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General Ability1

1. Find the missing term in the following letter series :
GA, KE, __, SM.

(a) OI
(b) OJ
(c) PI
(d) PJ

Answer: (a)

2. Find the missing term in the following series :
O9R, S7V, ___, A3D.

(a) V5Z
(b) V4Y
(c) W4Z
(d) W5Z

Answer: (d)

3. Find the wrong term in the following series :
PRU, KMP, FHK, BCF, VXA

(a) KMP
(b) BCF
(c) VXA
(d) FHK

Answer: (b)

4. Find the missing term in the following series :
L7P, N3R, P-1T, ___.

(a) R-4V
(b) S-4V
(c) R-5V
(d) R-5U

Answer: (c)

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

(a) Book
(b) Paragraph
(c) Library
(d) Poem

Answer: (a)

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.
NTR : PWV : : GKM : ?

(a) JNQ
(b) INQ
(c) IMS
(d) JMS

Answer: (b)

7. Select the pair that is related on the same basis as the pair given in the question.
CDH : BEG : : ?

(a) TJS : SKR
(b) PJS : STM
(c) MTQ : NST
(d) GUJ : JSH

Answer: (a)

8. If SPOKE is coded as 17625 then what is the code for BINGE?

(a) 29676
(b) 29756
(c) 29575
(d) 29874

Answer: (c)

9. In a certain code language, PEN is coded as &@# and GIO is coded as \$ percent then what is the code for PIGEON?

(a) &$@ percent\#

(b) &$\ percent@#

(c) &@$ percent\#

(d) &$\@ percent#

Answer: (d)

10. In a certain code language, the word PLEASE is written as QMFBTF then how will you write the sentence 'oh my god' in it?

(a) pe ny hpe

(b) pi nz hpe

(c) pi ny hpd

(d) pe nz hpd

Answer: (b)

11. In a certain code language,
I love my country means ni ju xi ping My country is the best means xi ping ki fi zuk I am the best is written as ni ma fi zuk What is the word for 'love'?

(a) ju

(b) ni

(c) xi

(d) ping

Answer: (a)

12. Jaya is taller than Sangita. Rekha is shorter than Sushma but taller than Zinat. Sangita is shorter than Rekha but taller than Zinat. Who is the shortest?

(a) Jaya

(b) Zinat

(c) Rekha

(d) Sangita

Answer: (b)

13. Arrange the words given below in a meaningful sequence.
1. Quadrilaterals 2. Triangles 3. Hexagon 4. Pentagon 5. Octagon.

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

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

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

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

Answer: (d)

14. A team of four is to be formed out of four boys A, B, C and D and three girls E, F and G. Some criteria for selection are to be followed:
I. C and G should be always together.
II. E cannot be put with D.
III. B and C are never together.
IV. F cannot be put with A.
If there should be two boys and two girls in a team then who should form a team?

(a) A, C, G, E

(b) E, C, G, F

(c) A, G, C, D

(d) E, G, C, B

Answer: (a)

15. A, B, C, D, E, F are sitting around circular table facing inwards but not necessarily in the same order. A is sitting to the right of B and left of F. D is seated to the left of E and right of C. F is seated to the left of C. What is the position of B?

(a) Between C and D

(b) To the left of D

(c) To the right of F

(d) Between A and E

Answer: (d)

16. In this question, two statements are given followe / two conclusions. Analyze the statements and the conclusions and determine whether which c e the given conclusions can be drawn from the statements.
Statements:
I. All the Teachers are female.
II. No Engineer is a Teacher.
Conclusions:
I. All Engineers are male.
II. No teacher is an Engineer.

(a) Only Conclusion I follows

(b) Only Conclusion II follows

(c) Both I and II follows

(d) Neither I nor Ii follows

Answer: (b)

17. In this question, a statement has been given, followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. Analyze the two assumptions together and determine which of them is/are implicit in the statement.
Statements: The government announced Janata curfew on Sunday, 22 March.
Assumptions:
I. Everybody has to remain at home.
II. Not more than two people can walk as a group on roads.

