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General Ability1

1. G, H, I, J, K and L are sitting in a straight line, all facing the north. J is to the immediate right of I. K is at one of the ends. G is second to the left of I. H is second to the right of L, who is to the immediate left of G. If L is also sitting at one of the ends, then who is sitting third to the right of H?

(a) I

(b) J

(c) K

(d) G

Answer: (c)

2. Three boys A, B and C and three girls P, Q and R are sitting in a straight line facing the north. A boy sits at the right end and a girl sits at the left end. Only P is between C and R. B is third to the right of C, who is to the immediate right of a boy. Where is Q sitting?

(a) Immediate left of C

(b) Immediate left of A

(c) Immediate right of C

(d) Immediate right of A

Answer: (b)

3. Five students, Ravi, Jil, Sara, Jay and Kia, are attending a class and are sitting in the front row. Kia is sitting adjacent to Sara. Jil is to the immediate left of Jay. Three persons sit between Sara and Ravi. If Kia is second from the left end, who sits at the second place from the right end?

(a) Sara

(b) Ravi

(c) Jay

(d) Jil

Answer: (c)

4. Ten persons, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J, are sitting in a straight line facing the north. Person named as I is sitting at one of the ends. Four persons sit to the right of D. Only A is between F and H. Only G is between B and C. E is towards the right side of D. G is third to the left of D.
B is between I and G. Two persons sit between D and H. Who is second to the right of G?

(a) A
(b) F
(c) D
(d) J

Answer: (d)

5. Six candidates, A, B, C, D, E and F, are called for an interview on one of the six days of the week except Sunday. On each day, one candidate is interviewed. E is called on Wednesday. F is called the next day of C. D is called just after A. C is neither called on Monday nor on Thursday.
Who is called on Thursday?

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

Answer: (b)

6. Some persons are sitting in a straight line. Three persons sit between B and G. B is seventh from the left end. Eight persons sit between A and P.
P is fourth from the right end. The number of persons sitting between A and D is equal to the number of persons sitting between A and B. D is at the left end. B is towards the left side of G. Only Y sits between P and G. How many persons are sitting in the line?

(a) 14
(b) 15
(c) 16
(d) 17

Answer: (c)

7. Five persons, P, Q, R, S and T, live on five separate floors of a building. The floor starting from the ground floor are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
Two persons are doctors, two are engineers and one is a teacher. No two engineers live on adjacent floors. Similarly, no two doctors live on adjacent floors. P is an engineer. S is not a doctor. T is not an engineer. S lives on floor 3. One engineer lives on floor 4. R is a doctor on floor 1.
Q lives on the floor that is above the floor where the teacher lives. Which of the following combinations of person-floor-profession is correct?

(a) T : Floor 5 : Teacher
(b) Q : Floor 4 : Doctor
(c) P : Floor 2 : Engineer
(d) S : Floor 3 : Doctor

Answer: (c)

8. In a class of 38 students, all students play at least one of two games – Soccer and Polo. 20 students play only Soccer. 18 students play Polo, whereas 31 students play Soccer. How many students play only Polo?

(a) 7

(b) 11

(c) 18

(d) 9

Answer: (a)

9. Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. Assuming that the information given in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements:
Some candles are sour.
All sweets are tangy.
No tangy is sour.
Conclusions:
I. No tangy is candle
II. Some sweets are sour.
III. Some sweets are candles.

(a) Only conclusion II follows

(b) Only conclusion III follows

(c) Both conclusions I and II follow

(d) None of the three conclusions follow

Answer: (d)

10. Among six marble slabs labeled A, B, C, D, [illegible] F, the weight of A and B taken together is equal to the weight of F. C's weight is one-fourth the weight of D. B's weight is five times the weight of A. E's weight is 5 kg less than the weight of D. B's weight is half the weight of E. If the weight of C is 7.5 kg, then which marble slab is the heaviest and what is its weight?

(a) B, 40 kg

(b) D, 40 kg

(c) F, 30 kg

(d) D, 30 kg

Answer: (d)

11. If P > K = N > D > W < U > Q = E, then which of the following conclusions is NOT correct?

(a) N > W

(b) W > K

(c) E < U

(d) P > D

Answer: (b)

12. Select the correct option that indicates the arrangement of the given words in the order in which they appear in an English dictionary.
1. Plaster
2. Plough
3. Plead
4. Player
5. Plinth

(a) 1, 4, 3, 2, 5

(b) 1, 4, 3, 5, 2

(c) 4, 1, 3, 5, 2

(d) 3, 4, 1, 5, 2

Answer: (b)

13. Study the following arrangement consisting of symbols and numbers carefully and answer the question that follows.
4 5 * 7 & 3 @ 8 9 ^ 5 $ 3 @ < 9 + 5 8 9 + < 3 2 6 % 3 4 ^ 7 6 5 * 2 5 4 $ 9 How many symbols are immediately preceded by an even number and immediately followed by an odd number?

