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General Ability1

1. Find the missing term in the following letter series :
GL, _____, AF, XC

(a) CJ
(b) DI
(c) EK
(d) FL

Answer: (b)

3. Find the missing term in the following series :
N5R, S9W, _____, C14G

(a) X12B
(b) Y11C
(c) Z12D
(d) W12A

Answer: (a)

4. Find the wrong term in the following series :
TWZ, QTW, NQT, LNR, HKN

(a) QTW
(b) NQT
(c) LNR
(d) HKN

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.
Spinach : Vegetable :: Cow : ?

(a) Mammal
(b) Grass
(c) Milk
(d) Carnivorous

Answer: (a)

6. Select the pair that is related on the same basis to the pair given in the question.
Bark : Dog :: ?

(a) Cow : Moo
(b) Buzz : Bees
(c) Hive : Bees
(d) Grass : Cow

Answer: (b)

7. Select the option that is related to the third term on the same basis as the second term is related to the first term.
HOV : MTA :: CLP : ?

(a) JSX
(b) IRV
(c) GPT
(d) HQU

Answer: (d)

8. IF SING is coded as QGLE, then what is the code for DANCE?

(a) ZWJYA
(b) CWJBD
(c) AXKZB
(d) BYLAC

Answer: (d)

9. If WHEAT is coded as 58512, BREAK is coded as 29512, then what is the code for LUCKY?

(a) 43427
(b) 44438
(c) 33327
(d) 34338

Answer: (c)

10. If PEAR is coded as 7519, then what is the code for TANK?

(a) 2152

(b) 1041

(c) 2164

(d) 1052

Answer: (a)

11. In a certain code language, nigzil means moveably
dijzil means movement
dijpin means embarassment which word would mean 'embarassing'?

(a) rizpin

(b) bihdij

(c) zilbuy

(d) qirnig

Answer: (a)

12. If P $ Q means P is the father of Q; P ! Q means P is the mother of Q and P * Q means P is the daughter of Q, which of the following shows that D is son-in-law of A?

(a) A ! B $ C * D

(b) A $ B ! C * D

(c) A $ B * C ! D

(d) A ! B * C $ D

Answer: (b)

13. Pawan scored more than Rashi. Yashika scored as much as Disha. Lalita scored less than Manisha. Rashi scored more than Yashika. Manisha scored less than Disha. Who scored the highest?

(a) Disha

(b) Lalita

(c) Rashi

(d) Pawan

Answer: (d)

14. Jeevan, Agni, Gauri, Ema, Vinod and Fatima are sitting around a round table facing the centre. Fatima is to the left of Gauri, who is opposite Agni, Vinod is between Agni and Jeevan. Who is to the left of Ema?

(a) Vinod

(b) Agni

(c) Fatima

(d) Gauri

Answer: (b)

15. Arrange the given words in the sequence in which they occur in the dictionary.
1. RATTLED
2. RATINGS
3. RAPTURE
4. RAMPANT
5. RADICAL

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

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

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

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

Answer: (a)

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

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) Neither I nor II follows

Answer: (b)

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

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion I and II follows

(c) Only conclusion I and III follows

(d) All conclusions I, II and III follow

Answer: (c)

18. In the question two statements I and II are given, followed by two conclusions, I and II. You have to consider the statements to be true even if it seems to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which of the given conclusions, if any, follows from the given statements.
Statement I : 70% employees of XYZ Organisation did not come today.
Statement II : Ashoka is an exployee of XYZ Organisation.
Conclusion I : Ashoka did not come today.
Conclusion II : Ashoka came today.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Both I and II follow

(d) Either I or II follows

Answer: (d)

19. Find the wrong number in the following number series:
2, 4, 16, 96, 576

(a) 4

(b) 16

(c) 96

(d) 576

Answer: (d)

20. Find the missing number in the following number series:
215, 247, _____, 341, 403

(a) 282

(b) 279

(c) 289

(d) 272

Answer: (c)

General Ability2

21. Select the option that is related to the third number on the same basis as the second number is related to the first number.
8 : 128 :: 9 : ?

