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Mental Ability1

1. Select the term that will come next in the following series.
A - 10, E - 15, I - 20, M - 25, ____

(a) Q - 5
(b) Q - 30
(c) P - 30
(d) R – 30

Answer: (b)

2. Select the term that will come next in the followin eries.
FIN, NQV, VYD, ?, LOT

(a) HLS
(b) DGL
(c) HGP
(d) GLH

Answer: (b)

3. Find the wrong term in the following series.
CWHK, FULL, ISPM, LQTN, OOYO

(a) ISPM
(b) LQTN
(c) FULL
(d) OOYO

Answer: (d)

4. Select the term that will come next in the following series.
A,G, L, P, S, ?

(a) V
(b) Y
(c) W
(d) U

Answer: (d)

5. Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term.
Google : Sundar Pichai : : Microsoft : ?

(a) Tim Cook
(b) Mark Zuckerberg
(c) Satya Narayana Nadella
(d) Shantanu Narayen

Answer: (c)

6. 'Marie Curie' is related to 'Science' in the same way as 'Leonardo Da Vinci' is related to '_____'.

(a) Painting
(b) Philosophy
(c) Sculpting
(d) Polity

Answer: (a)

7. In the following question, select the relat[illegible]letter[illegible]om the given alternatives.
KIM : PRN : : TOR : ?

(a) GLI
(b) GLF
(c) GOM
(d) GHL

Answer: (a)

8. In the following question, select the related letters from the given alternatives.
FL : BH : : GM : ?

(a) DJ
(b) CI
(c) LP
(d) QS

Answer: (b)

9. In a certain code language, NOIDA is coded as STNIF. What will be the code for MEERUT?

(a) RJJWZY
(b) SJJWZZ
(c) WZYRJJ
(d) SJJVZY

Answer: (a)

10. In a certain code language, “FRAK” is written as “35” and “MALT” is written as “45”. How is “TRIM” written in that code language?

(a) 60
(b) 59
(c) 61
(d) 58

Answer: (b)

11. In a certain code language, 1875 means 'wound the round watch', 6143 means 'a cake is round' and 7321 means 'watch a round wheel'. Find the code for 'watch' ?

(a) 1
(b) 8
(c) 5
(d) 7

Answer: (d)

12. If TEACHER is coded as CAHEETR and STUDEN , coded as DUETNST, then what is the code for SUCCESS?

(a) CECSUSS
(b) CCEUSSS
(c) SCUSCES
(d) UCSECSS

Answer: (b)

13. There is a group of 6 people: A, B, C, D, E and F (not necessarily in the same order). D is taller than A and E. F is taller than B and C. E is taller than F. A is taller than F. Which of the following can be the shortest person?

(a) B, or C
(b) B, or E
(c) C, or F
(d) A, or C

Answer: (a)

14. Six people P, Q, R, S, T and U sit in a row, not necessarily in the same order. If two persons sit in between P and Q, and two persons sit in between T and U, then how many persons sit in between R and S?

(a) One

(b) Two

(c) Three

(d) Four

Answer: (b)

15. Seven persons – A through G sit around a circular table such that B sits to the right of E, who sits two places away from A. D sits adjacent to B and G. A sits to the right of C. Who sits to the left of F?

(a) A

(b) E

(c) G

(d) C

Answer: (a)

16. In a row of 28 students Jamuna was 12th from the left end and Ganga was 19th from the right end. If Sarasvati was seated exactly in between them then what was Sarasvati's position from the right end? Assume students were seated facing the North.

(a) 17th

(b) 18th

(c) 16th

(d) 20th

Answer: (b)

17. If C is daughter of A but A is not the father of C, E is Niece of C.E is daughter of F where F is husband of D and F has no siblings. How is C related to D?

(a) Father

(b) Aunty

(c) Sister

(d) Brother

Answer: (c)

18. The statements given below are followed by two conclusions labeled I and II. Assuming that the information in the statement is true, even if it appears to be at variance with generally established facts, decide which conclusion(s) logically and definitely follow(s) from the information given in the statements.
Statements:
No Boat is Ship.
All Ship are Stream.
Conclusions:
I. No Stream is Boat.
II. Some Stream are Boat.

