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DSSSB Junior Stenographer 2021 — 23 April 2021, Shift 2

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Mental Ability1

1. Complete the following letter series:
GI, LN, QS, VX, _____.

(a) CE
(b) BD
(c) ZB
(d) AC

Answer: (d)

2. Find the missing term in the following series :
3K12, 5O20, 7S28, _____, 11A44

(a) 8W32
(b) 9W36
(c) 8V32
(d) 9V36

Answer: (b)

3. Find the missing term in the following series: zz_zy_ _ zzz_z

(a) yyyz
(b) zyyy
(c) zzzy
(d) zzyy

Answer: (c)

4. Arrange the given words in the sequence in which they occur in the dictionary.
1. PADDLER
2. PACKING
3. PACIFIC
4. PACKAGE
5. PACKETS

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

Answer: (a)

5. Which option pair shares the same relationship between its words as that shared by the words in the below pair?
MF : PC :: ?

(a) KS : PT
(b) LT : OQ
(c) MH : PL
(d) PF : RD

Answer: (b)

6. Select the option that is related to the third term on the same basis as the second term is related to the first term.
Fabric : Yarn :: Rubber : ?

(a) Boots
(b) Pencil
(c) Latex
(d) Tyre

Answer: (c)

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.
MPZ : GJT :: HNU : ?

(a) BHO
(b) CDE
(c) AJM
(d) DJQ

Answer: (a)

8. If BUN = 18, MICE = 32, then what is the code for DEMON?

(a) 50
(b) 25
(c) 30
(d) 35

Answer: (a)

9. If TASTE = 30, LAME = 20, then what is the code for FIGURE?

(a) 36
(b) 42
(c) 48
(d) 24

Answer: (b)

10. If PEACE is coded as MHXFB, then what is the code for TOWER?

(a) RTUIP
(b) PQRIM
(c) SUVJQ
(d) QRTHO

Answer: (d)

11. In a certain code lanaguage, mo co fo means Ram is smart, fo zo jo means Shyam is late, mo lo zo means Ram and Shyam, what is the code for 'smart'?

(a) mo
(b) co
(c) fo
(d) zo

Answer: (b)

12. How is my mother's brother's mother's only son- aw's father's wife's daughter's only brother is related to me?

(a) Father
(b) Brother
(c) Brother-in-law
(d) Grandfather

Answer: (a)

13. Arrange the following in a logical sequence:
1. Elephant
2. Ant
3. Lizard
4. Fox
5. Cat

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

Answer: (c)

14. Akash, Binita, Chandan, Daksh, Ekta & Fatima are standing in a circle. Binita is between Daksh & Chandan. Akash is between Ekta & Chandan.
Fatima is at the right of Daksh. Who is between Akash & Fatima?

(a) Binita

(b) Daksh

(c) Chandan

(d) Ekta

Answer: (d)

15. In the question, a question statement is given, followed by two statements, 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 statement, if any, is sufficient to answer the question statement.
Question statement : The average income of Leena, Meena and Kishore is Rs 45,000. What is the income of Leena?
Statement 1 : Leena earns twice as much as Meena.
Statement 2 : Meena and Kishore earn the same amount.

(a) Only Statement I is sufficient

(b) Only Statement II is sufficient

(c) Both I and II have to be taken together to be sufficient

(d) Neither I not II is sufficient

Answer: (c)

16. In the question two statements are given, followe y two conclusions, I and II. You have to consider the statements to be true even if it seems e at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which of the given con ion any, follows from the given statements.
Statement 1 : All dates are watermelon.
Statement 2 : Some dates are figs.
Conclusion I : Some watermelon are figs.
Conclusion II : No figs are watermelon.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Both I and II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

Answer: (a)

17. In the question one statement is given, followed by two course of actions, 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 course of actions, if any, follows from the given statement.
Statement: A large number of people in area A of the city are diagnosed with COVID-19.
Course of Actions:
I : The city municipal authority should take immediate steps to carry out extensive testing of people in area A.
II : The people in the area should be advised to take necessary precautionary steps to avoid COVID-19.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Only II follows