(a) 5

(b) 2

(c) 3

(d) 4

Answer: (c)

14. In a code language, FINISHER is written as GHOI JS, and SORROW is written as TNSSNX. How will CLARITY be written in the same language?

(a) DMBSHSZ

(b) BKZSHUZ

(c) DMZSHUZ

(d) DMZQHUX

Answer: (c)

15. In a code language, TANDEM is written as 211818, and FOREST is written as 212339. How will DELUGE be written in the same language?

(a) 83314

(b) 93712

(c) 93312

(d) 73012

Answer: (c)

16. A bus goes towards the north, then turns 90° left and runs straight for a few kilometers. After that, the bus turns 180° anticlockwise and runs straight for a few kilometers. It again turns 90° clockwise and runs a few more kilometers straight. In which direction is the bus heading now?

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

Answer: (c)

17. In which direction will the minute hand of a clock point at 3:15 a.m. if the minute hand of the same clock points towards the south at 6:30 p.m.?

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

Answer: (a)

18. Pritha exits from the backdoor of her south-facing home and walks 35 m straight, and then turns left and walks 40 m. After that, she turns right and walks 45 m. Then, she turns right and walks 15 m. From that point, a bank is straight 25 m towards the east. How far and in which direction is the bank with reference to Pritha's home?

(a) North, 80 m
(b) North, 90 m
(c) South, 80 m
(d) South, 90 m

Answer: (a)

19. Pointing to the photograph of a woman, Kritika said, "She is my brother's son's wife's daughter." How is that woman's father related to Kritika's father?

(a) Son
(b) Grandson
(c) Brother
(d) Nephew

Answer: (b)

20. Marina is the daughter of Vansh. Urmila is the sister of Vansh. Damini is the mother of Prateek. Prateek is the brother of Marina. How is Damini related to Vansh?

(a) Mother
(b) Daughter
(c) Sister
(d) Wife

Answer: (d)

General Ability2

21. In a certain code,
'A # B' means 'A is the sister of B',
'A & B' means 'A is the mother of B',
'A % B' means 'A is the brother of B', and
'A + B' means 'A is the son of B'.
If C # K & R # T % G + H + P, then which of the following statements is correct?

(a) C is the paternal aunt of T.

(b) P is the father of R.

(c) G is the son of K.

(d) P is the mother of K.

Answer: (c)

22. If in a certain code,
'A < B' means 'A is the father of B',
'A $ B' means 'A is the husband of B', and
'A @ B' means 'A is the mother of B',
then which of the following expressions means 'P is the paternal grandfather of Y'?

(a) P @ Z $ N < Y

(b) Y < Z $ N @ P

(c) P < Z $ Y @ N

(d) P < Z $ N @ Y

Answer: (d)

23. 'Scanty' is related to 'Abundant' in the same way as 'Dubious' is related to '_____'.

(a) Certain

(b) Suspicious

(c) Extravagant

(d) Hesitant

Answer: (a)

24. 'NICKEL' is related to 'EKPNGM' in the same way as 'DERMAT' is related to '_____'.

(a) TFGVDO

(b) TGFVCO

(c) UGFVCP

(d) TGECVO

Answer: (b)

25. Select the letter-number cluster pair in which the letter-number clusters share the same relationship as that shared by the given letter-number cluster pair?
CUTE49 : XUGE57

(a) DOVE46: WLEV50

(b) NEST58: MEHT80

(c) POST70: KOHG41

(d) FISH40: URHS76

Answer: (c)

26. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.
71, 76, 83, 94, 107, 124, 143 ,?

