PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

DSSSB Head Clerk 2022 — 23 February 2022, Shift 1

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Mental Ability 1

1. Seven people, A, B, C, D, E, F and G are sitting in a straight line, facing south. Only two people sit to the left of A. Only three people sit between E and A. B sits third to the right of C. D sits to the immediate right of F. C sits at one of the extreme end. Who among the following sits between A and C?

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

Answer: (d)

2. Seven people, S, T, U, V, W, X and Y are sitting in a straight line, facing South. Only two people sit to the left of S. Only three people sit between W and S.V sits at one of the extreme end. Y sits to the immediate right of V. U sits in the middle of T is not the immediate neighbor of U.
Which among the following statement is false?

(a) There are five people sitting between W and V.
(b) U sits to the immediate right of S.
(c) One person sits between T and U.
(d) Three people sits to the right of S.

Answer: (d)

3. Krithi ranked 12th from the top and 18th from the bottom in her class. How many students are there in the class?

(a) 24
(b) 29
(c) 23
(d) 31

Answer: (b)

4. All 70 students in a class are standing in a straight line facing north. Srikar is 32th from the right end while Slok is 25th from the left end. How many people stand between Srikar and Slok?

(a) Thirteen

(b) Seven

(c) Sixteen

(d) Five

Answer: (a)

5. Swetha correctly remembers that Ashok's exam is before Saturday but after Wednesday. Harini correctly remembers that Ashok's exam is after Thursday but before Sunday. On which of the following days does Ashok's exam correctly fall?

(a) Thursday

(b) Friday

(c) Monday

(d) Saturday

Answer: (b)

6. Seven colleagues A, B, C, D, E, F and G live in a seven floor building. The ground floor is numbered as 1, first floor is numbered 2 and in the same sequence sixth floor is numbered as 7. Four people lives below the floor on which D lives. C lives on the floor between the floors where E and F lives. G lives on the floor immediately above the floor where A lives. Two people lives on the floor below the floor where C lives. E lives a floor above the ground floor where B lives. Who lives on the 4th floor?

(a) E

(b) F

(c) C

(d) G

Answer: (b)

7. A shopkeeper arranges 5 varieties of dry fruits in different boxes – cashew nuts, almonds, peanuts, walnuts, and dates. These were placed one above the other. The top most box is numbered as 1 and the bottom most as 5. Dates box is exactly below Almonds box, which is below the box containing Peanuts. Cashew nuts box is exactly between Dates box and Walnuts box, which is exactly third below the box containing Almonds.
Which variety of dry fruits is there in the second box from the top?

(a) Cashew nuts

(b) Dates

(c) Almonds

(d) Peanuts

Answer: (c)

8. If 'U + V' means 'U is the sister of V'.
'U # V' means 'U is the husband of V'.
'U $ V' means 'U is the daughter of V'.
'U % V' means 'U is the mother of V'.
'U @ V' means 'U is the brother of V'.
Then how W is related with E in the following expression?
W % P + B @ R $ E

(a) Wife

(b) Brother

(c) Husband

(d) Sister

Answer: (a)

9. This question has two statements followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which conclusion/s logically follow/s from the given statements.
Statements:
Some pickles are roses.
All roses are lemons.
Conclusions:
(I) Some lemons are pickles.
(II) All lemons are roses.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Only II follows

(c) Both I and II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

Answer: (a)

10. H is richer than J whereas M is richer than P. L is as rich as J. A is richer than H.
What conclusion can be definitely drawn from the above statement?

(a) J is poorer than P.

(b) M is richer than A.

(c) L is poorer than H.

(d) P is richer than L

Answer: (c)

11. If $G \geq H \geq Z$, and $J \leq K \leq L$, and $M = H = L$, then which of the following is true?

(a) $G > J$

(b) $H = K$

(c) $M = K$

(d) $H < K$

Answer: (a)

12. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word DOLPHIN (in both forward and backward directions) which have as many letters between them as there are in English alphabetical order?

(a) Three
(b) Four
(c) Two
(d) None

Answer: (b)

13. The position of how many alphabets will remain unchanged if each of the letters in the word WISDOM are arranged in alphabetical order?