(a) None of the conclusions follow.

(b) Only conclusion I follows.

(c) Only conclusion II follows.

(d) Either conclusion I or II follow.

Answer: (d)

19. In each question below are given three statements followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the two/three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.
Statement:
Some mobiles are laptops.
No laptop is computer.
All phones are computer.
Conclusion:
I. At least some mobiles are computer.
II. At least some phone are laptops.

(a) If only conclusion I follows.

(b) If either conclusion I or II follows.

(c) If both conclusion I and II follow.

(d) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.

Answer: (d)

20. In the question, below are three statements followed by two conclusions numbered 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.
Statements:
Some cups are not bolts.
All dusters are balls.
All cups are balls.
Conclusions:
I. All bolts are cups.
II. Some dusters are cups is a possibility.

(a) If only conclusion I follows.

(b) If only conclusions II follows.

(c) If either conclusion I or II follows.

(d) If both conclusion I and II follow.

Answer: (b)

Mental Ability2

21. A statement is 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 are to decide which of the given conclusions can definitely be drawn from the given statements and indicate your answer accordingly.
Statements:
India is a country of multiple languages.
Conclusions:
I. All Indians should learn multiple languages.
II. Every country has multiple languages.

(a) Only conclusion II follows.

(b) Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows.

(c) Both the conclusions follow.

(d) Only conclusion I follows.

Answer: (b)

22. In the question below, a statement is followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted.
You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.
Statement: The patient's condition would improve after operation.
Assumption I: The patient can be operated upon in this condition.
Assumption II: The patient cannot be operated upon in this condition.

(a) If only assumption I is implicit.

(b) If only assumption II is implicit.

(c) If neither I nor II assumption is implicit.

(d) If both I and II assumptions are implicit.

Answer: (a)

23. Select the missing number from the given responses.
14, 44, 135, 409, 1232, ?

(a) 2962

(b) 3340

(c) 3702

(d) 3406

Answer: (c)

24. If '+' means '×', '-' means '÷', '×' means '-' and '÷' means '+', then what will be the value of 46 ÷ 12 + 8 × 363 - 33?

(a) 130

(b) 121

(c) 131

(d) 133

Answer: (c)

25. If 17 $ 22 = 4 and 56 $ 13 = 7, then find the value of 71 $ 25 = ?

(a) 56

(b) 96

(c) 1

(d) 8

Answer: (c)

26. In the following question select the related num′ from the given alternatives.
643 : 9 :: 441 : 7 :: 324 : ?

(a) 3

(b) 9

(c) 6

(d) 2

Answer: (c)

27. In the following questions a relationship between different elements is shown in the statements. The statements are followed by 2 conclusions, give answer.
Statement:
$X2 \geq X6, X4 \leq X1 \leq X5, X3 = X2, X5 > X3$
Conclusion:
1. $X3 > X6$
2. $X3 = X6$

(a) If only conclusion 1 is false.

(b) If only conclusion 2 is false.

(c) If either conclusion 1 or conclusion 2 is false

(d) If neither conclusion 1 nor conclusion 2 is false.

Answer: (c)

33. B is to the north of Z and is to the west of K, who is to the south of C and to the west of L. What is the position of Z with respect to L?

(a) South-west
(b) South-east
(c) South
(d) West

Answer: (a)

General Awareness1

41. In which of the following states is the Chandragad fort situated?

(a) Maharashtra
(b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Karnataka
(d) Gujarat

Answer: (a)

42. For which of the following dance-forms is Shovana Narayana very renowned?

(a) Bharatnatyam
(b) Kathak
(c) Odissi
(d) Lavani

Answer: (b)

43. In which year was the Mehrangarh For[illegible]ed?

(a) 1456
(b) 1457
(c) 1458
(d) 1459

Answer: (d)

44. Which of the following is Goan mud musical instrument?

(a) Bandna
(b) Ghumot
(c) Kondo
(d) Gwandab

Answer: (b)

