the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully. Select the option 'no correction required' if the sentence is correct as given.
It was a collaborative effort of many which (led to a successful and hardly earned endeavour).

(a) leading to a successful and hard-earned endeavour.

(b) lead to a successful and hard-earned endeavour.

(c) led to the success of this hard-earned endeavour.

(d) No corrections required

Answer: (c)

128. Select the word segment that substitutes (replaces) the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully. Select the option 'no correction required' if the sentence is correct as given.
(A congruence in class deprivation) and gender discrimination can blight the lives of poor women very severely.

(a) A congruence of class deprivation

(b) A congruence at class deprivation

(c) A congruence on class deprivation

(d) No corrections required

Answer: (a)

129. Select the word segment that substitutes (replaces) the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully. Select the option 'no correction required' if the sentence is correct as given.
(Not withstanding the abuses she dealt) with as a child, she turned out to be a great mother.

(a) Notwithstanding the abuses she dealt
(b) Withstanding the abuses she dealt
(c) With standing the abuses she dealt
(d) No corrections required

Answer: (a)

130. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
Many individuals who want to remove a few _____ hairs choose tweezers for the job.

(a) errant
(b) arrant
(c) errand
(d) err

Answer: (a)

131. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
I was most _____ when that rude man cut me in the line for my morning coffee.

(a) indinavir
(b) indigent
(c) indignant
(d) indigenous

Answer: (c)

132. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
It is paramount to _____ an appropriate response from the world leaders on the antinuclear policy in the upcoming U.N. summit.

(a) elicit
(b) explicit
(c) illicit
(d) tacit

Answer: (a)

133. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
He has _____ outbursts on little things when he is hungry.

(a) preonic
(b) histrionic
(c) conic
(d) thionic

Answer: (b)

134. The question below consist of a set of labelled sentences. Out of four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences which form a paragraph.
Paradox of thrift was popularized by the renowned economist John Maynard Keynes.
P. Keynes further said that such a mass increase in savings eventually hurts the economy as a whole.
Q. Such a situation is harmful for everybody as investments give lower returns than normal.
R. It states that individuals try to save more during an economic recession, which essentially leads to a fall in aggregate demand and hence in economic growth.
S. This theory was heavily criticized by non-Keynesian economists on the ground that an increase in savings allows banks to lend more.
This will make interest rates go down and lead to an increase in lending and, therefore, spending.

(a) RQSP

(b) RPSQ

(c) RSQP

(d) RQPS

Answer: (d)

135. Some parts of a sentence have been jumbled up, and labelled P, Q, R and S. Select the option that gives the correct sequence in which these parts can be rearranged to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.
Only if the parameters matched
P. and under strict guidance,
Q. to enter into the enemy airspace
R. were the pilots allowed
S. and engage in
aerial combat.

(a) PSRQ

(b) PSQR

(c) PQRS

(d) PRQS

Answer: (d)

136. Some parts of a sentence have been jumbled up, and labelled P, Q, R and S. Select the option that gives the correct sequence in which these parts can be rearranged to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.
Pine nuts can rapidly become
P. and always check
Q. rancid due to their high
R. only small amounts
S. oil content, so buy
the use-by date.

(a) QRPS

(b) QSPR

(c) QPRS

(d) QSRP

Answer: (d)

137. The question below consist of a set of labelled sentences. Out of four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences which form a paragraph.
The term “free market” is sometimes used as a synonym for laissez-faire capitalism.
P. Based on its political and legal rules, a country's free market economy may vary.
Q. It is a summary description of all voluntary exchanges that take place in a given economic environment.
R. The free market is an economic system based on supply and demand with little or no government control.
S. Free markets are characterized by a spontaneous and decentralized order of arrangements through which individuals make economic decisions.
The range may vary between very large or entirely black market.

(a) RQSP
(b) RPQS
(c) RQPS
(d) RSPQ

Answer: (a)

138. Select the word that is closest in meaning (SYNONYM) to the word given below Desecrate

(a) Sanctify
(b) Electoral
(c) Volatile
(d) Violate

Answer: (d)

139. Select the word that is opposite in meaning (A ONYM) to the word given below Reprobate

(a) Degenerate
(b) Condemn
(c) Virtuous
(d) Hardened

Answer: (c)

140. Select the word that is closest in meaning (SYNONYM) to the word given below Saturnine

(a) Jovial
(b) Affable
(c) Glum
(d) Convivial

Answer: (c)

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141. Select the word that is opposite in meaning (ANTONYM) to the word given below Quisling

(a) Arbitrary
(b) Patriot
(c) Renegade
(d) Defector

Answer: (b)

142. Select the word that is closest in meaning (SYNONYM) to the word given below Malapropism

(a) Felicity

(b) Suitability

(c) Solecism

(d) Eloquence

Answer: (c)

143. Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word.

(a) Verteberate

(b) Verteberete

(c) Vertebrate

(d) Vertebreat

Answer: (c)

144. Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word.

(a) Itinerant

(b) Itnerant

(c) Iteneant

(d) Itenerant

Answer: (a)

145. Four words are given, out of which only one w is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word.

(a) Interdicition

(b) Interdiction

(c) Intrediction

(d) Interidiction

Answer: (b)

146. Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word.

(a) Inemitble

(b) Inimitable

(c) Inemitable

(d) Inimitble

Answer: (b)

147. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Pig in a poke.

(a) A deal that is made without first examining it.

(b) To eat a lot and eat it quickly.

(c) To shut-up or be quiet.