(a) One
(b) Two
(c) Three
(d) None

Answer: (a)

14. This question is based on the following words
CRY CAT PAN MUG
If in each of the words, each alphabet is changed to the previous alphabet in the English alphabetical order, how many words thus formed will have no vowel?

(a) One
(b) Two
(c) Three
(d) None

Answer: (c)

16. In a certain code language, 'table' is coded as 'bag', 'bag' is coded as 'school' and 'school' is coded as 'park'. Then how do children carry their books in that language?

(a) School
(b) Table
(c) Bag
(d) Park

Answer: (a)

17. In a certain code,
'Water is tasty' is coded as 'dy ph mt' 'clouds on water' is coded as 'lp ph st' 'clouds is white' is coded as 'st bk dy' (all the codes are two letter coded only) What is the code for white?

(a) mt
(b) dy
(c) bk
(d) st

Answer: (c)

18. ALL is related to 51 in a certain way in the same way, PLATE is related to 85. To which of the following is ACQUIRE related to, following the same logic?

(a) 120
(b) 118
(c) 119
(d) 124

Answer: (c)

19. TRAP is related to 55 in a certain way in the same way, SMELL is related to 61. To which of the following is AMUZEMENT related to, following the same logic?

(a) 45
(b) 120
(c) 98
(d) 118

Answer: (d)

20. DIFFERENTIATE is to EXTRICATE as to PROFOUND is to _____

(a) CONFUSE
(b) PHILOSOPHICAL
(c) MILD
(d) TRIVIAL

Answer: (b)

Mental Ability 2

21. Herbs is to bananas as to Shrub is to _____

(a) Paddy
(b) Wheat
(c) Tulsi
(d) Tomato

Answer: (c)

22. Three of the following four are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group?

(a) PTK
(b) WSC
(c) LPO
(d) FJU

Answer: (b)

23. Three of the following four are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group?

(a) Soyabean
(b) Wheat
(c) Oats
(d) Millets

Answer: (c)

33. Pointing to a girl in a photo, Amitha said, "She is the sister of the son of the wife of my husband." How is the girl in photo related to Amitha?

(a) Daughter
(b) Sister
(c) Sister-in-law
(d) Niece

Answer: (a)

34. Seven members of a family S, T, U, W, X, Y, J were travelling together. T is son of U but U is not the mother of T. J is U's brother's wife. S and U are married couple. X is brother of U.W is daughter of S.Y is brother of T.
How is W related to X?

(a) Brother
(b) Sister
(c) Niece
(d) Nephew

Answer: (c)

35. If X + Y means X is the father of Y;
X - Y means X is the wife of Y
X x Y means X is the brother of Y
X ÷ Y means X is the daughter of Y.
If L x W ÷ M – K, then which of the following is definitely true?

(a) K is son of W
(b) K is brother of W
(c) K is husband of W
(d) K is father of W

Answer: (d)

36. what should come in place of ? in the given series?
30, 62, 126, 254, ?

(a) 540
(b) 541
(c) 510
(d) 543

Answer: (c)

37. Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term.
13 : 157 :: 7 : ?

(a) 33

(b) 37

(c) 39

(d) 35

Answer: (b)

38. Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term.
225 : 27 :: 81 : ?

(a) 9

(b) 21

(c) 18

(d) 23

Answer: (b)

39. What approximate value to come in place of ?
21.09 – 8.99 + 26.02 x 6.99 = ?

(a) 178

(b) 189

(c) 194

(d) 195

Answer: (c)

40. Replace * with appropriate mathematical operations to make the equation correct.
13 * 3 * 186 * 6 * 24 * 82

(a) +, x, ÷, –, =

(b) x, ÷, –, +, =

(c) ÷, –, +, x, =

(d) –, +, x, ÷, =

Answer: (a)

General Awareness 1

41. Recently, Odisha has inked an agreement with which United Nations agency to start “Mission Shakti Living Lab” for financial empowerment of girls?

(a) UNICEF

(b) UNCDF

(c) UNDP

(d) UNFPA

Answer: (b)

42. Which Indian Chief Minister has been named among the 100 Most Influential People of 2021 in Time magazine's annual list released on 15 September?