45. In which of the following states is the Bihula festival very popular?

(a) Odisha
(b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Gujarat
(d) Bihar

Answer: (d)

46. Till which year was India in the first stage of demographic transition?

(a) 1901
(b) 1911
(c) 1921
(d) 1931

Answer: (c)

47. What was the duration of the Second Five Year Plan?

(a) 1955-60
(b) 1956-61
(c) 1957-62
(d) 1958-63

Answer: (b)

48. Which of the following committee's recommendations led to the formation of NABARD?

(a) Shri B. Sivaraman Committee
(b) Shri Naresh Chandra Committee
(c) Shri Dharma Vira Committee
(d) Shri Homi Sethna Committee

Answer: (a)

49. What amount of fund allocation has been announ , in the Union Budget 2020-21 for education sector?

(a) Rs. 90,200 crore
(b) Rs. 95,600 crore
(c) Rs. 99,300 crore
(d) Rs. 110,800 crore

Answer: (c)

50. How many more airports will be developed by 2024 for the Udaan scheme as per the Union Budget 2020-21?

(a) 50
(b) 75
(c) 100
(d) 120

Answer: (c)

51. Which of the following elements has zero valency?

(a) Lithium
(b) Beryllium
(c) Fluorine
(d) Helium

Answer: (d)

52. Which of the following is present in chalk?
    (a) Sodium Chloride
    (b) Calcium Carbonate
    (c) Potassium Nitrate
    (d) Sodium Hydroxide
    Answer: (b)

53. Which of the following foods has the highest percentage of proteins per unit mass?
    (a) Cow-milk
    (b) Egg
    (c) Meat
    (d) Fish
    Answer: (c)

54. Which of the following organism-classification does Anabaena belong to?
    (a) Monera
    (b) Protista
    (c) Fungi
    (d) Plantae
    Answer: (a)

55. What is the absorption of water by plant roots an (mple of?
    (a) Photosynthesis
    (b) Osmosis
    (c) Transplantation
    (d) Endocytosis
    Answer: (b)

56. What is the population density of India as per the Census 2011 (in per square km)?
    (a) 382
    (b) 395
    (c) 402
    (d) 415
    Answer: (a)

57. Which of the following rivers has the longest length?
    (a) Krishna
    (b) Narmada
    (c) Godavari
    (d) Kaveri
    Answer: (c)

58. How many distinct floristic-regions can India be divided into?
    (a) 5
    (b) 6
    (c) 7
    (d) 8
    Answer: (d)

59. Which of the following is also known as the winter-monsoon?
    (a) South-east monsoon
    (b) South-west monsoon
    (c) North-east monsoon
    (d) North-west monsoon
    Answer: (c)

60. In which year's session of the Indian National Congress was Vande Mataram sang for the first time?
    (a) 1896
    (b) 1897
    (c) 1898
    (d) 1899
    Answer: (a)

General Awareness2

61. In which of the following cities was the [illegible]ssemblies held?
    (a) Madurai
    (b) Thiruvarur
    (c) Thiruvallur
    (d) Nagapattinam
    Answer: (a)

62. In which of the following languages were the Mangalkavyas written?
    (a) Hindi
    (b) Braj
    (c) Bengali
    (d) Pali
    Answer: (c)

63. In which year did Timur captured Delhi?
    (a) 1398
    (b) 1405
    (c) 1409
    (d) 1414
    Answer: (a)

64. On which of the following days is the Padma Awards announced?
    (a) On the eve of the Republic Day
    (b) On the eve of the Independence Day
    (c) On Shaheed Diwas
    (d) On the Independence Day

    Answer: (a)

65. Who out of the following had served as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army?
    (a) General Maharaj Rajendra Sinhji
    (b) General K.M. Cariappa
    (c) General Sam Manekshaw
    (d) General Arjan Singh

    Answer: (b)

66. Who is the author of the book "The God of Small Things"?
    (a) Arundhati Roy
    (b) Jhumpa Lahiri
    (c) Karan Thapar
    (d) Arvind Adiga

    Answer: (a)

67. Who is the CEO of Twitter?
    (a) Noah Glass
    (b) Jack Dorsey
    (c) Evan Williams
    (d) Paul Singer

    Answer: (b)