(a) Only I is implicit

(b) Only II is implicit

(c) I and II is implicit

(d) Neither I nor II is implicit

Answer: (a)

18. In this question, a statement has been given, followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. Analyze the two courses of action together and decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.
Statements: A student is repeatedly caught stealing money from the teacher's purse.
Course of action :
I. The child should be punished severely.
II. The teacher should not bring money to school.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Only II follows

(c) Neither I nor II follows

(d) Both I and II follows

Answer: (a)

19. Complete the following number series:
112, 123, 136, 151, ?

(a) 167

(b) 168

(c) 169

(d) 170

Answer: (b)

20. Find the missing number in the following number series.
-71, -36, __, 34, 69.

(a) 1

(b) -1

(c) 2

(d) -2

Answer: (b)

General Ability2

21. If (x + 23) < (y +11) + 18, then which among the following is true?

(a) (x - y) < 6

(b) (x - y) > 6

(c) (y - x) < 6

(d) (y -x) > 6

Answer: (a)

22. Which two signs should be interchanged to make the below equation mathematically correct?
25 ÷ 3 + 5 -14 × 2 = 73

(a) ÷, +

(b) ÷, ×

(c) ×, -

(d) + , -

Answer: (b)

23. Find the wrong term in the following series:
69, 93, 117, 139, 165

(a) 93

(b) 117

(c) 139

(d) 165

Answer: (c)

24. Two men with same efficiency take 40 minutes to complete 8 pieces of an item. How many pieces of such items will be completed by a single person in 30 minutes?

(a) 2

(b) 3

(c) 4

(d) 5

Answer: (b)

25. In a Mathematics exam, Sanjana is ranked 13th from the top and 38th from the bottom. How many students appeared for the exam?

(a) 49

(b) 50

(c) 51

(d) 52

Answer: (b)

26. Ruby started walking 8 km to the west from point A and then takes a left turn from point B and continues walking straight for 6 km till point C.
What is the minimum distance between the Points A and C?

(a) 14 km

(b) 7 km

(c) 8 km

(d) 10 km

Answer: (d)

29. Ajay was standing on the road facing towards the south in the morning. On which side of Ajay is his shadow appearing?

(a) In the front

(b) In the backward direction

(c) Towards his left

(d) Towards his right

Answer: (d)

30. Rahul started walking in the West direction after sometime he turned towards his right and then again turned to his right. Now, if East is written as West, West as North, North as South and South as East then in what direction is he moving?

(a) East

(b) West

(c) North

(d) South

Answer: (b)

31. Rima's house is 3 km south of Seema's house. Manju's house is 5 km to the East from Seema's house. Roshan's house is 3 km south of Manju's house. How far is Roshan's house from Rima's house and in what direction?

(a) 5 km East

(b) 5 Km West

(c) 5 km North

(d) 5 km South

Answer: (a)

General Awareness1

41. Which of the following rulers is credited for building the famous Moti Masjid of Delhi?

(a) Aurangzeb

(b) Shah Jahan

(c) Akbar

(d) Humayun

Answer: (a)

42. Bhavageete is one of the most important folk music of which of the following states?
(a) Madhya Pradesh
(b) Kerala
(c) Karnataka
(d) Tamil Nadu
Answer: (c)

43. Dhangar Dance form is performed during _____ festival.
(a) Diwali
(b) Navratri
(c) Holi
(d) Raksha Bandhan
Answer: (b)

44. The Dree Festival is observed by the Apatanis in _____.
(a) Arunachal Pradesh
(b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Tamil Nadu
(d) Andhra Pradesh
Answer: (a)

45. _____ is a type of Indirect Tax which is levie[illegible] the time of sale/purchase of securities through the Indian Stock Exchanges.
(a) Stamp Duty
(b) Securities Transaction Tax
(c) Shares and Securities Tax
(d) Stamp and Securities Tax
Answer: (b)

46. The rate at which the RBI lends short-term money to the banks against securities is called _____.
(a) Reverse Repo rate
(b) Repo rate
(c) Bank rate
(d) Interest rate
Answer: (b)

47. Which among the following banks was the first bank to sell mutual funds?
(a) HSBC
(b) HDFC Bank
(c) SBI
(d) ICICI Bank
Answer: (c)

48. Net Domestic Product (NDP) + Net Factor Income from Abroad (NFIA) = _____

(a) Net National Product
(b) Gross National Product
(c) National Income
(d) Gross Domestic Product

Answer: (a)

49. As announced in Budget 2021, the custom duty on solar invertors has increased from 5 percent to _____.

(a) 10 percent
(b) 12 percent
(c) 15 percent
(d) 20 percent

Answer: (d)