(a) 162

(b) 90

(c) 147

(d) 81

Answer: (a)

22. Find the number which when added to itself 18 times, gives 152.

(a) 8

(b) 7

(c) 9

(d) 6

Answer: (a)

23. Which two numbers should be interchanged to make the below equation mathematically correct?
114 ÷ 3 × 19 - 9 + 12 = 21

(a) 19, 9
(b) 3, 19
(c) 9, 12
(d) 3, 12

Answer: (b)

24. If x - 6 > y + 4, then which of the following is true?

(a) x - y > 10
(b) x + y < 10
(c) x - y < 10
(d) x + y > 10

Answer: (a)

25. Two numbers are 50% and 80% respectively more than a third number. What is the ratio of first number is to the second number?

(a) 6:5
(b) 5:8
(c) 8:5
(d) 5:6

Answer: (d)

28. If West is South, North-East is North-West, ther rth-West is _____.

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

Answer: (c)

29. Rashi walk 0.3 km towards West. Then, she turns right and goes for 0.5 km. Then, she turns right and goes straight for 0.3 km to reach her friend's place. What is the shortest distance between Pallavi's friend's place and her home?

(a) 0.5 km
(b) 0.4 km
(c) 0.8 km
(d) 0.3 km

Answer: (a)

30. Astha walks 7 km north, then turns west and walks 6 km, then turns south and walks 2 km, then turns west and walks 3 km, then turns to her left and walks 5 km. Where is she now with reference to her starting position?

(a) 9 km east

(b) 3 km west

(c) 9 km west

(d) 3 km east

Answer: (c)

31. Charlie travels 9 km west, then turns to his left and travels 11 km. Darsheel travels 5 km south, then turns west and travels 17 km, then turns south and travels 18 km, then turns to his left and travels 8 km. Where is Darsheel with respect to Charlie now?

(a) 12 km north

(b) 34 km south

(c) 12 km south

(d) 34 km north

Answer: (c)

General Awareness1

41. Who among the following built the Moti Masjid of Agra?

(a) Aurangzeb

(b) Shah Jahan

(c) Babur

(d) Humayun

Answer: (b)

42. Onam is celebrated for _____ days with the arrival of Mahabali.

(a) ten

(b) five

(c) three

(d) eight

Answer: (a)

43. The only objective of _____ dance form of Bihar is to invoke Lord Indra at a time of severe drought.

(a) Jawara

(b) Bhagoria

(c) Ghumra

(d) Jhijhian

Answer: (d)

44. Chakri is one of the most important folk music of which of the following states/union territories?
    (a) Uttar Pradesh
    (b) Himachal Pradesh
    (c) Jammu and Kashmir
    (d) Madhya Pradesh
    Answer: (c)

45. Reserve Bank of India was established in the year _____.
    (a) 1930
    (b) 1935
    (c) 1938
    (d) 1932
    Answer: (b)

46. Which among the following is the first Indian bank to open an overseas branch?
    (a) Bank of India
    (b) Central Bank of India
    (c) State Bank of India
    (d) Presidency Bank
    Answer: (a)

47. _____ refers to the total value of all the final goods and services produced in an economy during a certain period after deduction of depreciation of capital goods.
    (a) Private Income
    (b) Gross Domestic Product
    (c) Net National Product
    (d) Gross National Product
    Answer: (c)

48. As announced in Budget 2021, the custom duty on cotton has increased from nil to _____.
    (a) 5%
    (b) 10%
    (c) 15%
    (d) 20%
    Answer: (b)

49. _____ is calculated by dividing the national income of the country by the total population of a country.
    (a) Personal Income
    (b) Disposable Income
    (c) Per Capita Income
    (d) Net National Product
    Answer: (c)

50. Which of the following elements does not belong to the Halogen group of Periodic Table?
(a) Fluorine
(b) Iodine
(c) Bromine
(d) Helium
Answer: (d)

51. According to Kepler's _____ law, the square of the time period of the planet's orbit is directly proportional to the cube of the semimajor axis of its elliptical path.
(a) first
(b) second
(c) third
(d) fourth
Answer: (c)

52. Water harvesting is called _____ in Himachal Pradesh.
(a) Kulhs
(b) Eris
(c) Bundhis
(d) Kattas
Answer: (a)

53. The scientific name of Vitamin K1 is _____
(a) Cobalamin
(b) Riboflavin
(c) Phytomenadione
(d) Pyridoxine
Answer: (c)

54. Khadar and Bhangar are types of which of the following soil?
(a) Black
(b) Alluvial
(c) Laterite
(d) Saline
Answer: (b)