68. What is Mukesh Ambani's rank in the latest world billionaires list by Forbes?
    (a) 15
    (b) 16
    (c) 17
    (d) 18

    Answer: (c)

69. Which of the following days was observed as the Women's Day in 2020?
    (a) March 5th
    (b) March 6th
    (c) March 7th
    (d) March 8th

    Answer: (d)

70. Which of the following states has become the first to geotag community kitchens?

(a) Gujarat
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Uttar Pradesh
(d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (c)

71. Which of the following space agencies are involved in the Crew Demo-2 mission?

(a) NASA and SpaceX
(b) SpaceX and ESA
(c) NASA and ESA
(d) JAXA and NASA

Answer: (a)

72. Which of the following state governments had launched the "Assess Karo Na" app for fighting COVID-19?

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

Answer: (c)

73. Which of the following articles of the Indian Cons ution empowers each House of the Parliament to make rules for regulations, subject to provisions of this Constitution, its procedure and the conduct of its business?

(a) Article 118(1)
(b) Article 118(2)
(c) Article 118(3)
(d) Article 118(4)

Answer: (a)

74. In which year was the Fazl Ali Commission appointed?

(a) 1951
(b) 1952
(c) 1953
(d) 1954

Answer: (c)

75. In which of the following countries did the concept of Public Interest Litigation originate?

(a) Russia
(b) Canada
(c) USA
(d) Ireland

Answer: (c)

76. Which of the following constitutional amendment had replaced the Collegium System of appointing judges to the Supreme Court and High Courts with the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC)?

(a) 96th
(b) 97th
(c) 98th
(d) 99th

Answer: (d)

77. Which of the following teams has won the Pro Kabaddi League 2019?

(a) U Mumba
(b) Dabang Delhi K. C.
(c) Bengaluru Bulls
(d) Bengal Warriors

Answer: (d)

78. With which of the following games was Prakash Amritraj associated?

(a) Golf
(b) Tennis
(c) Badminton
(d) Football

Answer: (b)

79. Who out of the following doesn't feature among the Wisden Five Cricketers of the Year by the 2020 edition of the Wisden Almanack?

(a) Pat Cummins
(b) Marnus Labschagne
(c) Rohit Sharma
(d) Jofra Archer

Answer: (c)

80. Which of the following teams did Pele play for?

(a) Argentina
(b) Brazil
(c) Spain
(d) Portugal

Answer: (b)

Arithmetic Ability1

81. David, John and Johny start at the same time in the same direction to run around a circular stadium. David completes a round in 126 seconds, John in 154 seconds and Johny in 198 seconds, all starting at the same point. After how much time will they again at the starting point?

(a) 23 minutes 6 seconds

(b) 27 minutes 8 seconds

(c) 20 minutes 16 seconds

(d) 19 minutes 22 seconds

Answer: (a)

82. Simplify the following expression by using BODMAS.
17+[2-{(-8)+3+(18×3+1-13×3)}]

(a) 16

(b) -16

(c) 8

(d) -8

Answer: (c)

84. 57984372 is exactly divisible by which of the following?

(a) 7

(b) 24

(c) 14

(d) 18

Answer: (d)

86. The average age of 11 players of a cric[illegible]team[illegible] decreased by 2 months when two of them aged 17 years and 20 years are replaced by t[illegible] players. What is the average age of two new players?

(a) 17 years 1 month

(b) 17 years 7 months

(c) 17 years 11 months

(d) 18 years 3 months

Answer: (b)

87. The marked price of a mobile is Rs. 180. A person buy it in Rs. 137.7 after two successive discounts in which one is 10 percent, then find the other discount rate?

(a) 12 percent

(b) 12.5 percent

(c) 15 percent

(d) 20 percent

Answer: (c)

88. The average marks of 12 students in a paper are 46. If the marks of two new students are consider, the average marks increases by 4. What are the average marks of two new students?