(a) 166

(b) 170

(c) 180

(d) 194

Answer: (a)

27. Which number in the following number series is INCORRECT?
7, 24, 76, 233, 703, 2122

(a) 76

(b) 233

(c) 703

(d) 2122

Answer: (c)

28. Select the option that is related to the fourth number in the same way as the first number is related to the second number and the fifth number is related to the sixth number.
8 : 97 :: ?: 169 :: 11: 133

(a) 13

(b) 14

(c) 17

(d) 18

Answer: (b)

29. Which option correctly represents the approximation of the given number to two decimal places?
15.8569763

(a) 15.85

(b) 15.86

(c) 16.00

(d) 15.90

Answer: (b)

30. If 'A' denotes 'addition', 'B' denotes 'multiplication', 'C' denotes 'subtraction' and 'D' denotes 'division', then what will be the value of the following expression?
24 A (15 C 12) B 7 C (24 D 6) A (32 D 8)

(a) 53
(b) 42
(c) 45
(d) 49

Answer: (c)

31. Which two signs should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?
36 ÷ 12 – 28 × 3 + 45 = 42

(a) + and ÷
(b) + and ×
(c) + and –
(d) × and –

Answer: (c)

General Awareness1

41. With the swearing-in of the nine new Judges on September 2021, the strength of the Supreme Court has risen to _____, including the CJI, out of the sanctioned strength of 34.

(a) 30
(b) 31
(c) 32
(d) 33

Answer: (d)

42. Who among the following became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in May 2021?

(a) Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin
(b) Sasikala Natarajan
(c) O Paneerselvam
(d) Muthuvel Karunanidhi Alagiri

Answer: (a)

43. The Nobel Prize in Physics for the year 2021 was awarded to:

(a) David Card, Joshua D Angrist and Guido W Imbens
(b) Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann and Giorgio Parisi
(c) Benjamin List and David WC MacMillan
(d) Maria Ressa and Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov

Answer: (b)

44. The Ministry of Road Transport launched 'iRASTE', in September 2021, which is an Artificial Intelligence-powered project. iRASTE is an acronym for:

(a) Intelligent Solutions for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering

(b) Innovative Solutions for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering

(c) Intelligent Software for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering

(d) Infrastructure Solutions for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering

Answer: (a)

45. According to a 2021 report from the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), the number of diabetic patients in India is the:

(a) highest in the world

(b) second highest in the world

(c) third highest in the world

(d) fourth highest in the world

Answer: (b)

46. What was the rank of India in the 58th edition of EY's 'Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index' (RECAI), which ranks the world's top 40 markets (nations) on the attractiveness of their renewable energy investment and deployment opportunities?

(a) First

(b) Second

(c) Third

(d) Fourth

Answer: (c)

47. As of November 2021, which of the follow.. ons is scheduled to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup?

(a) Qatar

(b) UAE

(c) Kuwait

(d) Saudi Arabia

Answer: (a)

48. India defeated how many nations at the Super 12 stage of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021?

(a) One

(b) Two

(c) Three

(d) Four

Answer: (c)

49. With reference to medieval dynasties of India, Khalji Dynasty ruled over Delhi for a period of _____ years.

(a) 20
(b) 40
(c) 30
(d) 50

Answer: (c)

50. With reference to the medieval history of India, in which year did the fourteenth-century chronicler Ziauddin Barani write the Tarikh-e Firuz Shahi ('History of Firuz Shah')?

(a) 1367
(b) 1357
(c) 1347
(d) 1337

Answer: (b)

51. With reference to socio-religious reform movements of India, who was the founder of the 'Brahmo Samaj'?

(a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
(b) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
(c) Swami Ramakrishna Paramhansa
(d) Swami Dayananda Saraswati

Answer: (a)

52. With reference to British economic poli in co xt of India, who among the following introduced railways in India?

(a) Lord Auckland
(b) Sir Charles Metcalfe
(c) Lord Hastings
(d) Lord Dalhousie

Answer: (d)

53. With reference to India's independence movement, in which session of the Indian National Congress was the 'Jana Gana Mana' first sung?

(a) Surat 1907
(b) Calcutta 1911
(c) Lucknow 1916
(d) Amritsar 1919

Answer: (b)

54. With reference to important monuments of India, in which state is the famous Kamakhya Temple located?

(a) Rajasthan
(b) Himachal Pradesh
(c) Assam
(d) Bihar

Answer: (c)

55. With reference to the Indian Culture, the paintings and sculptures of Ajanta Caves in Maharashtra are related to which of the following religions?

(a) Hinduism
(b) Buddhism
(c) Jainism
(d) Zoroastrianism

Answer: (b)

56. With reference to classical Indian dances, Kathakali dance is a harmonious combination of _____ forms of fine art.

(a) 7
(b) 5
(c) 3
(d) 2

Answer: (b)

57. Singhi Chham is a folk dance of which of the following states?

(a) Manipur
(b) Sikkim
(c) Assam
(d) Meghalaya

Answer: (b)

58. With reference to Indian Classical dance forms, Chemancheri Kunhiraman Nair is a noted dancer in which of the following dance forms?