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) Neither I nor II follows

Answer: (c)

18. If 2x - 8 > 4y - 2, then which of the following identities are true?

(a) x - 2y < 3

(b) 2y - x < 3

(c) x - 2y > 6

(d) x - 2y > 3

Answer: (d)

19. If 29@12 = 34, 57@38 = 38, 45@29 = 32, then 67 9 = ?

(a) 36

(b) 18

(c) 52

(d) 9

Answer: (a)

20. Select the option that is related to the third term on the same basis as the second term is related to the first term.
16 : 288 :: 23 : ?

(a) 483

(b) 575

(c) 552

(d) 506

Answer: (b)

Mental Ability2

21. Complete the following number series:
98, 99, 108, 133, 182, _____

(a) 263

(b) 225

(c) 228

(d) 252

Answer: (a)

22. Find the wrong term in the following number series:
128, 130, 134, 142, 156, 190

(a) 134

(b) 142

(c) 156

(d) 190

Answer: (c)

23. Which two numbers should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?
672 ÷ 7 × 8 + 38 – 29 = 597

(a) 7, 38

(b) 8, 38

(c) 38, 29

(d) 7, 8

Answer: (d)

24. What is the error percentage if a numb[illegible]which[illegible]as supposed to be divided by 3/5 was multiplied by 3/5 instead?

(a) 56 percent

(b) 64 percent

(c) 72 percent

(d) 48 percent

Answer: (b)

29. Ashish starts to walk 2 km towards south, turns left and walks 2 km. Then he turns left again and walks 2 km. He is facing which of the following directions?

(a) East

(b) West

(c) North

(d) South-West

Answer: (c)

30. Krish walked 250m towards south. Then he turned left and walked 200 m. He then turned left and walked 250 and then turned right and walked 150 m. Where is he standing right now with respect to his starting point?

(a) 350 m east
(b) 450 m west
(c) 350 m west
(d) 450 m east

Answer: (a)

31. Nitin walks 0.2 km towards north. Then he turns right and walks 0.3 km. Then he turns right and walks 0.35 km. Then he turns left and walks 0.15 km. Finally he turns left and walks 0.15 km. Where is he standing now with respect to his initial position?

(a) 0.45 km west
(b) 0.45 km east
(c) 0.30 km west
(d) 0.30 km east

Answer: (b)

32. Paras and Shyam start walking from the same point. Paras walks 80 m north, then turns west and walks 60 m, then turns to his right and walks 40 m. Shyam walks 40 m west, then turns north and walks 120 m, then turns to his right and walks 90 m. Where is Shyam with respect to Paras now?

(a) 120 m west
(b) 110 m west
(c) 120 m east
(d) 110 m east

Answer: (d)

General Awareness1

41. The Kanheri Caves, built by Buddhists, are located in which of the following states?

(a) Rajasthan
(b) Odisha
(c) Maharashtra
(d) Delhi

Answer: (c)

42. Which among the following dance forms of Madhya Pradesh is also known as "Harvest Dance"?

(a) Bhagoria
(b) Jawara
(c) Tertali
(d) Matki

Answer: (b)

43. Which among the following folk music evolved among the Goan Catholics of Goa?
    (a) Mando
    (b) Maand
    (c) Powada
    (d) Bhavageete
    Answer: (a)

44. Who among the following built the Vijaya Stambha of Rajasthan?
    (a) Surajmal Singh
    (b) Pratap Singh
    (c) Sawai Jai Singh
    (d) Maharana Kumbha
    Answer: (d)

45. Complementary goods have a _____ cross price elasticity.
    (a) infinite
    (b) zero
    (c) negative
    (d) positive
    Answer: (c)

