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Read the following instructions carefully before you begin to answer the questions. This Booklet contains questions in English as well as in Hindi.

प्रश्नों के उत्तर देने से पहले नीचे लिखे अनुदेशों को ध्यान से पढ़ लें। इस पुस्तिका में प्रश्न अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी दोनों में दिये गए हैं।

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This Booklet contains 200 questions in all comprising the following three parts :

Part-I : General Intelligence and Reasoning (50 Questions)

Part-II : General Awareness (50 Questions)

Part-III : English Language and Comprehension (100 Questions)

2. In questions set bilingually in English and Hindi, in case of discrepancy, the English version will prevail.

3. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

4. The paper carries negative marking. 0.25 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer.

5. Before you start to answer the questions you must check up this Booklet and ensure that it contains all the pages (1-24) and see that no page is missing or repeated. If you find any defect in this Booklet, you must get it replaced immediately.

6. You will be supplied the Answer-Sheet separately by the Invigilator. You must complete and code the details of Name, Roll Number, Ticket Number and Test Form Number on Side-I of the Answer-Sheet carefully. You must also put your signature and Left-Hand thumb impression on the Answer-Sheet at the prescribed place before you actually start answering the questions. These instructions must be fully complied with, failing which, your Answer-Sheet will not be evaluated and you will be awarded 'ZERO' mark. (For VH candidates these details will be filled in by the scribe. However, all V.H. candidates must put their Left-Hand thumb impression at the space provided in the Answer-Sheet. In addition, those VH candidates who can sign should also put their signatures in addition to thumb impression.)

7. Answers must be shown by completely blackening the corresponding ovals on Side-II of the Answer-Sheet against the relevant question number by Black/Blue Ball-Point Pen Only. Answers which are not shown by Black/Blue Ball-Point Pen will not be awarded any mark.

8. A machine will read the coded information in the OMR Answer-Sheet. In case the information is incomplete or different from the information given in the application form, the candidate will be awarded 'ZERO' mark.

9. The Answer-Sheet must be handed over to the Invigilator before you leave the Examination Hall.

10. Failure to comply with any of the above instructions will render a candidate liable to such action/penalty as may be deemed fit.

11. The manner in which the different questions are to be answered has been explained at the back of this Booklet (Page No. 24), which you should read carefully before actually answering the questions.

12. Answer the questions as quickly and as carefully as you can. Some questions may be difficult and others easy. Do not spend too much time on any question.

13. In lieu of Question Nos. 44 to 50 relating to figural portions, alternate questions have been provided to be attempted by VH candidates only.

14. No rough work is to be done on the Answer-Sheet. Space for rough work has been provided below the questions in Part I of this Booklet.

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उम्मीदवारों के लिए अनुदेश

1. इस पुस्तिका में कुल 200 प्रश्न हैं, जिनमें निम्नलिखित तीन भाग शामिल हैं :

भाग-I : सामान्य बुद्धिमत्ता एवं तर्कशक्ति (50 प्रश्न)

भाग-II : सामान्य जानकारी (50 प्रश्न)

भाग-III : अंग्रेजी भाषा एवं परिज्ञान (100 प्रश्न)

2. अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी में तैयार किए गए द्विभाषी प्रश्नों में कोई विसंगति होने की स्थिति में अंग्रेजी विवरण मान्य होगा।

3. सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं तथा सबके बराबर अंक हैं।

4. प्रश्न-पत्र में नकारात्मक अंकन होगा। हर गलत उत्तर के लिए 0.25 अंक काटा जाएगा।

5. प्रश्नों के उत्तर देने से पहले आप इस पुस्तिका की जाँच करके देख लें कि इसमें पूरे पृष्ठ (1-24) हैं तथा कोई पृष्ठ कम या दुबारा तो नहीं आ गया है। यदि आप इस पुस्तिका में कोई त्रुटि पाएँ, तो तत्काल इसके बदले दूसरी पुस्तिका ले लें।

6. निरीक्षक द्वारा आपको उत्तर-पत्रिका अलग से दी जाएगी। उत्तर-पत्रिका के Side-I में नियमावली के अनुसार ध्यानपूर्वक अपना नाम, रोल नम्बर, टिकट नम्बर और टेस्ट फॉर्म संख्या अवश्य लिखें। प्रश्नों के उत्तर वास्तव में शुरू करने से पहले उत्तर-पत्रिका पर निर्धारित स्थान में आप अपने हस्ताक्षर एवं बाएँ हाथ के अंगूठे का निशान भी अवश्य लगाएँ। उपर्युक्त अनुदेशों का पूरी तरह अनुपालन किया जाए, अन्यथा आपकी उत्तर-पत्रिका को जाँचा नहीं जाएगा और 'शून्य' अंक दिया जाएगा। (दृष्टिबाधित उम्मीदवारों के लिए यह विवरण लिपिक द्वारा भरा जाए। परन्तु सभी दृष्टिबाधित उम्मीदवार उत्तर-पत्रिका में निर्धारित स्थान पर अपने बाएँ हाथ के अंगूठे का निशान अवश्य लगाएँ। इसके अतिरिक्त, जो दृष्टिबाधित उम्मीदवार हस्ताक्षर कर सकते हैं, वे अंगूठे के निशान के अलावा अपने हस्ताक्षर भी कर दें।)