50. Wildlife Protection Act was passed in _____.

(a) 1970
(b) 1986
(c) 1982
(d) 1972

Answer: (d)

51. The aurora (the Northern Lights and Southern Lig) occur in the _____ layer of atmosphere.

(a) thermosphere
(b) mesosphere
(c) stratosphere
(d) exosphere

Answer: (a)

52. Plants growing on snow or ice are called as _____.

(a) Epiphytes
(b) Endophytes
(c) Cryophytes
(d) Thermophytes

Answer: (c)

53. The scientific name of Vitamin B6 is _____.

(a) Riboflavine
(b) Pyridoxine
(c) Cobalamin
(d) Thiamine

Answer: (b)

54. When the pH value of rain water is measured as less than _____, it is known as acid rain.
    (a) 9.4
    (b) 8.6
    (c) 11.2
    (d) 5.6
    Answer: (d)

55. Commonly known forms of _____ are mushrooms, bracket fungi or puffballs.
    (a) phycomycetes
    (b) basidiomycetes
    (c) ascomycetes
    (d) deuteromycetes
    Answer: (b)

56. The deepest point of the _____ is known as Richards Deep.
    (a) Peru-Chile Trench
    (b) South Sandwich Trench
    (c) Tonga Trench
    (d) Japan Trench
    Answer: (a)

57. Which of the following peaks is the highest peak o arnataka?
    (a) Phawngpui
    (b) Mullayanagiri
    (c) Doddabetta
    (d) Anamudi
    Answer: (b)

58. Chamera Dam is built across the _____ river.
    (a) Ravi
    (b) Chenab
    (c) Saraswati
    (d) Krishna
    Answer: (a)

59. Which of the following soils requires least tilling because of its characteristic of self-ploughing?
    (a) Black
    (b) Alluvial
    (c) Laterite
    (d) Arid
    Answer: (a)

60. When was the Gandhi-Irwin Pact signed?
    (a) 1935
    (b) 1931
    (c) 1928
    (d) 1939
    Answer: (b)

General Awareness2

61. Who won the Battle of Chandawar?
    (a) Babur
    (b) Jayachandra
    (c) Muhammad Ghori
    (d) Ashoka
    Answer: (c)

62. The Treaty of Madras was signed between the British and _____.
    (a) Hyder Ali
    (b) Babur
    (c) Ashoka
    (d) Akbar
    Answer: (a)

63. The Indian Home Rule movement was started b al Gangadhar Tilak in _____.
    (a) 1922
    (b) 1916
    (c) 1912
    (d) 1919
    Answer: (b)

64. Who among the following was the founder of the Shunga Dynasty?
    (a) Simuka
    (b) Devabhuti
    (c) Pushyamitra
    (d) Agnimitra
    Answer: (c)

65. Which of the following was the capital of Kakatiyas?
    (a) Patliputra
    (b) Kalyani
    (c) Madurai
    (d) Warangal
    Answer: (d)

66. What is the real name of Munshi Premchand?
(a) Narendra Nath Datta
(b) Satyanarayana Raju
(c) Ramkrishna Yadav
(d) Dhanpat Rai
Answer: (d)

67. Ace Against Odds' is an autobiography of which of the following sports-persons?
(a) Milkha Singh
(b) Sania Mirza
(c) Saina Nehwal
(d) Rahul Dravid
Answer: (b)

68. _____ won the 65th Filmfare Awards 2020 in the 'Best Film' category.
(a) Saand Ki Aankh
(b) War
(c) Gully Boy
(d) Article 15
Answer: (c)

69. Which of the following books is not written by Rud ard Kipling?
(a) The White Tiger
(b) The Elephant's Child
(c) Captains Courageous
(d) The Jungle Book
Answer: (a)

70. Who won the Oscar award in 2020 for the best performance by an actress in a supporting role?
(a) Scarlett Johansson
(b) Margot Robbie
(c) Kathy Bates
(d) Laura Dern
Answer: (d)

71. Shanti Van' is the memorial of which of the following leader?
(a) Mahatma Gandhi
(b) Lal Bahadur Shastri
(c) Rajiv Gandhi
(d) Jawaharlal Nehru
Answer: (d)

72. Which of the following parts of the Indian Constitution deals with elections?

(a) XVI
(b) XIII
(c) XIV
(d) XV

Answer: (d)

73. Which Constitutional Amendment reduced the voting age from 21 years to 18 years for the Lok Sabha?

(a) 61st
(b) 59th
(c) 65th
(d) 54th

Answer: (a)

74. When was the Indian National Flag adopted?

(a) 15 December 1946
(b) 15 August 1946
(c) 22 July 1947
(d) 22 January 1947

Answer: (c)

75. The concept of 'Concurrent List' of the Indian Co .itution is borrowed from the constitution of _____.

(a) France
(b) Australia
(c) Germany
(d) United States of America

Answer: (b)

76. Which among the following states will host the forthcoming Hero Indian Women's League 2020-21 edition as announced by All India Football Federation?