(a) Kathakali
(b) Mohiniyattam
(c) Bharatnatyam
(d) Kathak

Answer: (a)

59. With reference to cultural festivals celebrated across different states of India, in which state is the Yaoshang festival primarily celebrated?

(a) Mizoram
(b) Rajasthan
(c) Himachal Pradesh
(d) Manipur

Answer: (d)

60. Who among the following is the famous exponent of Hindustani classical music who was awarded Bharat Ratna and has also sung the famous song 'Mile Sur Mera Tumhara'?

(a) Kumar Gandharva
(b) Bhimsen Joshi
(c) Kunnakudi Subbalakshmi
(d) Nissar Hussain Khan

Answer: (b)

General Awareness2

61. With reference to financial institutions of India, in which year was the Reserve Bank of India established?

(a) 1930
(b) 1935
(c) 1940
(d) 1945

Answer: (b)

62. How many banks were nationalised by the government of India in the year 1980?

(a) Six
(b) Four
(c) Eight
(d) Five

Answer: (a)

63. As per the Human Development Report 2020, India has been categorised as a country with:

(a) high human development
(b) medium human development
(c) low human development
(d) very high human development

Answer: (b)

64. Which of the following options best defines the term ‘demonetization’?

(a) Introducing a new currency in the economy

(b) Reducing the official value of a currency in relation to other currencies

(c) Increasing the official value of a currency in relation to other currencies

(d) Stripping a currency unit of its status as legal tender

Answer: (d)

65. With reference to economic reforms measures introduced in India, in which year was the Liberalized Exchange Rate Management System (LERMS) instituted?

(a) 1991

(b) 1989

(c) 1994

(d) 1992

Answer: (d)

66. With reference to Wildlife Sanctuaries and National parks of India, in which state is the Valmiki National Park located?

(a) Bihar

(b) Kerala

(c) Gujarat

(d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (a)

67. With reference to physical features of India, the Himalayan Mountains form an arc, which covers a distance of about:

(a) 1,400 km

(b) 3,400 km

(c) 2,400 km

(d) 4,400 km

Answer: (c)

68. Which Indian state has the second highest population after Uttar Pradesh as per the Census of 2011?

(a) Tamil Nadu

(b) Bihar

(c) Maharashtra

(d) Rajasthan

Answer: (c)

69. With reference to demographic indicators of India, which state has the lowest crude birth rate in India?

(a) Uttarakhand
(b) Kerala
(c) Maharashtra
(d) Telangana

Answer: (b)

70. Which of the following is NOT one of the main thrust areas of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)?

(a) Water supply
(b) Sewerage and septage management
(c) Motorised urban transport
(d) Green space/parks

Answer: (c)

71. Which of the following rivers does NOT drain into the Bay of Bengal?

(a) Narmada
(b) Kaveri
(c) Krishna
(d) Godavari

Answer: (a)

72. In which city did NABARD (National Bank of Agr ıture and Rural Development) set up a centre for climate change?

(a) Bengaluru
(b) Hyderabad
(c) Lucknow
(d) Shimla

Answer: (c)

73. The micro-organisms which convert the dead plants and animals to humus are known as:

(a) bacteria
(b) fungi
(c) protozoa
(d) decomposers

Answer: (d)

74. The vascular tissue for the transport of water and nutrients in the plant is called the:

(a) phloem
(b) collenchyma
(c) xylem
(d) sclerenchyma

Answer: (c)

75. Which of the following mirrors are most commonly used by dentists to see an enlarged image of the teeth?

(a) Concave mirrors
(b) Convex mirrors
(c) Bifocal mirrors
(d) Plain mirrors

Answer: (a)

76. The amount of water recommended by the United Nations for drinking, washing, cooking and maintaining proper hygiene is a minimum of _____ litres per person per day.