(a) Mamata Banerjee
(b) Arvind Kejriwal
(c) Uddhav Thackeray
(d) Yogi Aditya Nath

Answer: (a)

43. How many scientists from across the country won Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2021 for their significant contribution to science and technology?

(a) 10
(b) 11
(c) 12
(d) 14

Answer: (b)

44. Which research Institute identified blood-based biomarkers to predict disease progression in brain tumours, in November 2021?

(a) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay
(b) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore
(c) Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) New Delhi
(d) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) Hyderabad

Answer: (b)

45. Where was the Indian Grand Prix IV started on 19 June 2021?

(a) New Delhi
(b) Bangalore
(c) Mumbai
(d) Patiala

Answer: (d)

46. Who received the Arjuna Award for Outstanding Performance in Sports and Games 2021 in Boxing?

(a) Arpinder Singh
(b) Abhijeet Kunte
(c) Simranjit Kaur
(d) Davinder Singh Garcha

Answer: (c)

47. India topped with how many medals in the ISSF World Cup held in New Delhi in March 2021?

(a) 22
(b) 25
(c) 28
(d) 30

Answer: (d)

48. Which cultural site was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1989?

(a) Shanti Stupa at Ladakh

(b) Amravati Stupa at Andhra Pradesh

(c) Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya

(d) Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi

Answer: (d)

49. Which is the most famous monuments in Vijayapura from the Adil Shahi era?

(a) Gol Gumbaz

(b) Bibi Ka Maqbara

(c) Safdarjung's Tomb

(d) Chota Imambara

Answer: (a)

50. Which of the following dance form has been recognized as the 9th classical dance form by the Ministry of Culture?

(a) Lavani dance

(b) Chhau dance

(c) Bihu dance

(d) Rouf dance

Answer: (b)

51. Which of the following is a popular tribal dance o ssam, performed by Bodo women?

(a) Bhortal Dance

(b) Deodhani Dance

(c) Bagurumba Dance

(d) Jhumur Dance

Answer: (c)

52. In which year the National Institute of Kathak Dance, also known as Kathak Kendra, a premier dance institute for the Indian classical dance of Kathak, was established?

(a) 1960

(b) 1964

(c) 1965

(d) 1968

Answer: (b)

53. Which festival marks the beginning of the Sikh New Year and commemorates the formation of Khalsa panth of warriors under Guru Gobind Singh in 1699?

(a) Baisakhi

(b) Hola Mohalla

(c) Lohri

(d) Teeyan

Answer: (a)

54. Which of the following is the national festival of Assam that marks the beginning of the Assamese New Year and is associated with the agricultural harvest?

(a) Ambubachi Festival
(b) Bohag Bihu Festival
(c) Majuli Festival
(d) Dehing Patkai Festival

Answer: (b)

55. Which festival of Sikkim commemorates the enlightenment of Lord Buddha, during which people burn incense sticks and offer water at the monasteries dotting the state?

(a) Losar Festival
(b) Dosmoche Festival
(c) Hemis Festival
(d) Saga Dawa Festival

Answer: (d)

56. Which region of northern ancient India became the most important Mahajanapada for nearly two hundred years?

(a) Magadha
(b) Kuru
(c) Kosala
(d) Kashi

Answer: (a)

57. Name of the last ruler of the Mamluk dy[illegible]ty w[illegible] was thrown out by the Khilji ruler Jalal ud din Firuz Khilji in 1290.

(a) Ghiyas-ud-din Balban
(b) Muiz ud din Qaiqabad
(c) Razia al-Din
(d) Nasiruddin Mahmud

Answer: (b)

58. Which of the following reform movement was founded by Swami Dayanand Saraswati in Bombay in 1875?

(a) Arya Samaj
(b) Brahmo Samaj
(c) Satyashodhak Samaj
(d) Ramakrishna Mission

Answer: (a)

59. In which year did the Indian National Congress pass the historic 'Purna Swaraj' resolution in its Lahore session?

(a) 1928
(b) 1925
(c) 1929
(d) 1931

Answer: (c)

60. Which discipline of physical geography is devoted to the study of landforms, their processes, forms and sediments on the Earth's surface?