55. Which among the following is an example of Zaid crops?
(a) Wheat
(b) Rice
(c) Cucumber
(d) Mustard
Answer: (c)

56. Which among the following rivers is not a tributary of Yamuna?
    (a) Sindh
    (b) Betwa
    (c) Tons
    (d) Kosi
    Answer: (d)

57. The highest peak of Karnataka, Mullayanagiri, is located on which of the following range?
    (a) Western Ghats
    (b) Eastern Ghats
    (c) Aravalli
    (d) Satapura
    Answer: (a)

58. Which among the following trench was earlier known as the Java Trench?
    (a) Puerto Rico Trench
    (b) South Sandwich Trench
    (c) Sunda Trench
    (d) Mariana Trench
    Answer: (c)

59. Who was the founder of the Satavahana Dynasty?
    (a) Yagya Sri Satakarni
    (b) Simuka
    (c) Gautamiputra Satakarni
    (d) Yajna Satakarni
    Answer: (b)

60. Which among the following vedas is known as "Veda of Melodies and Chants"?
    (a) Rig
    (b) Atharva
    (c) Yajur
    (d) Sama
    Answer: (d)

General Awareness2

61. _____ account of travels is known as the Rihla.
    (a) Ibn Battuta's
    (b) Marco Polo's
    (c) Hiuen Tsang's
    (d) Fahien's
    Answer: (a)

62. Who won the Battle of Karnal fought in 1739?
    (a) Nader Shah
    (b) Muhammad Shah
    (c) Aurangzeb
    (d) Ibrahim Lodi
    Answer: (a)

63. When was the Treaty of Alinagar signed?
    (a) 1793
    (b) 1782
    (c) 1795
    (d) 1757
    Answer: (d)

64. Who among the following built the Virupaksha temple of Karnataka?
    (a) Chola Empire
    (b) Rashtrakuta Empire
    (c) Vijayanagara Empire
    (d) Solanki Empire
    Answer: (c)

65. Veer Bhumi is the memorial of which of the follow leaders?
    (a) Rajiv Gandhi
    (b) Morarjee Desai
    (c) Lal Bahadur Shastri
    (d) Charan Singh
    Answer: (a)

66. Atmakatha' is an autobiography of which of the following persons?
    (a) Rajendra Prasad
    (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
    (c) Narendra Modi
    (d) A.P.J Abdul Kalam
    Answer: (a)

67. Which among the following books is not written by Amitav Ghosh?
    (a) The Glass Palace
    (b) The Tunnel of Time
    (c) The Circle of Reason
    (d) The Shadow Lines
    Answer: (b)

68. Which among the following songs won the 65th Filmfare Awards 2020 in the 'Best Lyrics' category?

(a) Kalank
(b) Ve Maahi
(c) Apna Time Ayega
(d) Teri Mitti

Answer: (c)

69. What is the real name of Tansen?

(a) Ramtanu Pandey
(b) Narendra Nath Datta
(c) Dhanpat Rai
(d) Satyanarayana Raju

Answer: (a)

70. Which among the following is an autobiography of Mary Kom?

(a) Courage and Conviction
(b) Playing It My Way
(c) Straight from the Heart
(d) Unbreakable

Answer: (d)

71. 47th Constitutional Amendment included _____ la eforms Acts of various states in the Ninth Schedule.

(a) 14
(b) 15
(c) 9
(d) 12

Answer: (a)

72. Which among the following Schedule in the Indian Constitution contains provisions as to the Administration and Control of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes?

(a) Third
(b) Fourth
(c) Fifth
(d) Sixth

Answer: (c)

73. Which among the following part of the Indian Constitution deals with Emergency Provisions?

(a) XIX
(b) XIII
(c) XV
(d) XVIII

Answer: (d)

74. The concept of Cabinet system in the Indian Constitution is borrowed from the constitution of _____.

(a) United Kingdom
(b) Ireland
(c) Germany
(d) France

Answer: (a)

75. Which among the following Constitutional Amendment facilitated the creation of a new autonomous State of Meghalaya within the State of Assam?

(a) 25th
(b) 22nd
(c) 42nd
(d) 38th

Answer: (b)

76. Sudirman Cup is associated with which of the following sports?

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

Answer: (b)

77. Who is the first Indian woman badminton player to win an Asian Games medal?

(a) Ashwini Ponnappa
(b) Jwala Gutta
(c) Saina Nehwal
(d) P.V. Sindhu

Answer: (c)

78. P.V. Sindhu has _____ in the BWF Swiss Open Super 300 in the final of the women's singles event held at Basel, Switzerland in March 2021.