(a) 100
(b) 10
(c) 35
(d) 50

Answer: (d)

77. Article 20 of the Constitution of India deals with the:

(a) abolition of titles
(b) protection in respect of conviction for offences
(c) continuance of the rights of citizenship
(d) promotion of co-operative societies

Answer: (b)

78. Which of the following is correctly matched?

(a) Article 19(e) – Right to form associa
(b) Article 19(b) – Right to practice any profe n
(c) Article 19(a) – Right to freedom of speech and expression
(d) Article 19(g) – Right to assemble peaceably and without arms

Answer: (c)

79. As of October 2021, who among the following is the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare?

(a) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
(b) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
(c) Dr. Jitendra Singh
(d) Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh

Answer: (a)

80. As of October 2021, who among the following is the Chief Minister of Punjab?

(a) Navjot Singh Sidhu
(b) Charanjit Singh Channi
(c) Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa
(d) Amarinder Singh

Answer: (b)

General English1

121. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Vibha left her earrings _____ the dressing table.

(a) to
(b) with
(c) on
(d) for

Answer: (c)

122. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
There was a narrow bridge _____ the river near the village.

(a) around
(b) amid
(c) among
(d) across

Answer: (d)

123. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Did you _____ that Maya was wearing a new ring?

(a) notice
(b) noticed
(c) noticing
(d) notices

Answer: (a)

124. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
If Thomas _____ his son the key he could have entered the house.

(a) have given
(b) had given
(c) has given
(d) was giving

Answer: (b)

125. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
The _____ thing about the show was its spectacular music.

(a) better
(b) more better
(c) most best
(d) best

Answer: (d)

126. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Don't worry, the watchman _____ their temperature before allowing them into the premises.

(a) are checking
(b) have checked
(c) will check
(d) has check

Answer: (c)

127. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Revanth usually _____ a record of all his projects and their related details.

(a) is keeping
(b) are keeping
(c) will be keeping
(d) keeps

Answer: (d)

128. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Here is _____ book our teacher asked us to refer to.

(a) a
(b) an
(c) some
(d) the

Answer: (d)

129. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Today's test was _____ unexpected one.

(a) an
(b) a
(c) the
(d) only

Answer: (a)

130. Select the correct active form of the given sentence.
An unidentified bag was found by them at the railway station yesterday.

(a) They find an unidentified bag at the railway station yesterday.
(b) They have found an unidentified bag at the railway station yesterday.
(c) They found an unidentified bag at the railway station yesterday.
(d) They were finding an unidentified bag at the railway station yesterday.

Answer: (c)

131. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.
They allow no one to enter the building without masks.

(a) No one has been allowed to enter the building without masks.

(b) No one is allowed to enter the building without masks.

(c) No one was allowed to enter the building without masks..

(d) No one is being allowed to enter the building without masks.

Answer: (b)

132. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate phrasal verb.
Look _____! There is a spider right above your head.

(a) in

(b) at

(c) off

(d) out

Answer: (d)

133. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate phrasal verb.
Their plans of launching a new programme fell _____.

(a) through

(b) over

(c) about

(d) out

Answer: (a)

134. Select the correctly punctuated sente

(a) “boys,” said the Coach. “can you tell m e the team office is?”

(b) The Coach said, “Boys Can you tell me where the team office is?

(c) The coach said, “Boys, can you tell me where the team office is?”

(d) “boys,” said the coach. “Can you tell me where the team office is.”

Answer: (c)

135. Select the most appropriate indirect form of the given sentence.
Akshay said, “We are extremely unhappy that India did not win the T-20 match against Pakistan yesterday.”

(a) Akshay said that we are extremely unhappy that India did not win the T-20 match against Pakistan yesterday.

(b) Akshay said that they were extremely unhappy that India had not won the T-20 match against Pakistan the day before.

(c) Akshay said that they are extremely unhappy that India did not won the T-20 match against Pakistan yesterday.

(d) Akshay said that they were extremely unhappy that India did not won the T-20 match against Pakistan the day before.

Answer: (b)

136. Select the most appropriate direct form of the given sentence.
Shiva asked the Manager whether they could go and cast their vote then.

(a) Shiva said to the Manager, “Could they go and cast our vote then?”

(b) Shiva said to the Manager, “Can we go and casted our vote now?”

(c) Shiva said to the Manager, “Can we go and cast their vote then?”

(d) Shiva said to the Manager, “Can we go and cast our vote now?”

Answer: (d)

137. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. Select the word which has a positive connotation.
The family was very proud of their granddaughter who was _____ but active.

(a) plump

(b) fat

(c) stout

(d) overweight

Answer: (a)

139. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
It will not _____ a difference if you do not go to work today.

(a) do

(b) make

(c) take

(d) be

Answer: (b)

140. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
If you promise to _____ a secret, I will tell you what I just heard.