46. Which among the following banks was inaugurate y Mahatma Gandhi in 1919?
    (a) Union Bank of India
    (b) Punjab National Bank
    (c) State Bank of India
    (d) Central Bank of India
    Answer: (a)

47. The Goods and Services Tax was introduced in _____ in India.
    (a) 2016
    (b) 2017
    (c) 2018
    (d) 2019
    Answer: (b)

48. As per the Economic Survey 2020-21, India's real GDP growth is estimated to contract by _____ in financial year 2020-2021.
    (a) 9 percent
    (b) 4.5 percent
    (c) 11 percent
    (d) 7.7 percent
    Answer: (d)

49. Which of the following components is not taken into account while calculating national income by expenditure method?

(a) Government expenditure
(b) Purchase of shares and bonds
(c) Household consumption
(d) Investment expenditure

Answer: (b)

50. What is the SI unit of energy?

(a) Newton
(b) Joule
(c) Ampere
(d) Mole

Answer: (b)

51. Which among the following national parks is not located in West Bengal?

(a) Buxa Tiger Reserve
(b) Gorumara National Park
(c) Jaldapara National Park
(d) Kanha National Park

Answer: (d)

52. The members of chlorophyceae are commonly c d which of the following algaes?

(a) red
(b) blue
(c) green
(d) brown

Answer: (c)

53. Which among the following phyla is also known as sea walnuts?

(a) Platyhelminthes
(b) Ctenophora
(c) Porifera
(d) Coelenterata

Answer: (b)

54. Which among the following is an example of kharif crop?

(a) Maize
(b) Wheat
(c) Watermelon
(d) Almond

Answer: (a)

55. Which among the following states is also known as "Orchid State of India"?
    (a) Tamil Nadu
    (b) Madhya Pradesh
    (c) Arunachal Pradesh
    (d) Andhra Pradesh
    Answer: (c)

56. Which among the following soils is also known as 'Usara soils'?
    (a) Arid
    (b) Laterite
    (c) Alluvial
    (d) Saline
    Answer: (d)

57. Which among the following rivers is also known as 'Puranik River'?
    (a) Indus
    (b) Ganga
    (c) Yamuna
    (d) Brahmaputra
    Answer: (a)

58. Kalsubai is the highest peak of which of the follov g states?
    (a) Odisha
    (b) Maharashtra
    (c) West Bengal
    (d) Tamil Nadu
    Answer: (b)

59. The first session of Indian National Congress to be presided by a lady was held in _____.
    (a) 1929
    (b) 1888
    (c) 1917
    (d) 1920
    Answer: (c)

60. Which among the following vedas is concerned with warfare?
    (a) Dhanurveda
    (b) Gandharva Veda
    (c) Rigveda
    (d) Ayurveda
    Answer: (a)

General Awareness2

61. Captain Hawkins and Sir Thomas Roe visited the court of _____.
    (a) Humayun
    (b) Jahangir
    (c) Shah Jahan
    (d) Aurangzeb
    Answer: (b)

62. When was the Second battle of Tarain fought?
    (a) 1218
    (b) 1156
    (c) 1210
    (d) 1192
    Answer: (d)

63. Who among the following was known as "The Political Guru of Mahatma Gandhi"?
    (a) Dadabhai Naoroji
    (b) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
    (c) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
    (d) Jawaharlal Nehru
    Answer: (c)

64. Who among the following was often called as "t irst empire builder of Indian history"?
    (a) Mahapadma
    (b) Dhana Nanda
    (c) Chandragupta Maurya
    (d) Ashoka
    Answer: (a)

65. Who among the following wrote the Bengali song "Vande Mataram"?
    (a) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
    (b) Rabindranath Tagore
    (c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
    (d) Subhas Chandra Bose
    Answer: (a)

66. Who among the following is the Chief Minister of Rajasthan as of March 2021?
    (a) Biplab Kumar Deb
    (b) Ashok Gehlot
    (c) Trivendra Singh Rawat
    (d) Naveen Patnaik
    Answer: (b)