(a) won the Gold medal
(b) did not win any medal
(c) won the Silver medal
(d) won the Bronze medal

Answer: (c)

79. Who won the men's singles in Yonex All England Badminton Championships 2020 in Birmingham, England?

(a) Viktor Axelsen
(b) Peter Gade
(c) Chou Tien-Chen
(d) Hiroyuki Endo

Answer: (a)

80. The Khelo India University Games 2021 will be hosted by _____.

(a) West Bengal

(b) Odisha

(c) Karnataka

(d) Maharashtra

Answer: (c)

Arithmetic Ability1

81. Simplify: (5616 ÷ 9) ÷ 6 = ?

(a) 102

(b) 104

(c) 103

(d) 101

Answer: (b)

82. Simplify: (4865 × 2.2) - (4590 × 2.3) + 1 = ?

(a) 147

(b) 124

(c) 156

(d) 146

Answer: (a)

83. A natural number is 15 more than its one-fourth part. What is the number?

(a) 10

(b) 15

(c) 20

(d) 25

Answer: (c)

86. Riya was 50 cm long at birth. She is 6 years old now and is 1.02 m tall. How much has Riya grown in height in the past 6 years?

(a) 0.45 m

(b) 0.48 m

(c) 0.5 m

(d) 0.52 m

Answer: (d)

87. Simplify: 12.12 + 1.212 + 0.1212 + 0.01212 = ?

(a) 13.46532

(b) 13.45632

(c) 14.56743

(d) 16.78452

Answer: (a)

88. Simplify:
25000 × 0.25 - 0.125 of 1000 + 1200 ÷ 0.80 = ?

(a) 7725
(b) 7750
(c) 7625
(d) 7630

Answer: (c)

89. The average weight of a group of 10 persons increased by 4.5 kg when a new person came and replaced one of the members of the group. If the weight of the member replaced was 70 kg, calculate the weight of the new person?

(a) 115 kg
(b) 85 kg
(c) 90 kg
(d) 87 kg

Answer: (a)

90. A dishonest merchant gives a discount of 30 percent on a packet of wheat. Also, he sells wheat in packets. One packet actually contains 1000g of wheat. If the shopkeeper labels each packet as 1500 g, find his profit percent?

(a) 4 percent
(b) 5 percent
(c) 7 percent
(d) 10 percent

Answer: (b)

91. How much discount does 2 successive discounts of 10 percent result to?

(a) 19 percent
(b) 20 percent
(c) 18 percent
(d) 217 percent

Answer: (a)

92. Amar spends 30 percent of his income on food, 20 percent on clothing and 75 percent of the remaining income on house rent. What percent of his income does he save ?

(a) 25 percent
(b) 30 percent
(c) 12.5 percent
(d) 35 percent

Answer: (c)

94. The results of an election between two candidates were as follows: One candidate got 60 percent of the total valid votes, 10 percent of the votes were invalid, and the rest of the valid votes went to the other candidate. If the total number of votes casted was 8000, the number of valid votes that the other candidate got, was _____.

(a) 4320
(b) 2880
(c) 2500
(d) 7200

Answer: (b)

95. The cost price of 36 articles is equal to selling price of 30 articles. Find the gain or loss percent.

(a) 20 percent
(b) 27 percent
(c) 13 percent
(d) 10 percent

Answer: (a)

96. The marked price of a shirt and a suit are in the ratio of 4:5. The shopkeeper gives 40 percent discount on the suit. If the total discount on the suit and the shirt is 25 percent. Find the discount offered on the shirt.

(a) 4.75 percent
(b) 6.25 percent
(c) 5.75 percent
(d) 7.75 percent

Answer: (b)

97. Manoj purchased a house for Rs 11 lakh and spent by Rs 50000 on its repairs. If he wants to make a profit of 25 percent profit, find the price at which he needs to sell the house?

(a) Rs. 1437550
(b) Rs. 1438500
(c) Rs. 1437500
(d) Rs. 1200000

Answer: (c)

98. A bag contains 50 Paisa, 25 Paisa and 1 Rupee coins in the ratio 2 : 4 : 5, amounting to Rs. 210. Find the number of coins of each type respectively.

(a) 50, 100, 125
(b) 44, 88, 110
(c) 60, 120, 150
(d) 30, 60, 75

Answer: (c)

99. Find the second number if there are three numbers, sum of which is 115; and the ratio of the first to second is 7:4 and that of the second to the third is 1:3?