(a) 78

(b) 66

(c) 74

(d) 70

Answer: (c)

89. There are 48 workers and 2 managers in a company. The salary of one worker of them is twice the salary of another worker. If these 2 workers are replaced by 2 managers whose salaries are Rs. 32000 and Rs. 22000, the average salary of workers increases by Rs. 500. Find the total salary of replaced two workers.

(a) Rs. 24000

(b) Rs. 30000

(c) Rs. 25000

(d) Rs. 32000

Answer: (b)

90. Nine persons went to watching a movie. Eight of them spent Rs. 72 each for their tickets and the ninth spent Rs. 8 more than the average expenditure of all the nine. What was the total money spent by all of them?

(a) Rs. 657

(b) Rs. 712

(c) Rs. 804

(d) Rs. 613

Answer: (a)

91. In an election between two candidates A and B, A won by a majority of 4000 votes in 2002. In 2005 the number of voters increased by 25 percent, votes for B increased by 50 percent over that in 2002 and thus B won by a majority of 15000 votes. Find the votes polled for B in 2002.

(a) 38500

(b) 32000

(c) 44000

(d) 40000

Answer: (d)

92. In a state X, income tax of 8 percent is levied on annual income in excess of Rs. 5 lakh and 10 percent of annual income in excess of Rs. 10 lakh.
If a person pays a total tax of Rs. 120000, then find his annual income.

(a) Rs. 16 lakh

(b) Rs. 19 lakh

(c) Rs. 17 lakh

(d) Rs. 18 lakh

Answer: (d)

93. In an election only two candidates contested, 20 percent of the voters did not caste their vote and 120 votes were declared invalid. The winner got 200 votes more than his opponent which he secured was 41 percent of the total votes on the voter list. Percentage of the votes of the defeated candidate out of the total votes cast is:

(a) 38 percent

(b) 37.5 percent

(c) 36 percent

(d) 45 percent

Answer: (d)

94. The marked price of an article is 40 percent more than its cost price. The shopkeeper gives a discount of 28.57 percent on marked price. On request, he gives another discount that was equal to 12.5 percent of the cost price. What was the approximate loss percent of shopkeeper?

(a) 10.5 percent

(b) 12.5 percent

(c) 15 percent

(d) 8 percent

Answer: (b)

95. A manufacturer sells all its items at Rs. 60 each. The materials cost is Rs. 40 for each item and he has overhead expenses of Rs. 3000 per week in order to operate that plant. What is the number of units he should produce and sell in order to make a profit of Rs. 1000 per week?

(a) 400

(b) 300

(c) 250

(d) 200

Answer: (d)

96. After selling a watch, Pankaj found that he had made a loss of 20 percent. He also found that had he sold it for Rs. 27 more, he would have made a profit of 10 percent. The actual initial loss was what percentage of the profit earned, had he sold for a 10 percent profit?

(a) 150 percent

(b) 100 percent

(c) 200 percent

(d) 123 percent

Answer: (c)

98. A school has 630 students. The ratio of the number of boys to the number of girls is 3 : 2. This ratio changes to 7 : 5 after the admission of 90 new students. Find the number of newly admitted boys.

(a) 35

(b) 49

(c) 42

(d) 28

Answer: (c)

99. In a milk and water solution, the ratio of milk to water is 1 : 4. M litres of milk is added in it and ratio become 1 : 3. Again N litres of water is added in it and ratio become 2 : 7. If N – M = 4, then what is the initial quantity of solution?

(a) 45 litres.

(b) 80 litres.

(c) 50 litres.

(d) 60 litres.

Answer: (d)

100. If a carton containing a dozen mirrors is dropped, which of the following cannot be the ratio of broken mirror to unbroken mirrors?

(a) 2 : 3

(b) 3 : 1

(c) 1 : 2

(d) 7 : 5

Answer: (a)

Arithmetic Ability2

101. Rs. 6120 is divided among A, B & C such that A gets 2/3 of what B gets and B gets 1/4 of what C gets. What is the share of B (in Rs.)?

(a) 540

(b) 720

(c) 1080

(d) 1440

Answer: (c)

102. Two persons Amar and Baala lent out Rs. 15000 each at simple interest for 5 years. The difference between the simple interest received by them is Rs. 3000. If the sum of the annual rates of interest is 11 percent per annum and Amar received more interest than Baala, then what is the interest received by Amar?