67. Who among the following is the author of 'To Kill a Mockingbird'?

(a) Arthur Conan Doyle
(b) Agatha Christie
(c) Harper Lee
(d) Ernest Hemingway

Answer: (c)

68. The Pritzker Prize is awarded for the achievement in the field of _____.

(a) mathematics
(b) literature
(c) music
(d) architecture

Answer: (d)

69. Who among the following won the Oscars 2020 for "Actress in a Supporting Role"?

(a) Laura Dern
(b) Kathy Bates
(c) Scarlett Johansson
(d) Margot Robbie

Answer: (a)

70. Which among the following books is not written by Rudyard Kipling?

(a) The Jungle Book
(b) In Black and White
(c) Under the Deodars
(d) Midnight's Children

Answer: (d)

71. The concept of 'Judicial Review' in the Indian Constitution has been borrowed from the constitution of which of the following countries?

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

Answer: (c)

72. The 91st Constitutional Amendment restricted the size of council of ministers to _____ of legislative members.

(a) 15 percent
(b) 10 percent
(c) 20 percent
(d) 18 percent

Answer: (a)

73. Who among the following is recognised as the "Father of the Constitution of India"?

(a) Rajendra Prasad

(b) Jawaharlal Nehru

(c) B. R. Ambedkar

(d) Sachchidananda Sinha

Answer: (c)

74. The 48th Constitutional Amendment facilitated the extension of President's rule in _____ beyond one year without meeting the two special conditions for such extension.

(a) Assam

(b) Punjab

(c) Sikkim

(d) Mizoram

Answer: (b)

75. Which among the following Constitutional Amendments included the Tamil Nadu Reservation Act of 1994 in the 9th Schedule to protect it from judicial review?

(a) 72nd

(b) 65th

(c) 76 t h

(d) 89th

Answer: (c)

76. The All-India Football Federation has announce at _____ will host the Indian Women's League (IWL) 2020-2021.

(a) West Bengal

(b) Odisha

(c) Maharashtra

(d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: (b)

77. Who among the following is the first cricket player to be awarded the Arjuna Award?

(a) Salim Durani

(b) Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi

(c) Vijay Manjrekar

(d) Chandu Borde

Answer: (a)

78. Which among the following teams won the first edition of Merdeka Tournament in 1957?

(a) Indonesia

(b) Hong Kong

(c) Singapore

(d) South Vietnam

Answer: (b)

79. Ronjan Sodhi won the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 2012 for his contribution in the field of _____.

(a) hockey
(b) wrestling
(c) tennis
(d) shooting

Answer: (d)

80. Which among the following cricket stadiums is not located in South Africa?

(a) Centurion Park
(b) Kingsmead Stadium
(c) Sophia Gardens
(d) Willowmoore Park

Answer: (c)

Arithmetic Ability1

81. Which of the following numbers will leave a remainder 1 when divided by 7, 2 and 11?

(a) 155
(b) 157
(c) 156
(d) 154

Answer: (a)

82. A number 'x' on dividing 115, 138 and 1[illegible]ve[illegible]emainder of 3, 5 and 2 respectively. What is the value of 'x'?

(a) 6
(b) 7
(c) 1
(d) 9

Answer: (b)

83. There are three numbers 116, 135 and 211. What is the largest possible number which divides them leaving the same remainder in each case?

(a) 7
(b) 6
(c) 19
(d) 11

Answer: (c)

84. Five light buttons blink at the interval of 6 s, 7 s, 8 s, 2 s, 3 s respectively. If they start blinking together, then how many times would they have blinked together in an hour?