(a) Hydrology
(b) Biogeography
(c) Geomorphology
(d) Historical Geography

Answer: (c)

General Awareness 2

61. What type of climate is found mainly in the North Indian plains and the interior plains of South China towards the Tropic of Cancer and the Pole of Capricorn?

(a) Humid Subtropical Climate
(b) Tropical Wet and Dry Climate
(c) Tropical Wet Climate
(d) Subtropical steppe Climate

Answer: (a)

62. Which mountain is located at an altitude of 1,501 meters as a major geographical landmark in the Gajapati district of Odisha?

(a) Anai Mudi
(b) Mahendragiri
(c) Doda Betta
(d) Deomali

Answer: (b)

63. The fertility rate refers to the number of live births per 1000 women in the child-bearing age group, usually taken to be-

(a) 10 to 30 years
(b) 15 to 20 years
(c) 15 to 49 years
(d) 20 to 50 years

Answer: (c)

64. Which state/UT tops the list of most literate state in India with 96.2% literacy rate?

(a) Kerala

(b) Lakshadweep

(c) Goa

(d) Chandigarh

Answer: (a)

65. According to NITI Aayog's first Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report 2021, what percentage of the India's population is multidimensionally poor?

(a) 15.06%

(b) 25.01%

(c) 28.70%

(d) 34.05%

Answer: (b)

66. Which industry of India is the world's fifth-largest by production as per 2020 statistics?

(a) Telecommunication industry

(b) Chemical industry

(c) Automobile industry

(d) Textile Industry

Answer: (c)

67. In October 2020, Apollo Hospitals partnered with ich bank to launch the 'HealthyLife Programme', a holistic health solution that makes h ny living accessible and affordable on Apollo's digital platform?

(a) Axis Bank

(b) ICICI Bank

(c) SBI Bank

(d) HDFC Bank

Answer: (d)

68. A feature described in the Indian Constitution called 'centrifugal form of federalism where the center is stronger than the states' is borrowed from the constitution of which country?

(a) Ireland

(b) United States of America

(c) Canada

(d) France

Answer: (c)

69. Which Article of the Indian Constitution empowered the President to appoint two members of the Anglo-Indian community to the Lok Sabha?

(a) Article 102
(b) Article 331
(c) Article 99
(d) Article 123

Answer: (b)

70. Which water body covers about one fifth of the Earth's surface and extends from the Southern Ocean to the Americas and between Africa and Europe?

(a) Atlantic Ocean
(b) Indian Ocean
(c) Pacific Ocean
(d) Arctic Ocean

Answer: (a)

71. Who proposed the theory of continental drift in 1912?

(a) Antonio Pellegrini
(b) Marcel Nicolet
(c) Alexander Friedmann
(d) Alfred Wegener

Answer: (d)

72. Which is the brightest star in the constellation o corpius lies about 550 light years away and also known as Alpha Scorpii?

(a) Antares
(b) Sirius
(c) Canopus
(d) Arcturus

Answer: (a)

73. An intensely bright phycobiliprotein isolated from red algae that exhibits extremely bright red-orange fluorescence with high concentration yields is known as

(a) R-phycoerythrin
(b) Syndecans
(c) Ependymin
(d) Retinylidene

Answer: (a)

74. Which yeast, also known as brewer's or baker's yeast, is involved in winemaking, baking and brewing?

(a) Saccharomyces cerevisiae
(b) Candida albicans
(c) Leucosporidium frigidum
(d) Saccharomyces telluris

Answer: (a)

75. Who proposed that the cell membrane operates continuously as a tapestry of many types of molecules (phospholipids, cholesterol and proteins)?

(a) Rudolf Virchow
(b) Singer and Nicolson
(c) Schleiden and Schwann
(d) Anton Von Leeuwenhoek

Answer: (b)

76. Which type of forces appears only in certain nuclear processes such as the β-decay of a nucleus?

(a) Gravitational Force
(b) Electromagnetic Force
(c) Strong Nuclear Force
(d) Weak Nuclear force

Answer: (d)

77. Who discovered the relationship betwe[illegible]he p[illegible]sure of a gas and its absolute temperature in the early 19th century?