(d) By constantly practicing, you will become better.

Answer: (a)

148. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom On pins and needles.

(a) When you absolutely will not allow something to happen.

(b) Something that suddenly and unexpectedly occurs.

(c) When multiple people all agree on the same thing.

(d) Anxious or nervous, especially in anticipation of something.

Answer: (d)

149. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Not playing with a full deck.

(a) Someone new to the group or area.

(b) Mentally deficient

(c) To not accept a proposition.

(d) An unusually small or confined space.

Answer: (b)

150. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Make no bones about.

(a) Savings set aside for future use.

(b) Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason.

(c) Have no hesitation in stating or dealing with something, however unpleasant or awkward it is.

(d) Nonsense or meaningless speech.

Answer: (c)

151. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Know the ropes.

(a) To know one's place.

(b) To understand the details of a job or activity

(c) To have basic understanding of a ma

(d) A quick and automatic response.

Answer: (b)

152. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expression given below A person who believes that nothing is known or can be known of the existence or nature of God.

(a) Apiary

(b) Agnostic

(c) Atheist

(d) Anile

Answer: (b)

153. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expression given below Slow and clumsy because of great weight.

(a) Ponderous

(b) Decorous

(c) Sonorous

(d) Valorous

Answer: (a)

154. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expression given below Express severe disapproval of someone or something, especially in a formal statement.

(a) Centaury
(b) Censure
(c) Censor
(d) Centenary

Answer: (b)

155. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expression given below Remove matter thought to be objectionable or unsuitable from a text or account.

(a) Exult
(b) Expulsed
(c) Detach
(d) Expurgate

Answer: (d)

156. Who controlled the institution of education during the Christian Era?

(a) Clergymen
(b) Kings
(c) Prince
(d) Merchants

Answer: (a)

157. While the education was under the control of E siastics, what was primarily being taught?

(a) The religious teaching of the Bible
(b) The infallibility of a King
(c) The importance of science
(d) The advent of Industrial Revolution

Answer: (a)

158. When did the institute of education pass from clergymen to the state rulers?

(a) During the Christian Era
(b) During the Renaissance
(c) During the Industrial Revolution
(d) During advent of Christianity

Answer: (b)

160. "They taught the poor people to be meek and to earn their bread with the sweat of their brow while the priests and the landlords lived in luxury.".
Who is "they" in this context?

(a) The ecclesiastics
(b) The monarchy
(c) The merchants
(d) The nobilities

Answer: (a)

Answer key

Answer key from the Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board's official answer key for this sitting. "—" means the key gave none.

Mental Ability1

1	**(b)**	2	**(d)**	3	**(a)**	4	**(b)**	5	**(a)**	6	**(b)**
7	**(d)**	8	**(a)**	9	**(b)**	10	**(d)**	11	**(c)**	12	**(c)**
13	**(d)**	14	**(b)**	15	**(d)**	16	**(b)**	17	**(d)**	18	**(d)**
19	**(a)**	20	**(c)**								

Mental Ability2

21	**(b)**	22	**(c)**	23	**(a)**	24	**(c)**	29	**(a)**	30	**(d)**
31	**(b)**	32	**(c)**								

General Awareness1

41	**(c)**	42	**(b)**	43	**(d)**	44	**(a)**	45	**(c)**	46	**(a)**
47	**(b)**	48	**(d)**	49	**(c)**	50	**(c)**	51	**(b)**	52	**(a)**
53	**(d)**	54	**(c)**	55	**(b)**	56	**(a)**	57	**(d)**	58	**(b)**
59	**(b)**	60	**(a)**								

General Awareness2

61	**(d)**	62	**(c)**	63	**(d)**	64	**(b)**	65	**(b)**	66	**(c)**
67	**(a)**	68	**(b)**	69	**(d)**	70	**(b)**	71	**(c)**	72	**(b)**
73	**(a)**	74	**(b)**	75	**(d)**	76	**(b)**	77	**(c)**	78	**(d)**
79	**(b)**	80	**(c)**								

Arithmetic Ability1

81	**(a)**	82	**(b)**	83	**(c)**	84	**(b)**	85	**(b)**	86	**(d)**
87	**(c)**	88	**(b)**	89	**(a)**	90	**(b)**	91	**(c)**	92	**(d)**
93	**(b)**	94	**(d)**	95	**(c)**	96	**(b)**	97	**(a)**	98	**(d)**
99	**(a)**	100	**(c)**								

Arithmetic Ability2

101	**(b)**	102	**(d)**	103	**(a)**	104	**(b)**	105	**(c)**	106	**(c)**
107	**(b)**	108	**(c)**	109	**(b)**	110	**(a)**	111	**(d)**	112	**(c)**
113	**(d)**										

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121	**(c)**	122	**(c)**	123	**(b)**	124	**(c)**	125	**(a)**	126	**(a)**
127	**(c)**	128	**(a)**	129	**(a)**	130	**(a)**	131	**(c)**	132	**(a)**
133	**(b)**	134	**(d)**	135	**(d)**	136	**(d)**	137	**(a)**	138	**(d)**
139	**(c)**	140	**(c)**								

General English2

141	**(b)**	142	**(c)**	143	**(c)**	144	**(a)**	145	**(b)**	146	**(b)**
147	**(a)**	148	**(d)**	149	**(b)**	150	**(c)**	151	**(b)**	152	**(b)**
153	**(a)**	154	**(b)**	155	**(d)**	156	**(a)**	157	**(a)**	158	**(b)**
160	**(a)**										