(a) 18
(b) 24
(c) 20
(d) 22

Answer: (d)

85. The LCM of 16/25 and 5/18 is how many times its HCF?

(a) 36000
(b) 6000
(c) 44
(d) 60

Answer: (a)

86. There are two numbers whose sum is 230. If the numbers are in the ratio 3 : 7, then find the their LCM?

(a) 263
(b) 161
(c) 1449
(d) 483

Answer: (d)

87. A, B, C and D receive Rs. 100, Rs, 150, Rs, 80 an s. 70 respectively as lunch money everyday. What is the average lunch money that they ?

(a) Rs. 100
(b) Rs. 86
(c) Rs. 120
(d) Rs. 70

Answer: (a)

88. The average marks of five boys in class was 80. But later it was found that one of the boys marks which was 90 was wrongly written as 60. What is the correct average?

(a) 80
(b) 86
(c) 85
(d) 90

Answer: (b)

89. An item was sold at Rs. 722.5 after two successive discounts of 15 percent. What would be the selling price if two successive discounts of 20 percent were applied instead?

(a) Rs. 580
(b) Rs. 720
(c) Rs. 640
(d) Rs. 680

Answer: (c)

90. In a company, 25 employees were laid off in April and another 300 in the next month. If initially there were total 1000 employees, then what percent of the employees were laid off?

(a) 35
(b) 30
(c) 45
(d) 32.5

Answer: (d)

91. A father distributed Rs. 15000 among his sons A and B in the ratio 2 : 3. But B gave away 20 percent of his share to his younger sister. What is the amount that is left with B now?

(a) Rs. 7200
(b) Rs. 8000
(c) Rs. 9600
(d) Rs. 3600

Answer: (a)

92. Arun had some money with which he could buy either fifteen chocolates or five notebooks. He decided to put away 12 percent of it for himself.
What is the maximum number of notebooks that he can buy with the remaining amount?

(a) 5
(b) 4
(c) 6
(d) 3

Answer: (b)

93. Suman bought 30 kg flour at Rs. 1200. He decided to sell the flour at Rs 52 per kg. What is the percentage of profit he will earn?

(a) 25
(b) 32
(c) 28
(d) 30

Answer: (d)

94. Newton bought an old bike for Rs. 2000 and repaired it by spending Rs. 500. For how much must he sell the bike to earn a profit of 30 percent?

(a) Rs. 3250
(b) Rs. 3000
(c) Rs. 4500
(d) Rs. 4200

Answer: (a)

95. On selling two items each at Rs 1250, the trader makes an overall profit of 25 percent. If the cost price of one item was Rs. 900, what was the cost price of the other?

(a) Rs. 1000
(b) Rs. 1100
(c) Rs. 1200
(d) Rs. 1250

Answer: (b)

96. Mahesh sold his cycle for Rs 10080 after marking up the price by 40 percent. What was the cost price if he sold it after giving 20 percent discount on the marked price?

(a) Rs. 8500
(b) Rs. 7500
(c) Rs. 9000
(d) Rs. 8000

Answer: (c)

97. What must be added to 17/21 to make it ual t e ratio to 38 : 21?

(a) 1.2
(b) 3
(c) 2
(d) 1

Answer: (d)

98. The ratio of sugar and salt in a mixture is 5 : 6. After addition of 500 grams sugar the ratio changes to 7 : 8. What is the quantity of salt in the new mixture?

(a) 10.5 kg
(b) 10 kg
(c) 12 kg
(d) 12.5 kg

Answer: (c)

99. Salim mixes two types of milk which are 5 percent and 10 percent diluted respectively in the ratio 3 : 2. What is the concentration of milk in the resultant mixture in percentage?

(a) 71

(b) 93

(c) 80

(d) 95

Answer: (b)

100. A sum of Rs. 75500 was borrowed at 10 percent compound interest p.a. What is the amount payable after 2 years?

(a) Rs. 81000

(b) Rs. 91570

(c) Rs. 81355

(d) Rs. 91355

Answer: (d)

Arithmetic Ability2

101. Meena took a loan of Rs 8000 at 20 percent per annum compound interest compounded semi annually. She repaid the loan after two years. Had she repaid the loan after a year, how much money she could have saved?