(a) Rs. 6500

(b) Rs. 5625

(c) Rs. 5875

(d) Rs. 6250

Answer: (b)

103. At a certain rate of compound interest a certain sum amounts to Rs. 64800 in 4 years and Rs. 93312 in 6 years. What is the compound interest earned in fifth year?

(a) Rs. 12960

(b) Rs. 10240

(c) Rs. 11600

(d) Rs. 14425

Answer: (a)

104. The S.I. on a certain sum of money for 4 years at 4 percent per annum exceeds the C.I. on the same sum for 3 years at 5 percent per annum by Rs.
57. Find the approximate sum.

(a) Rs. 16000

(b) Rs. 20000

(c) Rs. 24000

(d) Rs. 30000

Answer: (c)

105. The simple and compound interest that can be earned in two years at the same rate on a certain sum is Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 1,040 respectively. What is the rate (percent per annum) of interest?

(a) 9

(b) 10

(c) 8

(d) 11

Answer: (c)

106. I walk a certain distance and ride back taking a total time of 37 minutes. I could walk both ways in 55 minutes. How long would it take me to ride both ways ?

(a) 9.5

(b) 19

(c) 38

(d) 46

Answer: (b)

107. An express train travelled at an average speed of 100 km/hr, stopping for 3 minutes after every 75 km. How long it take to reach its destination 600 km from the starting point?

(a) 6 hr

(b) 6 hr 21 min

(c) 6 hr 24 min

(d) 6 hr 27 min

Answer: (b)

108. Karan had covered two third of a certain distance when his car had a breakdown. He parked it and covered the remaining distance on foot. His time of travel on foot was 9 times his time of travel on car. What is the ratio of his walking speed with respect to his car's speed?

(a) 1 : 24

(b) 1 : 36

(c) 1 : 20

(d) 1 : 18

Answer: (d)

109. Twenty five workers were employed to complete a wall in 12 days. Five workers left the work after working of 5 days. By what percent of each of remaining 20 workers should increase their efficiencies to complete the work in given time?

(a) 20 percent

(b) 25 percent

(c) 30 percent

(d) 18 percent

Answer: (b)

111. A pipe can fill a tank in 4 hours, while a leak which is at one-fourth of the height of the tank from bottom can empty upto that part in 2 hours. If both are operated simultaneously and initially the tank is full, then when it will be one-fourth full?

(a) 7.5 hours

(b) 8 hours

(c) 6 hours

(d) 5 hours

Answer: (c)

113. The ratio between the length and the breadth of a rectangular park is 3:2. If a person walks along the boundary of the park at the speed of 10 km/hr completes one round in 12 minutes, then what is the area of the park?

(a) 302000 sq. m

(b) 300000 sq. m

(c) 180000 sq. m

(d) 240000 sq. m

Answer: (d)

114. A vessel is in the form of a hollow hemisphere mounted by a hollow cylinder. The diameter of the hemisphere is 14 cm and the total height of the vessel is 12 cm. What is the inner surface area of the vessel?

(a) 476 sq cm

(b) 528 sq. cm

(c) 578 sq. cm

(d) 612 sq. cm

Answer: (b)

115. The sum of areas of two circles A and B is equal to the area of a third circle C whose diameter is 30 cm. If the diameter of circle A is 18 cm, then the radius of circle B is:

(a) 18 cm

(b) 15 cm

(c) 12 cm

(d) 10 cm

Answer: (c)

General English1

121. In the following question, some parts of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error.
I cannot allow you go out of the examination hall until the invigilator comes and provides me some guidelines.

(a) I cannot allow you go out of the examination

(b) hall until the invigilator comes and

(c) provides me some guidelines.

(d) No Error

Answer: (a)

122. In the following question, some parts of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error.
The controversial issue was almost settled and it was my brother's insincerity which upset the whole thing and disappointed us.

(a) The controversial issue was almost settled

(b) and it was my brother's insincerity which

(c) upset the whole thing and disappointed us.