(a) West Bengal
(b) Odisha
(c) Tamil Nadu
(d) Rajasthan

Answer: (b)

77. What is the motto of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics which is scheduled to be held in July-August 2021?

(a) United we stand
(b) Divided we fall
(c) United by emotion
(d) United as one

Answer: (c)

78. Ryder Cup is associated with which of the following sports?

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

Answer: (d)

79. Who won the ITTF Challenger Plus Oman Open men's singles title in the year 2020?

(a) Achanta Sharath Kamal
(b) Marcos Freitas
(c) Anthony Amalraj
(d) Soumyajit Ghosh

Answer: (a)

80. Which cricketer became the first player to play 100 matches in all 3 formats of international cricket?

(a) Sachin Tendulkar
(b) Rohit Sharma
(c) Ross Taylor
(d) Virat Kohli

Answer: (c)

Arithmetic Ability1

81. What is the least number which must b ‘ded 1284 to make it a perfect square?

(a) 59
(b) 12
(c) 107
(d) 85

Answer: (b)

82. A number 146281354a is divisible by 9. What can be the minimum value of 'a'?

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

Answer: (a)

83. If the fraction 1/4, 2/5, 1/6, 4/9 and 4/13 are arranged in ascending order of their values, then which one will be the third?

(a) 1/4
(b) 2/5
(c) 4/13
(d) 4/9

Answer: (c)

84. In a division problem, the quotient is 7 times the divisor and the divisor is 1 more than the remainder. If the remainder is 2, then what is the dividend?

(a) 63
(b) 65
(c) 54
(d) 55

Answer: (b)

85. In a two digit number, the digit at ten's place is 1 less than twice the digit at the unit's place. If the digit at unit's and ten's places are interchanged, the difference between original number and new number is 20 less than the new number. What is the original number?

(a) 32
(b) 53
(c) 95
(d) 74

Answer: (d)

86. The denominator of a fraction is 1 less than twice the numerator. If the numerator increases by 3 and denominator decreases by 1 than the new fraction becomes 1. What is the original fraction?

(a) 5/9
(b) 4/7
(c) 3/5
(d) 2/3

Answer: (a)

87. What is (1/3) of (6/7){8×5 - 36÷3} ?

(a) 16
(b) 9
(c) 12
(d) 8

Answer: (d)

88. What is the greatest 6-digit number which is a multiple of 17?

(a) 999982
(b) 999999
(c) 999998
(d) 999991

Answer: (d)

89. What is the minimum number of square tiles required to cover the floor of a hall whose length is 7m 84cm and width is 3m 64cm?

(a) 364
(b) 28
(c) 784
(d) 637

Answer: (a)

90. What is the equivalent single discount percent to two successive discounts of 40 percent and 20 percent?

(a) 60 percent
(b) 30 percent
(c) 48 percent
(d) 52 percent

Answer: (d)

91. Raju went for shopping and saved Rs. 3 in buying a toy. If he spent Rs. 27 for the toy, then how much percent he saved in this transaction?

(a) 9 percent
(b) 10 percent
(c) 11 percent
(d) 12 percent

Answer: (b)

92. If Chinmay comes in place of one pers[illegible]veig[illegible]g 55 Kg in a group of 6 people, then the average weight increases by 3.5 Kg. So what [illegible]veight of Chinmay?

(a) 21 Kg
(b) 55 Kg
(c) 76 Kg
(d) 58 Kg

Answer: (c)

93. A fruit seller had some pineapples . He sells 25 percent pineapples and still has 480 pineapples. Originally, how much pineapples he had?

(a) 555
(b) 505
(c) 640
(d) 660

Answer: (c)

94. Three candidates contested in a town election and received 2550, 5640 and 3810 votes respectively. What percentage of the total votes did the winning candidate get?