(a) hold

(b) hide

(c) watch

(d) keep

Answer: (d)

General English2

141. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
There was _____ to the subway after the explosion.

(a) uncorrectable injury

(b) incurable destruction

(c) irreparable damage

(d) unchangeable harm

Answer: (c)

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

(a) nimble
(b) quick
(c) alert
(d) stiff

Answer: (d)

143. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
AVOID

(a) leave
(b) evade
(c) exit
(d) permit

Answer: (b)

144. Select the most appropriate options to fill in the blanks.
Although the bill far _____ my expectations, I _____ to pay it.

(a) acceded, exceeded
(b) exceed, accede
(c) accede exceed
(d) exceeded, acceded

Answer: (d)

145. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Sell like hot cakes

(a) A lot of people buy all the goods quickly
(b) People are afraid to touch the products
(c) Many people like what they have bought
(d) A lot of food items are put on sale

Answer: (a)

146. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
By the skin of your teeth

(a) To catch something hard
(b) To force someone to pull something
(c) To just barely manage to achieve something
(d) To prevent anyone from touching something

Answer: (c)

147. Select the proverb that fits most appropriately to the given context.
Rakesh is lucky his boss asked him to accompany him on his business trip; he must _____ .

(a) not judge the book by its cover

(b) strike while the iron is hot

(c) reap what he sows

(d) not cry over spilt milk

Answer: (b)

148. Find the word that is wrongly spelt in the sentence.
The director pointed out that the plot of the film has multipal layers.

(a) director

(b) pointed

(c) multipal

(d) layers

Answer: (c)

149. Find the word that is wrongly spelt in the sentence.
Sheba found that nearly ninety percent of vehicles on the road use high beem lights.

(a) ninety

(b) nearly

(c) beem

(d) vehicles

Answer: (c)

150. Find the word that is wrongly spelt in the sentence.
The astrologer told her that material gains, adversity to wealth, and uncontrolled expenditure are predected in the following week.

(a) astrologer

(b) uncontrolled

(c) expenditure

(d) predected

Answer: (d)

151. Select the sentence that is grammatically correct.

(a) Leena came across some old photographs when she was cleaning her desk.

(b) In the morning Vishal usually his daughter drops off to school at 9.

(c) How to upload a photo on your mobile phone, you know?

(d) That Hema is the best eye specialist in town they believe.

Answer: (a)

152. Select the option in which the parts of the sentence are in a meaningful order.

(a) Kamal an independent candidate as decided for the elections to contest.

(b) An independent candidate Kamal contest as decided to for the elections.

(c) Kamal decided to contest for the elections as an independent candidate.

(d) For the elections Kamal contest as an independent candidate decided to.

Answer: (c)

153. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word according to the context.
The heavy rain following the cyclone _____ severe flooding in the low-lying areas.

(a) composed

(b) caused

(c) prepared

(d) formed

Answer: (b)

154. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word according to the context.
_____ is advised in the use of aluminum foil in the kitchen.

(a) Caution

(b) Alert

(c) Warning

(d) Attention

Answer: (a)

155. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word according to the context.
Finance experts generally advise their clients to _____ their portfolio to ensure that a balanced portfolio can be _____.

(a) differ, conserved

(b) defer, supported

(c) discriminate, upheld

(d) diversify, maintained

Answer: (d)

156. During the experiment how much time were the participants given to solve each puzzle?

(a) Unlimited time

(b) Two minutes

(c) Thirty two minutes

(d) Twenty one minutes

Answer: (b)

157. The main idea of this passage is

(a) All great inventions were discovered in the night after a good sleep.

(b) Sleep is also a critical time for thinking and solving problems.

(c) People should sleep whenever they have difficult problems to solve.

(d) Human memory improves when we wake up from sleep

Answer: (b)

158. Why did Edison keep metal pie pans at his feet when dozing?

(a) To relieve him of pain in the feet

(b) To satisfy his hunger on waking

(c) To help him wake up from sleep

(d) To make pies after waking up

Answer: (c)

160. How did people solve problems during the rehearsal?

(a) By making important connections with sounds

(b) By memorizing the answers beforehand

(c) Using cues given by the researcher

(d) With unfair means to discover the answers

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.

General Ability1

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

General Ability2

21	**(c)**	22	**(d)**	23	**(a)**	24	**(b)**	25	**(c)**	26	**(a)**
27	**(c)**	28	**(b)**	29	**(b)**	30	**(c)**	31	**(c)**		

General Awareness1

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

General Awareness2

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

General English1

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

General English2

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