7. उत्तर-पत्रिका में सभी उत्तर Side-II में प्रश्न संख्या के सामने दिए गए सम्बन्धित अण्डाकार खानों को केवल काले/नीले बॉल-पॉइंट पेन से पूरी तरह काला करके दिखाएँ। जो अण्डाकार खाने काले/नीले बॉल-पॉइंट पेन से नहीं भरे जाएँगे, उनके लिए कोई अंक नहीं दिया जाएगा।

8. ओ.एम.आर. उत्तर-पत्रिका में भरी गई कूट सूचना को एक मशीन पढ़ेगी। यदि सूचना अपूर्ण है अथवा आवेदन प्रपत्र में दी गई सूचना से भिन्न है, तो ऐसे उम्मीदवार को 'शून्य' अंक दिया जाएगा।

9. परीक्षा भवन छोड़ने से पहले उम्मीदवार को उत्तर-पत्रिका निरीक्षक के हवाले कर देनी चाहिए।

10. ऊपर के अनुदेशों में से किसी एक का भी पालन न करने पर उम्मीदवार पर विवेकानुसार कार्यवाही की जा सकती है या दण्ड दिया जा सकता है।

11. विभिन्न प्रश्नों के उत्तर देने की विधि इस पुस्तिका के पीछे (पृष्ठ संख्या 24) में छपे हुए निर्देशों में दे दी गई है; इसे आप प्रश्नों के उत्तर देने से पहले ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़ लें।

12. प्रश्नों के उत्तर जितनी जल्दी हो सके तथा ध्यानपूर्वक दें। कुछ प्रश्न आसान तथा कुछ कठिन हैं। किसी एक प्रश्न पर बहुत अधिक समय न लगाएँ।

13. आकृति से सम्बन्धित प्रश्न संख्या 44 से 50 के बदले में केवल दृष्टिबाधित उम्मीदवारों द्वारा हल किए जाने के लिए वैकल्पिक प्रश्न दिए गए हैं।

14. कोई रफ़ कार्य उत्तर-पत्रिका पर नहीं करना है। रफ़ कार्य के लिए स्थान इसी पुस्तिका के भाग I के प्रश्नों के नीचे दिया गया है।

15. "परीक्षा हॉलों/कमरों में मोबाइल फोन तथा वेतार संचार साधन पूरी तरह निषिद्ध हैं। उम्मीदवारों को उनके अपने हित में सलाह दी जाती है कि मोबाइल फोन/किसी अन्य वेतार संचार साधन को रिच ऑफ करके भी अपने पास न रखें। इस प्रावधान का अनुपालन न करने को परीक्षा में अनुचित उपायों का प्रयोग माना जाएगा और उनके विरुद्ध कार्रवाई की जाएगी, उनकी अभ्यर्थिता रद्द कर देने सहित। ऐसे उम्मीदवारों को पाँच वर्ष के लिए प्रतिबंधित भी किया जा सकता है और/या उन पर आपराधिक अभियोजन चलाया जा सकता है।"

इस पुस्तिका की सील तब तक न खोलें जब तक कहा न जाए।

SSC Stenographer (Grade 'C' and 'D') Examination

Held on: 14.09.2014 (Evening Session)

PART - I

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE & REASONING

Direction : In question no. 1 to 6, select the related word/letters/number from the given alternatives.

1. 1 : 1 :: 15 : ?
(A) 226 (B) 1 (C) 15 (D) 225
2. Three : Triplets :: Four : ?
(A) Quadruplets (B) Foursome
(C) Team (D) Quadets
3. AEIOU : UOIEA :: IJKLM : ?
(A) IMLKJ (B) MNKLI
(C) MLKJI (D) MJIKL
4. TSRQP : ONMLK :: JIHGF : ?
(A) EDCBA (B) EDBAC
(C) EDCAB (D) EDACB
5. 9 : 15 :: 21 : ?
(A) 15 (B) 45 (C) 25 (D) 35
6. Thermometer : Temperature :: Opisometer : ?
(A) Drugs (B) Lines
(C) Height (D) Liquid

Direction : In question no. 7 to 12 find the odd number/letters/number pair from the given alternatives.