(a) 47 percent

(b) 60 percent

(c) 57 percent

(d) 65 percent

Answer: (a)

95. The population of a city increased from 280000 to 392000 in 5 years. What is the arithmetic average percent increase of population per year?

(a) 18 percent

(b) 12 percent

(c) 10 percent

(d) 8 percent

Answer: (d)

96. The selling price of 15 chains is equal to the cost price of 12 chains. What is the gain percent or loss percent?

(a) Gain of 20 percent

(b) Loss of 15 percent

(c) Gain of 15 percent

(d) Loss of 20 percent

Answer: (d)

97. On selling 54 toys at Rs. 4116, there is a [illegible] which is equal to the cost price of 5 toys. What is the cost price of a toy?

(a) Rs. 84

(b) Rs. 49

(c) Rs. 54

(d) Rs. 48

Answer: (a)

98. A mobile phone was sold at a loss of 8 percent. If it was sold for Rs. 2220 more, there would have been a gain of 16 percent. What is the cost price?

(a) Rs. 8250

(b) Rs. 7030

(c) Rs. 9250

(d) Rs. 11470

Answer: (c)

99. A sum of money is to be distributed among P, Q and R in the proportion of 2:3:7. If R gets Rs. 1800 more than P, What is the Q's share?

(a) Rs. 720

(b) Rs. 1080

(c) Rs. 2520

(d) Rs. 360

Answer: (b)

100. The ratio of the number of male and female employee in a company is 12:13. If the percentage increase in the number of male and female be 10 percent and 20 percent respectively. What will be the new ratio?

(a) 11:13

(b) 13:12

(c) 10:13

(d) 12:13

Answer: (a)

Arithmetic Ability2

101. The sum of three numbers is 112. If the ratio of the first to second is 3:4 and that of the second to the third 4:7, then what is the second number?

(a) 24

(b) 32

(c) 56

(d) 28

Answer: (b)

102. Narendra took a loan of Rs. 2000 with simple interest for as many years as the rate of the interest. If he paid Rs. 500 as interest at the end of the loan period, what was the rate of interest?

(a) 2 percent

(b) 3 percent

(c) 4 percent

(d) 5 percent

Answer: (d)

103. The simple interest on a certain sum for 4 years is Rs. 320 and the compound interest on the same sum for 2 years is Rs. 175. What is the rate percent per annum?

(a) 16(3/4) percent

(b) 18 percent

(c) 18(3/4) percent

(d) 16(1/4) percent

Answer: (c)

104. The compound interest on Rs. 12000 at 5 percent per annum is Rs. 1230, then what is the time period?

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

Answer: (b)

105. Piyush walking on a road at the speed of 5 Km per hour. How much time he will take to cross a 50000 cm long road?

(a) 5 minutes
(b) 4 minutes
(c) 6 minutes
(d) 10 minutes

Answer: (c)

106. If a women walks at 12 km/hr instead of 9 km/hr, she would have walked 12 km more. What is the actual distance travelled by her?

(a) 40 km
(b) 30 km
(c) 24 km
(d) 36 km

Answer: (d)

107. Ankit complete a journey in 36 hours. He travel one-fourth of the journey at the speed of 40 km/hr and remaining at speed of 60 km/hr. What is the total journey in Km?

(a) 1820 km
(b) 1920 km
(c) 1800 km
(d) 2000 km

Answer: (b)

108. A can do a work in 6 days and B in 4 days. If they work on it together for 2 days , then what fraction of the work left?

(a) 1/5
(b) 2/5
(c) 1/4
(d) 1/6

Answer: (d)

109. Rishi and Rohan can together finish a work in 40 days. They worked together for 30 days and then Rohan left. After another 30 days , Rishi finished the remaining work. In how many days Rishi alone can finish the work?

(a) 60 days

(b) 84 days

(c) 96 days

(d) 120 days

Answer: (d)

110. Meera and Reeta can do a piece of work in 15 days and 10 days respectively. Meera started the work alone and then after 5 days Reeta joined her till the completion of the work. How long did the work last?

(a) 9 days

(b) 10 days

(c) 11 days

(d) 12 days

Answer: (a)

111. What is the volume of a cylinder whose base area is 48 Sq cm and the height is 11 cm?

(a) 825 cu cm

(b) 728 cu cm

(c) 647 cu cm

(d) 528 cu cm

Answer: (d)

112. What is the volume of a cone whose base [illegible]ter is 6 cm and the height is 3.5 cm?

(a) 66 cu cm

(b) 33 cu cm

(c) 22 cu cm

(d) 21 cu cm

Answer: (b)

113. A cone and a cylinder have the same height. The radius of the cone is twice the radius of the cylinder. What is the ratio of the volume of cone to that of the cylinder?