(a) 60
(b) 25
(c) 35
(d) 20

Answer: (d)

100. If Rs. 12048 is divided in the ratio 1:2:5, then what is the second part?

(a) 2012
(b) 3024
(c) 2024
(d) 3012

Answer: (d)

Arithmetic Ability2

101. A sum of Rs. 900 yields Rs. 162 as interest at 9 percent per annum of simple interest. Calculate the time?

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

Answer: (b)

102. Calculate the duration in which Rs.60,000 yields a compound interest of Rs.11,286 at 9 percent per annum?

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

Answer: (b)

103. A sum of money increases by 90 percent in 5 years at simple interest. What will be the compound interest of Rs. 24,000 after 2 years at the same rate?

(a) Rs. 9147.60
(b) Rs. 9000
(c) Rs. 8976.20
(d) Rs. 9417.60

Answer: (d)

104. The difference in simple interest and compound interest on a certain sum of money is Rs. 25. If the rate is 5 percent p.a. and the duration is 2 years, what is the sum?

(a) Rs. 20000
(b) Rs. 12000
(c) Rs. 10000
(d) Rs. 15000

Answer: (c)

105. Sushma could have covered 10 km more by running at 7 kmph instead of 5 kmph in the same time.What is the actual distance ran by her?

(a) 10 km
(b) 25 km
(c) 20 km
(d) 30 km

Answer: (b)

106. Shyam completes a journey in 20 hours. He travels first half of the journey at the rate of 42 km/hr and second half at the rate of 48 km/hr. Find the total distance covered in the journey in km?

(a) 780km
(b) 896 km
(c) 996 km
(d) 787 km

Answer: (b)

107. Robin is travelling in his car and has calculated to reach point X at 4 PM if he travels at 40 kmph. He will reach there at 1 PM if he travels at kmph. At what speed must he travel to reach X at 3 PM?

(a) 65 kmph
(b) 50 kmph
(c) 45 kmph
(d) 55 kmph

Answer: (c)

108. A can do a piece of work in 8 hours; B and C together can do it in 6 hours, while A and C together can do it in 4 hours. How long will B alone take to do it?

(a) 49 hours
(b) 52 hours
(c) 42 hours
(d) 24 hours

Answer: (d)

109. A is 100% more efficient than B and therefore is able to finish a job in 40 days less than B. Working together, they can do it in _____. (fraction to be considered as full day)

(a) 29 days

(b) 26 days

(c) 25 Days

(d) 27 days

Answer: (d)

110. A machine A can print 1000 copies of a magazine in 6 hours, machine B can print the same number of books in 8 hours while machine R can print them in 10 hours. All the machines are started at 7 A.M. while machine A is closed at 9 A.M. and the remaining two machines complete the work. Approximately at what time will the work (to print 1000 copies of a magazine) be finished ?

(a) 9:58 AM

(b) 10:00 AM

(c) 10:02 AM

(d) 10:05 AM

Answer: (a)

112. Seven cubes of volumes :216 cu cm, 27 cu cm, 1 cu cm, 27 cu cm, 1 cu cm, 216 cu cm and 512 cu cm are melted to form a new cube. What is the diagonal of the new cube?

(a) 15.9 cm

(b) 16.20 cm

(c) 12.96 cm

(d) 17.30 cm

Answer: (d)

113. How many bullets can be made from a sphere of 12 cm radius such that the radius of each spherical bullet is 0.4 cm?

(a) 30000

(b) 27000

(c) 25000

(d) 60000

Answer: (b)

General English1

121. The sentence below has been divided into three parts. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the option 'No Error'.
DRDO is developing the 200-km strike range / Pranash ballistic missile which / has to be used for tactical missions.

(a) DRDO is developing the 200-km strike range

(b) Pranash ballistic missile which

(c) has to be used for tactical missions.

(d) No Error

Answer: (c)

122. The sentence below has been divided into three parts. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the option 'No Error'.
Right to Protest should not be used as a tool that weakens the social order, / it is meant for enrichment of democracy as it provided a platform to civil society to register / its grievances and also encourage discussions and debates.

(a) Right to Protest should not be used as a tool that weakens the social order

(b) it is meant for enrichment of democracy as it provided a platform to civil society to register

(c) its grievances and also encourage discussions and debates.