(a) Rs. 2800.8

(b) Rs. 3505.5

(c) Rs. 2032.8

(d) Rs. 2300.2

Answer: (c)

102. Sam lent a sum of money at simple interest which amounted to Rs. 9800 in four years and the interest that he earned was Rs. 2800. Had he lent it at compound interest compounded annually for the same time and at same rate, what would be the amount at the end of four years?

(a) Rs. 10248.7

(b) Rs. 12000.9

(c) Rs. 10000.5

(d) Rs. 10500.6

Answer: (a)

103. Sia was able to run a race of 500 m in 5 minutes. What is her speed in kmph?

(a) 5

(b) 6

(c) 4

(d) 4.5

Answer: (b)

104. A train is 120 m long and travels at the speed of 54 kmph. How long will it take for the train to cross a platform of 150 m in minutes?

(a) 0.9
(b) 0.4
(c) 0.3
(d) 0.5

Answer: (c)

105. The speed of boat upstream is 5 kmph. Its speed in still water is 10 kmph. How many minutes will it take to row 25 km downstream?

(a) 100
(b) 120
(c) 90
(d) 85

Answer: (a)

106. Sumi can complete a job working 5 hours per day in 2 days. If she doubles her working hours per day, then in how many days will she complete the work?

(a) 3
(b) 4
(c) 1
(d) 1.5

Answer: (c)

107. A can complete a work in 5 days. B can complete the same in 10 days. If B assists A every alternate day starting from the first day in how many days the work will be completed?

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

Answer: (d)

108. A man can paint a house working everyday in 20 days. He decided to take a break for 1 day after every 4 days. In how many days will he complete the work now?

(a) 24
(b) 25
(c) 30
(d) 40

Answer: (a)

109. A man and a woman can do a work together in 12 days. Their efficiencies are in the ratio 2 : 3. Working alone, in how many days can the woman complete the work?

(a) 20
(b) 30
(c) 10
(d) 15

Answer: (a)

110. What is the curved surface area of a hemisphere of radius 28 cm?

(a) 4900 sq cm
(b) 4928 sq cm
(c) 5000 sq cm
(d) 4928.56 sq cm

Answer: (b)

111. What is the area of the base of a cone of radius 35 cm in square metres?

(a) 0.395
(b) 0.4
(c) 0.3
(d) 0.385

Answer: (d)

112. A hollow metal sphere is of radius 5 m and thick s 20 cm. What is the approximate volume of metal required to make the sphere?

(a) 55 cu m
(b) 58 cu m
(c) 60.38 cu m
(d) 61 cu m

Answer: (c)

113. A cone of radius 3 cm is mounted on the base of a hemisphere of radius 7 cm. The height of the cone is twice the height of hemisphere. What is the resulting volume of the solid?

(a) 750.85 cu cm
(b) 850.67 cu cm
(c) 900.01 cu cm
(d) 805.69 cu cm

Answer: (b)

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) In an unexpected turn of events,

(b) the president has announced

(c) his resignation with the office today.

(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) The dates allotted last week for the re-examination have had caused

(b) an uproar amongst the students as

(c) they are on the same dates as some other entrance exams.

(d) No Error

Answer: (a)

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) Neither did the authorities warn

(b) the state heads nor did they

(c) ensured necessary quarantine measures.

(d) No error

Answer: (c)

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) His recovery from the final stage

(b) of cancer is being hailed as the

(c) miracle in the world of medicine.

(d) No error

Answer: (b)

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) Except for Joseph and I,

(b) everyone else seemed thoroughly

(c) convinced with the plan.

(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 (weather conditions on that day was) dubious at best, so we decided to travel at a later date.

(a) weather conditions during the day were

(b) weather condition on that day was

(c) weather condition on that day were

(d) No correction required

Answer: (b)

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.
A new computer (virus the fastest spreading ever was) this week making the rounds among unprotected computers running on Microsoft Windows.