(d) No Error

Answer: (d)

123. In the following question, some parts of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error.
Kavita was so strong that she had not worried by their decision to suspend her.

(a) Kavita was so strong that she

(b) had not worried by their

(c) decision to suspend her.

(d) No Error

Answer: (b)

124. In the following question, four sentences are given out of which three sentences are grammatically correct while one is incorrect. Find out which sentence is grammatically incorrect and select the appropriate option.

(a) Technological change affects more than just productivity, employment, and income inequality.

(b) It also creates opportunities for changes in the nature of work itself.

(c) Numerous studies have shown how a variety of new technologies have altered the way work was performed.

(d) The workforce is now more demographically diverse than ever.

Answer: (c)

125. In the following question, four sentences are given out of which three sentences are grammatically correct while one is incorrect. Find out which sentence is grammatically incorrect and select the appropriate option.

(a) As the nature of the work environment continues to change, new trends have emerged in corporations.

(b) Although corporation are eager to cooperate with minority-owned businesses, a shortage of capital in the 1970's made substantial response impossible.

(c) The significant response of corporations in the 1970's is likely to be sustained and conceivably be increased throughout the 1980's.

(d) The enormous corporate response has all but eliminated the dangers of over-expansion that used to plague small minority-owned businesses.

Answer: (b)

130. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
We are getting better _____ being variety conscious, and supermarkets must display the variety at point of sale.

(a) at

(b) in

(c) on

(d) of

Answer: (a)

131. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the bl .
I recognise people may have different points of view d are free to have _____ own opinion.

(a) his

(b) their

(c) there

(d) your

Answer: (b)

132. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
By the time that ward round was finished, I had _____ two more things that were important.

(a) learn

(b) learns

(c) learnt

(d) learned

Answer: (c)

133. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
My advice is never download any program from the internet _____ you know exactly what it is.

(a) if

(b) since

(c) yet

(d) unless

Answer: (d)

134. Parts of a sentence have been jumbled up. Arrange these parts in a meaningful order.
A. Business information company CMIE's monthly jobs data showed B. the highest on record since it began its survey
C. that unemployment rate was already a worrying 8.7% in March, D. over three years ago

(a) ACBD
(b) ABCD
(c) ADCB
(d) ACDB

Answer: (a)

135. Parts of a sentence have been jumbled up. Arrange these parts in a meaningful order.
A. to their suppliers which is likely to ripple out
B. news emerging from industry suggests that
C. and put more stress on jobs
D. some manufacturers have begun to hold back payments

(a) BDCA
(b) BDAC
(c) BADC
(d) BCAD

Answer: (b)

136. Arrange the jumbled sentences to make a meaningful paragraph.
A. The measure was taken after only three new cases of Covid-19 were reported in the city.
B. It also means there is hope for other countries trying to control the pandemic through their own curbs.
C. The city of Wuhan where the coronavirus first emerged ended its 76 day lockdown yesterday.
D. The end of Wuhan's lockdown means the Chinese authorities' strict imposition of restrictions is paying off.

(a) CBAD
(b) CDBA
(c) CADB
(d) CABD

Answer: (c)

137. Arrange the jumbled sentences to make a meaningful paragraph.
A. When you look at the behaviour, do your emotions get filled with anger, criticism or confusion?
B. Their actions may be wrong, but we decide that they are bad persons.
C. Hence we are quick to judge them, based on one or two of their behaviours.
D. Almost every day, we see people behaving in ways that go against our beliefs.

(a) DABC
(b) DBCA
(c) DCAB
(d) DCBA

Answer: (d)

138. Select the correct pair of homophones to fill in the blanks.
The pastor called those needing prayer to come to kneel at the church's _____.
The man who is constantly making decisions and being compelled to _____ those gets nowhere.

(a) altar; alter
(b) altar; altar
(c) alter; alter
(d) alter, altar

Answer: (a)

139. Select the correct pair of homophones to fill in the blanks.
The sound track gives us the _____ before the visual cue; it is as if the thunder arrives before the lightning.
It focuses on _____ communication rather than written communication, which is vital in communities where there are many people who are not literate.