(a) 4:1

(b) 3:4

(c) 4:3

(d) 1:4

Answer: (c)

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'.
Susan had recently run in to/ Catherine at the supermarket, they/ were seeing each other after many years.

(a) Susan had recently run in to

(b) Catherine at the supermarket, they

(c) were seeing each other after many years.

(d) No error

Answer: (a)

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'.
Inspite of everything which was/ done for him, he remained an/ ungrateful human being.

(a) Inspite of everything which was

(b) done for him, he remained an

(c) ungrateful human being.

(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'.
The power behind that hit was/ absolutely bludgeoning, no one can/ have had stopped that ball.

(a) The power behind that hit was

(b) absolutely bludgeoning, no one can

(c) have had stopped that ball.

(d) No error

Answer: (b)

124. The sentence below has been divided into three parts. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the option 'No Error'.
His power and stature were at/ best in a precarious position, after their/ fall-out with the other party members.

(a) His power and stature were at

(b) best in a precarious position, after their

(c) fall-out with the other party members.

(d) No error

Answer: (b)

125. 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 bandits were long gone (the time the authorities arrived).

(a) by the time the authorities arrived.

(b) when the time authorities arrived.

(c) till the time authorities arrived.

(d) No correction required

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.
He was appreciated (for the work he has done in the States).

(a) for the work he was doing in the States.

(b) for the work he had done in the States.

(c) for the work he has been doing in the States.

(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.
In these dire times, (all of us needed to come together and fight this disease).

(a) all of us need to come together and fight this disease.

(b) all of us needs to come together and fight this disease.

(c) all of us will be needed to come together and fight this disease.

(d) No correction required

Answer: (a)

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.
Sakina feels that (spiders are a frightened species). She is extremely afraid of them.

(a) spiders are a frightening species.

(b) spiders are a frightful species.

(c) spiders are a fright species.

(d) No correction required

Answer: (a)

129. Fill in the blank with appropriate word.
The flight catered to _____ the needs of the passengers.

(a) all
(b) every
(c) many
(d) some

Answer: (a)

130. Fill in the blank with appropriate word.
There were _____ a times when they told him to stop his current lifestyle.

(a) much too
(b) manier
(c) much
(d) many

Answer: (d)

131. Fill in the blank with appropriate word.
For a very long time until now, it _____ believed that the gods created earth and the heaven.

(a) had
(b) has been
(c) was
(d) is

Answer: (c)

132. Fill in the blank with appropriate word
The respondents were _____ in subduing [illegible]uation.

(a) hassled
(b) hasty
(c) quick
(d) tedious

Answer: (c)

133. Fill in the blank with appropriate word.
A loud thud woke up everybody and nobody knew what all the _____ was about.

(a) exoneration
(b) commotion
(c) abomination
(d) culmination

Answer: (b)

134. Fill in the blank with appropriate word.
It was a _____(cynic) masterpiece of his imagination and it lived up to its expectations.

(a) cynicism
(b) cynically
(c) cynic
(d) cynical

Answer: (d)

135. Fill in the blank with appropriate word.
Not only did he _____ (forgot) the lunch at home, but also forgot to turn off the air conditioner.

(a) forgot
(b) forget
(c) forgotten
(d) to forget

Answer: (b)

136. 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.
Visionary entrepreneur Elon Musk is the co-founder of PayPal (PYPL), Tesla Motors (TSLA), and SolarCity (SCTY), and is the founder of SpaceX.
P. Amid an often difficult childhood, Musk developed a relentless work ethic (he is known to work as many as 80 to 100 hours per week) and a tenacious single-minded vision.
Q. On September 7, 2018 Musk appeared to be smoking marijuana while interviewing for a podcast.
R. Coupled with the exit of Tesla's head of human resources and chief accounting officer, that news saw the stock drop in trade.
S. His astounding success has given rise to comparisons of Musk and Steve Jobs, Howard Hughes, Henry Ford, and Bill Gates.
This was just another addition to the string of bad news for the company, including a shareholder lawsuit against Musk and the company for his infamous tweet on August 7. Musk had tweeted that he is considering taking Tesla private. The company later decided against the move.