(a) Richard Feynman
(b) Robert Boyle
(c) Isaac Newton
(d) Joseph Gay-Lussac

Answer: (d)

78. Reflection of ultrasonic waves applied in which technology?

(a) Lasers
(b) Sonar
(c) Photocell
(d) Rocket propulsion

Answer: (b)

79. Who discovered the quantum theory relative to the electron and the prediction of the existence of antiparticles in 1928?

(a) Paul Dirac

(b) Ernest Rutherford

(c) Niels Bohr

(d) Nicolas Copernicus

Answer: (a)

80. In which year John Alexander Newlands, an English chemist, profounded the Law of Octaves, stating that every eighth element exhibits similar properties to the first elements?

(a) 1829

(b) 1834

(c) 1865

(d) 1895

Answer: (c)

Arithmetic Ability 1

86. If x and y are the LCM and HCF of the numbers, 30, 45, 90 and 135 respectively, then what is the value of x-7y?

(a) 375

(b) 165

(c) 195

(d) 185

Answer: (b)

87. If the HCF of two numbers is 15 and LCM is 1665, then what is the one of the two numbers?

(a) 405

(b) 500

(c) 555

(d) 615

Answer: (c)

90. A person buys goods worth Rs. 8000. He gets 6.5% discount on it. After getting the discount, he pays 5% GST. Find the amount he pays for the goods.

(a) Rs. 7480

(b) Rs. 7854

(c) Rs. 8400

(d) Rs.7780

Answer: (b)

91. A trader buys an article Rs. 1000. He sells at a discount of 15% still he gets the profit of 27.5%. What is the marked price of that article?

(a) Rs. 1475
(b) Rs. 1450
(c) Rs. 1500
(d) Rs. 1525

Answer: (c)

92. In an examination, 39% of the students failed and 732 passed. How many students appeared for the examination?

(a) 1300
(b) 1200
(c) 1150
(d) 1100

Answer: (b)

93. In an election between two candidates, one got 56% of the total valid votes, 14% of the votes are invalid. If the total number of votes was 90000, what was the number of valid votes that the other candidate got?

(a) 34056
(b) 43344
(c) 42990
(d) 52345

Answer: (a)

94. The population of a town was 2,50,000 th... ...rs ago. If it increased by 4%, 3%, 5% respectively in the last three years, then the present population is:

(a) 291240
(b) 291005
(c) 281190
(d) 234569

Answer: (c)

95. A chemist has two solutions of hydrochloric acid in stock. One is 60% solution and the other is 75% solution. How much of each should be used to obtain 150 ml of a 70% solution?

(a) 60% solution is 55 ml and 75% solution is 95 ml
(b) 60% solution is 50 ml and 75% solution is 100 ml
(c) 60% solution is 90 ml and 75% solution is 60 ml
(d) 60% solution is 70 ml and 75% solution is 80 ml

Answer: (b)

96. A person deals with second hand goods. He bought a second hand refrigerator for Rs. 8000. He spends Rs. 200 on transport and Rs. 1800 on its repair and sells it for Rs.11500. What is his gain or loss percentage?

(a) 18.75%

(b) 12.50

(c) 15.00%

(d) 20.00%

Answer: (c)

97. Pranav sells an article which costs him Rs. 1500 to Rakesh at a profit of 10%. Rakesh then sells it to Siraj for Rs. 1749. What is the profit percentage of Rakesh?

(a) 6%

(b) 7%

(c) 8%

(d) 9%

Answer: (a)

98. If a discount of 10% is given to the marked price of an article, the shopkeeper gains 17%. If the discount is increased to 20%, what is the gain%?

(a) 6%

(b) 5%

(c) 4%

(d) 7%

Answer: (c)

100. If the ratio of three numbers is 5 : 6 : 11 a. product is 21,120, then what is the sum of first two numbers?

(a) 64

(b) 68

(c) 58

(d) 44

Answer: (d)

Arithmetic Ability 2

101. Seats for ECE, EEE and CSE courses in an engineering college are in the ratio 4:5:6. There is a proposal to increase these seats by 30%, 50% and 60% respectively. What will be the ratio of increased seats?