(a) aural; aural
(b) aural; oral
(c) oral; oral
(d) oral; aural

Answer: (b)

140. Select the correct pair of homophones to fill in the blanks.
Since the stock market started to falter, more and more people have been having a go at becoming property _____.
An elephant, tired after searching for water, lies in w ing pain on a _____ land.

(a) baron; baron
(b) barren, baron
(c) baron; barren
(d) barren; barren

Answer: (c)

General English2

141. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.
Frigid

(a) Hawkish
(b) Dwindle
(c) Subside
(d) Tropical

Answer: (d)

142. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.
Constrict

(a) Dilate
(b) Downturn
(c) Diminish
(d) Downsize

Answer: (a)

143. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

(a) Remarkable
(b) Recruitmant
(c) Demonstrate
(d) Significance

Answer: (b)

144. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

(a) Harmonious
(b) Revolution
(c) Hereditory
(d) Supernatural

Answer: (c)

145. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

(a) Chronicles
(b) Monumental
(c) Sagacious
(d) Abbreviiate

Answer: (d)

146. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

(a) Ennumerate
(b) Synchronize
(c) Computation
(d) Characterize

Answer: (a)

150. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Like a cat on hot bricks

(a) To be anxious
(b) To be secretive
(c) To walk slowly
(d) Looking for food

Answer: (a)

151. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Raise one's hackles

(a) To raise one's concern
(b) To greatly irritate
(c) To be moody
(d) To be promoted

Answer: (b)

152. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
A written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation, for use as evidence in court.

(a) Doctrine
(b) Sermon
(c) Affidavit
(d) Discourse

Answer: (c)

153. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
A large group of people or things of a particular kind.

(a) Archery
(b) Flight
(c) Troupe
(d) Bevy

Answer: (d)

154. Select the word which means the sam[illegible] the [illegible]oup of words given.
Having or showing too great a readiness to b[illegible]ings.

(a) Credulous
(b) Greenhorn
(c) Susceptible
(d) Skeptical

Answer: (a)

155. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
The study of statistics such as births, deaths, income, or the incidence of disease, which illustrate the changing structure of human populations.

(a) Anthropology
(b) Demography
(c) Etymology
(d) Demonology

Answer: (b)

156. Many things were exported and exchanged in the regions through the Silk Road. Which of the following is true?

(a) Religion, gunpowder, paper

(b) Sciences and philosophies, diseases

(c) Religion, gunpowder,paper and Sciences and philosophies,diseases.

(d) Only goods and trades not ideas

Answer: (c)

158. The Great Oasis cities played a crucial role in the effective functioning of the Silk Road trade. Where did these cities lie?

(a) Southern Europe

(b) Central Europe

(c) Central Asia

(d) East Africa

Answer: (c)

159. The Silk Road played a significant role in the development of some countries or regions. Which country or region was not involved in that development?

(a) Colombia

(b) Korea

(c) Iran

(d) Japan

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

Mental Ability2

21	**(b)**	22	**(a)**	23	**(c)**	24	**(c)**	25	**(c)**	26	**(c)**
27	**(c)**	33	**(a)**								

General Awareness1

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

General Awareness2

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

Arithmetic Ability1

81	**(a)**	82	**(c)**	84	**(d)**	86	[illegible]	7	**(c)**	88	**(c)**
89	**(b)**	90	**(a)**	91	**(d)**	92	**(d)**	93	**(d)**	94	**(b)**
95	**(d)**	96	**(c)**	98	**(c)**	99	**(d)**	100	**(a)**		

Arithmetic Ability2

101	**(c)**	102	**(b)**	103	**(a)**	104	**(c)**	105	**(c)**	106	**(b)**
107	**(b)**	108	**(d)**	109	**(b)**	111	**(c)**	113	**(d)**	114	**(b)**
115	**(c)**										

General English1

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

General English2

141	**(d)**	142	**(a)**	143	**(b)**	144	**(c)**	145	**(d)**	146	**(a)**
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156	**(c)**	158	**(c)**	159	**(a)**						