(d) No Error

Answer: (b)

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 discovery of the Siva linga has thrown light on the / religious practices of Neolithic civilisations during who people used to worship idols of / Gods and Goddesses in standing posture.

(a) The discovery of the Siva linga has thrown light on the

(b) religious practices of Neolithic civilisations during who people used to worship idols of

(c) Gods and Goddesses in standing posture.

(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'.
It was established on the plain and built accordingly / a grid plan interpreted in the / light of Vedic architecture.

(a) It was established on the plain and built accordingly

(b) to a grid plan interpreted in the

(c) light of Vedic architecture.

(d) No Error

Answer: (a)

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 difference between a cartoonist and an illustrator is the same as the difference between a comedian and a comedy actor—(the first of those) deliver their own lines and take full responsibility for them, the latter could always hide behind the fact that it was not his entire creation.

(a) the first both

(b) the former both

(c) the first and the second of them

(d) no correction required

Answer: (b)

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.
Drought affect food production and human society, so (these are being considered a) disaster, of natural, supernatural or human cause.

(a) they are considered a

(b) they have to be considerated a

(c) these are considered an

(d) no correction required

Answer: (a)

127. Select the word segment that substitutes (replaces) the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully. Select the option 'no correction required' if the sentence is correct as given.
Any tree can be used for pulp-making, coniferous trees (are ought to be used) because the cellulose fibres in the pulp of these species are longer, and therefore make stronger paper.

(a) are never taken

(b) while being used

(c) are preferred

(d) no correction required

Answer: (c)

128. Select the word segment that substitutes (replac[illegible] the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully. Select the op[illegible] 'no correction required' if the sentence is correct as given.
The Food and Agriculture Organization of t[illegible] Unit[illegible] Nations estimates that in coming decades, cropland (would be continuing to be lost to) in[illegible]l and urban development, along with reclamation of wetlands, and conversion of forest to cultivation, resulting in the loss of biodiversity and increased soil erosion.

(a) will continue to be lost to

(b) would continuing to be losing to

(c) will be continuing to lose

(d) no correction required

Answer: (a)

129. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
It takes something more than words to _____them to do our will, to cover us with glory.

(a) dissuade

(b) cajole

(c) prorate

(d) counsel

Answer: (b)

130. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
Of all her Court ladies I was the most youthful and, perhaps, the most _____.

(a) indiscernible
(b) imperceptible
(c) conspicuous
(d) shadowy

Answer: (c)

131. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
Not that he took little interest in it, but it had no power to absorb and _____ him.

(a) monopolize
(b) swallow
(c) disgrace
(d) engross

Answer: (d)

132. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
A low hot wind began to rise, and fan his cheek with pestiferous kisses, and _____ his frame with its poisonous embrace.

(a) enfleurage
(b) enervate
(c) silicify
(d) stellify

Answer: (b)

133. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
What a pity that they are as _____ as the bloom of these flowers and the fragrance they exhale!

(a) evanescent
(b) lasting
(c) imperishable
(d) perdurable

Answer: (a)

134. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
One may _____what he only holds in trust; he shares what is his own.

(a) appropriate
(b) appellate
(c) apportion
(d) apply

Answer: (c)

135. Some parts of a sentence have been jumbled up, and labelled P, Q, R and S. Select the option that gives the correct sequence in which these parts can be rearranged to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.
Aqua regia
P: because, in combination,
Q: though neither constituent acid will do so alone,
R: each acid performs a
S: dissolves gold,
different task.

(a) RPQS

(b) SRQP

(c) QSPR

(d) SQPR

Answer: (d)

136. Some parts of a sentence have been jumbled up, and labelled P, Q, R and S. Select the option that gives the correct sequence in which these parts can be rearranged to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.
This doesn't
P: but it does happen. And when it does,
Q: happen very often,
R: to understand which one
S: you need to know both meanings
is being used.

(a) QPRS

(b) QRPS

(c) QPSR

(d) RQPS

Answer: (c)

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.
Larceny laws
P: of another with the
Q: intent to permanently deprive the owner
R: to which larceny involves the trespassory taking and carrying away of the tangible personal property S: in the United States have their roots in common law, pursuant
of its possession.

(a) SRQP

(b) SRPQ

(c) SPQR

(d) SPRQ

Answer: (b)

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.
The prisoners in India
P: lack of proper medical facilities and consistent risk of torment
Q: kitchens are congested and unhygienic and the diet has remained unchanged
R: suffer from severe unhygienic conditions,
S: and misuse. The
for years now.