(a) virus, the fastest spreading ever was

(b) virus, the fastest spreading ever, was

(c) virus the fastest spreading ever, was

(d) No correction required

Answer: (b)

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.
Last year alone more than 34 billion U.S. (dollars were raised worldwide through crowdfunding).

(a) dollar were raised worldwide through crowdfunding.

(b) dollars were raized worldwide by crowdfunding.

(c) dollars was raised worldwide through crowdfunding

(d) No correction required

Answer: (c)

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.
It was phenomenal to watch the way he (keeps his cool in this dire times).

(a) kept his cool in this dire times

(b) keeps his cool in these dire time

(c) kept his cool in those dire times

(d) No correction required

Answer: (c)

130. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
His _____ seemed to reveal more than what he was trying to hide.

(a) association
(b) prevarication
(c) culmination
(d) jubilation

Answer: (b)

131. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
The judge banged his _____ several times to demand silence, but he couldn't be heard above the noise that was increasing by the minute.

(a) carvel
(b) gravel
(c) swivel
(d) gavel

Answer: (d)

132. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
The state and its autocracy always abandoned its _____ poor.

(a) elated
(b) delighted
(c) benighted
(d) united

Answer: (c)

133. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
He had half expected a divine _____ strike, a thunderbolt maybe, as he queued for the body and blood.

(a) pre-emptive
(b) postoperative
(c) competitive
(d) consecutive

Answer: (a)

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.
The Pygmalion effect is a psychological phenomenon wherein high expectations lead to improved performance in a given area.
P. Its name comes from the story of Pygmalion, a mythical Greek sculptor.
Q. She took pity and brought the statue to life and the couple married and went on to have a daughter, Paphos.
R. Unable to love a human, Pygmalion appealed to Aphrodite, the goddess of love.
S. Pygmalion carved a statue of a woman and then became enamoured with it.
The conclusion derived from that story is that the same way Pygmalion's fixation on the statue brought it to life, our focus on a belief or assumption can do the same. The flipside is the Golem effect, wherein low expectations lead to decreased performance.

(a) PQSR
(b) PSQR
(c) PSRQ
(d) PQRS

Answer: (c)

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.
The existing oath
P. of allegiance for people
Q. seeking British nationality
R. is to be changed
S. from a royal oath
to a citizenship pledge.

(a) PQRS
(b) PSQR
(c) QPSR
(d) RSQP

Answer: (a)

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.
It is not a coincidence that William Wilberforce
P. and Sir Thomas Foxwell Buxton,
Q. to abolish the slave trade, helped
R. two leaders of the movement
S. found the Royal Society for the Prevention
of cruelty of animals in the 1820s

(a) PRSQ
(b) PQRS
(c) PSQR
(d) PRQS

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.
A Post-it note is a small piece of paper with a strip of low-tack adhesive on the back that allows it to be temporarily attached to documents, walls, computer monitors, and just about anything else.
P. The 3M company was initially sceptical about the product's profitability, but in 1980, the product was introduced around the world.
Q. The idea for the Post-it note was conceived in 1974 by Arthur Fry as a way of holding bookmarks in his hymnal while singing in the church choir.
R. He was aware of an adhesive accidentally developed in 1968 by fellow 3M employee Spencer Silver.
S. No application for the lightly sticky stuff was apparent until Fry's idea.
Today, Post-it notes are sold in more than 100 countries.