(a) QPSR
(b) QPRS
(c) RPQS
(d) SPQR

Answer: (d)

137. 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.
For what he was,
P. it was known to everyone,
Q.which wouldn't allow him to give up
R. endurance and competitive spirit
S. that it was his remarkable
so easily even in the face of defeat

(a) SPQR

(b) QPSR

(c) PSRQ

(d) PSQR

Answer: (c)

138. 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.
After all the chaos,
P. in an open letter to
Q. the Prime Minister, the students of the D.U.
R. the unjust government policies
S. expressed their dismay with
which were against the fundamentals of the constitut .

(a) QPRS

(b) PQRS

(c) RQPS

(d) PQSR

Answer: (d)

139. 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.
Cold War, the open yet restricted rivalry that developed after World War II between the United States and the Soviet Union and their respective allies.
P. The term was first used by the English writer George Orwell in an article published in 1945 to refer to what he predicted would be a nuclear stalemate between two or three monstrous super-states.
Q. The Cold War was waged on political, economic, and propaganda fronts and had only limited recourse to weapons.
R. It was first used in the United States by the American financier and presidential adviser Bernard Baruch in a speech at the State House in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1947.
S. Each possessed of a weapon by which millions of people can be wiped out in a few seconds. And since then a long lasting war for supreme command and becoming world superpower began.

(a) QPRS
(b) SPQR
(c) QPSR
(d) RPQS

Answer: (c)

140. Select the word that is opposite in meaning (ANTONYM) to the word given below.
Balk

(a) Deny
(b) Diffuse
(c) Scorn
(d) Accept

Answer: (d)

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

(a) Colossus
(b) Dreadnought
(c) Midget
(d) Leviathan

Answer: (c)

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

(a) Indictment
(b) Praise
(c) Stubborn
(d) Criticism

Answer: (b)

143. Select the word that is closest in meaning (SYNONYM) to the word given below Alleviate

(a) Altruistic

(b) Falter

(c) Diminish

(d) Aggravate

Answer: (c)

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

(a) Panegyric

(b) Panegiric

(c) Panegaric

(d) Panigyrie

Answer: (a)

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

(a) Plagerism

(b) Plagiarism

(c) Plagiarsm

(d) Plageriasm

Answer: (b)

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

(a) Connivance

(b) Conivance

(c) Connievence

(d) Conniavance

Answer: (a)

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

(a) Disquietude

(b) Disquietud

(c) Disquetude

(d) Disquitude

Answer: (a)

148. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom A baker's dozen

(a) Thirteen

(b) Twelve

(c) Ten

(d) Fifteen

Answer: (a)

149. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom French leave.

(a) Absence without permission.

(b) To have a slight encounter

(c) To try hard

(d) To be inconsistent

Answer: (a)

150. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom All and sundry.

(a) To suffer humiliation.

(b) To take reckless risks.

(c) To remove a misapprehension.

(d) Everything without distinction.

Answer: (d)

151. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom To throw up the sponge.

(a) To be afraid.

(b) To surrender or give up the contest.

(c) To reveal secret information.

(d) To catch somebody of guard.

Answer: (b)

152. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the e essions given below Difficult to interpret or understand.

(a) Emulate

(b) Enigmatic

(c) Explicable

(d) Endemic

Answer: (b)

153. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expressions given below Pleasing to the ear.

(a) Elation

(b) Ebullience

(c) Dulcet

(d) Maleficent

Answer: (c)

154. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expressions given below To reveal a secret.

(a) Discern

(b) Divulge

(c) Vilify

(d) Conceal

Answer: (b)

155. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expressions given below In a state of sulky dissatisfaction.

(a) Disgruntled

(b) Contented

(c) Surreal

(d) Dissuade

Answer: (a)

160. Why did Agathocles fail to become a part of the group of famous men, who according to Machiavelli had achieved glory?

(a) Because Machiavelli considered him truly powerful.

(b) Because even with all the power that Machiavelli commanded he could not achieve glory, for all the atrocities he had committed.

(c) Because Agathocles was a ruler who only sought power.

(d) Because Agathocles though powerful, was a weak ruler at heart.

Answer: (b)

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

General Ability2

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

General Awareness1

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

General Awareness2

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

Arithmetic Ability1

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

Arithmetic Ability2

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

General English1

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

General English2

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