(a) QSPR

(b) QRPS

(c) RPSQ

(d) RSPQ

Answer: (c)

139. Select the word that is closest in meaning (SYNONYM) to the word given below.
METICULOUS

(a) UNDEMANDING

(b) CARELESS

(c) IMPECUNIOUS

(d) CONSCIENTIOUS

Answer: (d)

140. Select the word that is the opposite meaning (A ONYM) to the word given below.
ABSCOND

(a) ABSTAIN

(b) FADE

(c) APPEAR

(d) DESPOND

Answer: (c)

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141. Select the word that is closest in meaning (SYNONYM) to the word given below.
AMENABLE

(a) RECALCITRANT

(b) AGREEABLE

(c) INTRACTABLE

(d) OBDURATE

Answer: (b)

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

(a) WREST
(b) SOOTHE
(c) PLACATE
(d) COVER

Answer: (a)

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

(a) ACUMEN
(b) MOIETY
(c) EXEMPLAR
(d) PECUNIARY

Answer: (c)

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

(a) PROTEEN
(b) PROTIEN
(c) PROTEIN
(d) PROTIN

Answer: (c)

145. Four words are given, out of which on' ne w d is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word.

(a) ACCESSION
(b) ACESSION
(c) ACEESSION
(d) ACESION

Answer: (a)

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

(a) CAMRADRIE
(b) CAMARADERIE
(c) CAMRADEIRE
(d) CAMRADERIE

Answer: (b)

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

(a) PALCHRITUDE
(b) PULCHRITUDE
(c) PULSHRITUDE
(d) PALSHRITUDE

Answer: (b)

148. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
"The ball is in your court".

(a) You should finish what you started.
(b) It's your decision.
(c) To give a warm handshake.
(d) Telling someone that they are worthless.

Answer: (b)

149. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
"Spill the beans".

(a) To loose the hold of the situation.
(b) To give away an opportunity.
(c) To drop an expensive article .
(d) To give away a secret.

Answer: (d)

150. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
"Take a rain check".

(a) Postpone a plan.
(b) Having a hold of the situation.
(c) Things that do not matter.
(d) Being sure about everything.

Answer: (a)

151. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given phrase.
"The best thing since sliced bread".

(a) Things of daily importance.
(b) Things of less importance.
(c) A really good invention.
(d) Not being good at anything.

Answer: (c)

152. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expressions given below.
"causing or having a very sharp feeling of sadness."

(a) FUCHSIA

(b) POIGNANT

(c) FUSION

(d) FISSION

Answer: (b)

153. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expressions given below.
"a speech, piece of writing, poem, etc. containing great praise, especially for someone who recently died or retired from work".

(a) BALLAD

(b) ODE

(c) EULOGY

(d) SONNET

Answer: (c)

154. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expressions given below.
"affectedly grand, solemn, or self-important."

(a) SULLY

(b) DEMURE

(c) UNPRETENTIOUS

(d) POMPOUS

Answer: (d)

155. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expressions given below.
"to make unclean or impure".

(a) DEFILE

(b) ENCUMBERED

(c) LIMERICK

(d) CRAMP

Answer: (a)

156. What is Phoenix ?

(a) A fiery bird.

(b) A metaphor for charm.

(c) A city in United States.

(d) A character in John Keat's poems.

Answer: (c)

157. The idea of the bird is derived from which part of the world ?

(a) Romania

(b) Greece

(c) Greenland

(d) Colombia

Answer: (b)

158. Why is the Russian firebird compared to a phoenix?

(a) Because the Russian firebird lays eggs which only hatch when kept in fire.

(b) Because the eyes of the Russian firebird light up at night.

(c) Because the Russian firebird's tail is made of a long single flame.

(d) Because the feather of Russian firebird emit light.

Answer: (d)

159. Which of the following is not as closely related to the others ?

(a) Resurrection

(b) Transformation from death to life.

(c) Emerge from a catastrophe stronger, smarter and more powerful.

(d) Rebirth, life reborn anew and transformed.

Answer: (c)

160. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
The phrase "To rise like a phoenix from the ashes" is _____

(a) Onomatopoeia

(b) Simile

(c) Hyperbole

(d) Synecdoche

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

General Ability2

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

General Awareness1

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

General Awareness2

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

Arithmetic Ability1

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

Arithmetic Ability2

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

General English1

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

General English2

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