(a) QRSP
(b) QPSR
(c) QRPS
(d) QSPR

Answer: (a)

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

(a) Insatiable
(b) Dainty
(c) Abstemious
(d) Squeamish

Answer: (a)

139. Select the word that is opposite in me[illegible] (A[illegible]ONYM) to the word given below Vicissitude

(a) Corrode
(b) Change
(c) Mutation
(d) Stability

Answer: (d)

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

(a) Fictitious
(b) Veracious
(c) Proportionate
(d) Venerate

Answer: (c)

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

(a) Swindle
(b) Con
(c) Examine
(d) Neglect

Answer: (d)

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

(a) Painstaking
(b) Haphazard
(c) Meticulous
(d) Careful

Answer: (b)

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

(a) Comprehensible
(b) Comprehencible
(c) Comprehensibel
(d) Comprehenisible

Answer: (a)

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

(a) Incarcerate
(b) Incarserate
(c) Incerate
(d) Incarcarate

Answer: (a)

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

(a) Haemorraghe
(b) Heamorraghe
(c) Heamorrhage
(d) Haemorrhage

Answer: (d)

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

(a) Fiduciary
(b) Feduciary
(c) Feduiciary
(d) Fiduiciary

Answer: (a)

147. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Add fuel to the fire

(a) To have a dispute with someone.

(b) When someone is threatening and/or aggressive but not willing to engage in a fight.

(c) When everyone is facing the same challenges.

(d) Whenever something is done to make a bad situation even worse than it is.

Answer: (d)

148. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Backseat driver

(a) Someone who fend for themselves and their family even from far away

(b) Someone who is very good at their job.

(c) Someone who doesn't like to participate in anything.

(d) Someone who gives unwanted advice or who tries to control something that is supposed to be controlled by another person.

Answer: (d)

149. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Beating a dead horse.

(a) When an attempt succeeds and it's time to take up a new one.

(b) A task that can be accomplished very easily.

(c) To waste effort on something when there is no chance of succeeding.

(d) To force an issue that has already ended.

Answer: (c)

150. Select the most appropriate meaning of the give diom Finding your feet

(a) To go from being very poor to being very we ny.

(b) Something that shows potential or l sing in the beginning but fails to deliver anything in the end.

(c) Not willing or wanting to change from your normal way of doing something.

(d) To become more comfortable in whatever you are doing.

Answer: (d)

151. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Dropping like flies

(a) Being inquisitive about a dangerous situation.

(b) A large number of people either falling ill or dying

(c) To irritate and/or annoy very much.

(d) The hottest days of the summer season.

Answer: (b)

152. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expression given below A strong verbal or written attack on someone or something.

(a) Demic

(b) Acmic

(c) Gamic

(d) Polemic

Answer: (d)

153. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expression given below Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest.

(a) Isosteres
(b) Esoteric
(c) Concentric
(d) Sophomoric

Answer: (b)

154. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expression given below Intended to cause delay.

(a) Explanatory
(b) Declaratory
(c) Dilatory
(d) Exculpatory

Answer: (c)

155. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expression given below Brisk and cheerful readiness.

(a) Celerity
(b) Alacrity
(c) Felicity
(d) Sorority

Answer: (b)

156. When was Erwin Schrödinger awarded the Nob prize and in which field?

(a) 1927 in Biology
(b) 1933 in Maths
(c) 1929 in Chemistry
(d) 1933 in Physics

Answer: (d)

157. The thought experiment Schrödinger's cat explains the flawed interpretation of which subject matter?

(a) Fluid Dynamics
(b) Quantum Superposition
(c) Quantum theory
(d) Theory of relativity

Answer: (b)

160. According to the modern experimental physics, the Copenhagen Interpretation works for which kinds of objects?

(a) Small objects like electrons
(b) Small and large objects alike
(c) Large objects like cats
(d) It does not work for any kinds of object.

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

Mental Ability2

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

General Awareness1

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

General Awareness2

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

Arithmetic Ability1

81	**(a)**	82	**(b)**	83	**(c)**	84		5	**(a)**	86	**(d)**
87	**(a)**	88	**(b)**	89	**(c)**	90	**(d)**	91	**(a)**	92	**(b)**
93	**(d)**	94	**(a)**	95	**(b)**	96	**(c)**	97	**(d)**	98	**(c)**
99	**(b)**	100	**(d)**								

Arithmetic Ability2

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

General English1

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

General English2

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