(a) 12:25:36

(b) 24:50:45

(c) 52:75:96

(d) 35:50:63

Answer: (c)

102. At what rate of simple interest per annum will a sum of money 6 times itself in 40 years?

(a) 9.5%

(b) 10.5%

(c) 11.5%

(d) 12.5%

Answer: (d)

103. What is the compound interest on Rs. 24000 at 10% per annum for 18 months compounded half-yearly.

(a) Rs. 3783

(b) Rs. 3700

(c) Rs. 3757

(d) Rs. 3845

Answer: (a)

104. A lends Rs. 4000 to B and a certain sum to C at the same time at 7% per annum simple interest. If after 5 years, A receives Rs. 3500 as interest from B and C. What is the difference of sums given to B and C by A?

(a) Rs. 1900

(b) Rs. 1850

(c) Rs. 2000

(d) Rs. 1750

Answer: (c)

105. A train 225 m long travels at the speed of 90 kmph. A man is running at 9 kmph in the same direction in which the train is going. In how much time the train will pass the man?

(a) 9 seconds

(b) 10 seconds

(c) 11 seconds

(d) 12 seconds

Answer: (b)

106. An athlete runs 400 meters race in 40 seconds. What his speed?

(a) 30 kmph

(b) 32 kmph

(c) 36 kmph

(d) 40 kmph

Answer: (c)

108. A man covered a certain distance at some speed. If he had moved 3 km/h faster, he would have taken 60 min less. If he had moved 3 km/h slower, he would have taken 90 min more. What is the distance (in km)?

(a) 80

(b) 60

(c) 75

(d) 90

Answer: (d)

110. A is twice as good a workman as B and together they finish a piece of work in 30 days. In how many days will B alone finish the work?

(a) 45 days

(b) 90 days

(c) 60 days

(d) 75 days

Answer: (b)

111. A can do a piece of work in 60 days. He works at it for 10 days and then B alone finishes the remaining work in 25 days. In how many days will A and B working together, finish the same work?

(a) 27

(b) 25

(c) 23

(d) 20

Answer: (d)

112. A and B undertake to do a piece of work for Rs. 4800. A alone can do it in 12 days while B alone can do it in 16 days. With the help of C, they finish it in 6 days. What is the sum of the A's and C's share?

(a) Rs. 3000

(b) Rs. 2400

(c) Rs. 4200

(d) Rs. 3600

Answer: (a)

113. A, B and C together can complete a piece of work in 20 days. All the three started working at it together and after 8 days A left. Then B and C together completed the work in 20 more days. In how many days shall A alone finish the whole work?

(a) 21 days

(b) 50 days

(c) 18 days

(d) 35 days

Answer: (b)

114. The base of a parallelogram is twice its height. If the area of the parallelogram is 288 sq. cm, what is the base of the parallelogram?

(a) 8 cm
(b) 12 cm
(c) 10 cm
(d) 24 cm

Answer: (d)

115. The number of lead balls, each 1 cm in diameter that can be made from a spherical lead ball of radius 9 cm.

(a) 7468
(b) 4562
(c) 5832
(d) 6546

Answer: (c)

General English 1

121. Spot the error, if any, and choose the corresponding option in the following sentence:
(A) The new stock of tamarind
(B) imported from Brazil
(C) taste bitterly.

(a) The new stock
(b) of tamarind
(c) taste bitter
(d) No error

Answer: (c)

122. Identify error in the given sentence and select the option corresponding to it:
(A) There is
(B) a bar besides
(C) my home.

(a) There is
(b) a bar besides
(c) my home
(d) No error

Answer: (b)

123. Identify error in the given sentence and select the option corresponding to it:
(A) Judie smiled
(B) brightly to
(C) hide her incompetence.

(a) Judie smiled

(b) brightly to

(c) hide her incompetence

(d) No error

Answer: (d)

124. Choose the correct pronoun from the given options:
From the corner of ___ eyes she became aware of ___ presence.

(a) her, his

(b) her, herself

(c) his, her

(d) his, his

Answer: (a)

125. Choose the correct option:
As she _____, she saw something she did not expect.

(a) looks

(b) Had been looking

(c) Had looked

(d) looked

Answer: (d)

126. Choose the correct sentence:

(a) You are so adventurous. I am envying you.

(b) I am preferring sleeping to studying.

(c) You are not knowing what I am going through.

(d) My sister is always pestering me for money.

Answer: (d)

127. Select the correct option:
___ girls who used to sit next to me class died last year.

(a) A

(b) An

(c) The

(d) Both option A and C

Answer: (c)

128. Select the correct option:
I have ___ MA and a PhD in English Literature.

(a) A
(b) An
(c) The
(d) No article

Answer: (b)

129. Select the correct option:
Mamta is ___ good employee of our office.

(a) A
(b) An
(c) The
(d) No article

Answer: (a)

130. Select the correct option corresponding to positive degree of comparison:
The English Language was _____ cobbled together by inhabitants of early medieval England

(a) Careful
(b) Carefully
(c) Cared
(d) Caring

Answer: (b)

131. Identify the correct degree:
It is becoming _____ to find a house for a sing

(a) Hardest
(b) Hard and harder
(c) Most hard
(d) Harder and harder

Answer: (d)

132. Which of the following sentences has correct punctuation marks?

(a) West Bengal, is a state in eastern India, between the himalayas and the Bay of Bengal.
(b) West Bengal is a state in eastern India, between the Himalayas and the Bay of Bengal.
(c) West Bengal is a state in eastern India, between the himalayas and, the bay of bengal.
(d) West bengal is a state in eastern India, between the Himalayas, and the Bay of Bengal.

Answer: (b)

133. Choose the sentence with correct punctuation marks:

(a) I have sold my car; it was useless.
(b) I have sold my car, it was useless.
(c) I have sold my car. it was useless.
(d) I have sold my car! it was useless.

Answer: (a)

134. Choose the sentence with correct collocation:

(a) You'll achieve it if you try yearn enough.

(b) You'll achieve it if you want to enough.

(c) You'll achieve it if you try hard enough.

(d) You'll achieve it if you wish enough.

Answer: (c)

135. Choose the correct sentence out of the following:

(a) If Sheila won't do anything she might get bored.

(b) If Sheila won't have anything she might get bored.

(c) If Sheila won't make anything she might get bored.

(d) All the other options are correct

Answer: (d)

136. Which of the following sentences is INCORRECT:

(a) Giving money to charity have a real difference to my life.

(b) I have taken the UPSC civil service exam twice.

(c) I am going to take a holiday in Amritsar.

(d) I was up till 4 AM last night; I must take a rest.

Answer: (a)

137. Choose the word which best expresses nearly th ost appropriate antonym as the word SAPIENT :
I wonder why the sapient writer of that article did n quire whether a license was required for tea.

(a) Culvert

(b) Foolish

(c) Sage

(d) Wise

Answer: (b)

138. Choose the word which best expresses nearly the same meaning as the word FUTILE :
Her attempts to revive him proved futile.

(a) Practical

(b) Useless

(c) Fruitful

(d) Unreal

Answer: (b)

139. Choose the word which best expresses nearly the same meaning as the word ERUDITE :
The erudite article was a great resource for learning about the difficult topic.

(a) Exact

(b) Academic

(c) Common

(d) Uncultured

Answer: (b)

140. Choose the correct option:
Is everyone attending the show? Do we have a full _____?

(a) Complement
(b) Compliment
(c) Complacent
(d) Complimentary

Answer: (a)

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141. If he was one of the first to make the characteristic excellences of Gothic art evident and widely known, then the correct idiom in this situation will be:

(a) Hit the sack
(b) Speak the devil
(c) Under the weather
(d) To bring to light

Answer: (d)

142. If you are wrapping your head around a philosopher's ideas that means you are:

(a) Avoiding understanding the idea
(b) Following a trend, doing what everyone else is doing
(c) Unable to make up your mind
(d) Trying to understand something complicated

Answer: (d)

143. Select the word which is correctly spelt:

(a) Ludicurous
(b) Ludicorus
(c) Ludicrous
(d) Ludicuruous

Answer: (c)

144. Choose the correctly spelt word to fill in the blank:
His prudent reserve and imperturbable calmness were branded as stiffness and _____.

(a) hotyness
(b) Haughtyness
(c) Haughtiness
(d) Hautiness

Answer: (c)

146. Choose the word which best expresses nearly the same meaning as the word CONDUCIVE :

(a) Contributive

(b) Hindering

(c) Ineffectual

(d) Prodigious

Answer: (a)

147. Given below are four sentences in jumbled order. Pick the option that gives their correct order.
On account of the scatteredness of the shareholdings of private commercial banks as well as the limited amount of paid-up capital in relation to the total deposits, it is necessary to examine the ownership and control of private commercial banks in India.
A) Here, it is necessary to distinguish between the persons who own shares in the banking companies and those who put their deposits in the banks.
(B) Consequently, the depositors have much higher stakes in the successful operations of private commercial banks, financially speaking, than the owners of share capital.
(C) As we have seen, the ratio of paid-up capital of the total number of deposits is extremely low.
(D) Nevertheless, it is found, as already indicated above, that the ownership and control of the total finances of the banking system rests on a very small number of persons.
People who are able to determine the patterns of allocation and investment of bank finance according to their own individual interest and convenience.

(a) ABCD

(b) ABDC

(c) ACBD

(d) ADBC

Answer: (c)

148. Select the option which means the same as the group of words given:
The study of ancient writing and scriptures

(a) Demography

(b) Paleography

(c) Anthropology

(d) Philology

Answer: (b)

149. Losing his daughter to cancer made him an apostate .
The word apostate stands for

(a) A person who abandons his religion

(b) A person who lives in solitude

(c) A person who believes in God

(d) A person who looks at brighter side of everything

Answer: (a)

150. Select the option which means the same as the group of words given:
Incapable of making mistakes

(a) Gullible
(b) Infallible
(c) Inevitable
(d) Inveritable

Answer: (b)

151. Identify the structure of the above given passage

(a) Chronological
(b) Descriptive
(c) Investigative
(d) Contrast and compare

Answer: (b)

152. The author's attitude toward Premchand can be best described as which of the following?

(a) Positive appreciation
(b) Mild acceptance
(c) Overweening pride
(d) Apathetic objectivity

Answer: (a)

153. Give a suitable title to above given passage.

(a) Manto: the narcissist
(b) Manto: the revolutionary
(c) Manto: a historic figure
(d) Manto: the conformist

Answer: (b)

155. The word INFLICT has been correctly used in which of the following sentences:

(a) Their ability to inflict carnage will rise in the future.
(b) The organization works to inflict world hunger and disease.
(c) The company plans to inflict more than 2,000 jobs in the coming year.
(d) The goal of the discussion was to inflict the Tariff Act of 1832.

Answer: (a)

157. Which of the statements is FALSE according to the above given passage:

(a) Teaism is the word for the "religion of aestheticism," which has grown up around tea in Japanese culture.
(b) Teaism celebrates the beautiful, the pure, and the pleasant.
(c) Teaism consist of everything from hygiene to economics to literature to democracy.
(d) Teaism adores isolation, gratifying the sordid and abominable facts of everyday existence.

Answer: (d)

158. The statement which appropriately summarizes the above given passage is:

(a) Tea represents the imperfect in the perfect world.

(b) Teaism remained under-developed partly due to Japan's long isolation from the rest of the world.

(c) Tea is more than a drink and more than an art, it is integrated in the culture.

(d) Tea is a drink of nobles and elites who understand its aesthetics.

Answer: (c)

Answer key

Answer key from the Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board's official answer key for this sitting. "—" means the key gave none.

Mental Ability 1

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

Mental Ability 2

21	**(c)**	22	**(b)**	23	**(c)**	33	**(a)**	34	**(c)**	35	**(d)**
36	**(c)**	37	**(b)**	38	**(b)**	39	**(c)**	40	**(a)**		

General Awareness 1

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

General Awareness 2

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

Arithmetic Ability 1

86	**(b)**	87	**(c)**	90	**(b)**	91	**(c)**	92	**(b)**	93	**(a)**
94	**(c)**	95	**(b)**	96	**(c)**	97	**(a)**	98	**(c)**	100	**(d)**

Arithmetic Ability 2

101	**(c)**	102	**(d)**	103	**(a)**	104	**(c)**	105	**(b)**	106	**(c)**
108	**(d)**	110	**(b)**	111	**(d)**	112	**(a)**	113	**(b)**	114	**(d)**
115	**(c)**										

General English 1

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

General English 2

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