7. (A) Grapes (B) Mango
(C) Orange (D) Ladiesfinger
8. (A) MOQS (B) BDFH
(C) PRTV (D) EGIL
9. (A) Beagle
(B) Ladybird
(C) Stag beetle
(D) Green tiger beetle
10. (A) TGUF (B) NMOL
(C) PKQI (D) RISH
11. (A) 152 (B) 38 (C) 114 (D) 144
12. (A) 21 - 24 (B) 70 - 80
(C) 54 - 62 (D) 28 - 32

Direction : Which one of the given responses would be a meaningful order of the following ?

13. Arrange the following words as per order in the dictionary :
(1) Repressive (2) Repressed
(3) Represent (4) Reprisal
(A) (3), (2), (4), (1) (B) (3), (2), (1), (4)
(C) (3), (1), (4), (2) (D) (3), (4), (2), (1)
14. (1) Scavenger (2) Consumers
(3) Decomposers (4) Producers
(A) (3), (2), (1), (4) (B) (1), (2), (3), (4)
(C) (4), (2), (1), (3) (D) (4), (1), (3), (2)

Direction : In question no. 15 to 18 a series is given, with one term missing. Choose the correct alternative from the given ones that will complete the series.

15. BA5, CC4, ? GG2, KI1
(A) DB3 (B) EB3 (C) EE3 (D) DE3
16. BXD, EUG, HRJ, KOM, ?
(A) QJS (B) HOM (C) NMO (D) NLP
17. 18, 23, 21, 26, ?
(A) 23 (B) 31 (C) 33 (D) 24
18. 2, 29, 56, 83 ?
(A) 135 (B) 120 (C) 110 (D) 112
19. From the given alternatives select the word which **cannot** be formed using the letters of the given word.
Cooperative
(A) Active (B) Operative
(C) Per capita (D) Opec
20. In certain code PUBLIC is written as LICPUB, in that code TARGET is written as :
(A) TEGATR (B) TEGRAT
(C) GETTAR (D) RATTGE

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21. D is taller than C, but shorter than E ; B is shorter than C and A is taller than E. Who is the tallest ?
(A) A (B) C (C) D (D) E

22. Some equations are solved on the basis of a certain system. Find the correct answer for the unsolved equation on that basis :

- (a) $9+8+7=8$ (b) $6+4+2=4$
(c) $5+4+9=?$
(A) 7 (B) 5 (C) 3 (D) 6

23. Which two mathematical symbols you must put into this sum to equal 57 ?

- $76 \quad \underline{\quad} \quad 15 \quad \underline{\quad} \quad 20 = 57$
(A) \times and \div (B) \times and $+$
(C) $-$ and $+$ (D) $+$ and \div

24. If GEMINI is coded as '467898' and MIINGEM is coded as '7889467' then how can 'OLYMPIC' be coded ?

- (A) 2357018 (B) 2350781
(C) 2350187 (D) 2357180

25. I go 20 m to the North - West of my house. Then I go 20 m to the South - West of my house and then again 20 m to the South - East. Now I turn towards my house. In which direction am I going now ?

- (A) North - West (B) South - East
(C) North - East (D) South - West

Direction : In Question no. 26 to 28, select the missing number from the given responses.

26. ?, 49, 36
49, 25, 16
64, 36, 25
(A) 81 (B) 25 (C) 49 (D) 64

27. 16, 36, 64
9, 25, 49
4, 16, ?
(A) 100 (B) 36 (C) 25 (D) 81

28. 4, 12, 8
36, 18, ?
8, 6, 9
(A) 47 (B) 42 (C) 31 (D) 37

29. One morning after sunrise, Rajan was standing facing a pole. The shadow of the pole fell exactly to his left. Which direction was he facing ?

- (A) West (B) South
(C) East (D) North

30. P is 35 m South - West of Q, R is 55 m South - East of Q, then R is in which direction of P ?

- (A) South (B) East
(C) West (D) North

Direction : In question no. 31 and 32. Two statements are given followed by two conclusion/assumptions I and II. You have to consider the statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which of the given conclusions /assumptions if any, follow from the given statement. Indicate your answer.

31. **Statement :** These apples are too expensive to be bad.

Conclusions :

- I. When apples are in short supply the prices go up.
II. The higher the price the superior the quality of apples.

- (A) Both I and II follow
(B) Only I follows
(C) Only II follows
(D) Neither I nor II follows

32. **Statement :** One should not sleep under a tree

Assumption : (I) The falling leaves may spoil clothes.

(II) Trees gives out CO_2 at night which is injurious to health

- (A) Neither (I) nor (II) is implicit
(B) Only (I) is implicit
(C) Only (II) is implicit
(D) Both (I) and (II) are implicit

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Direction : Question No. 33 and 34. You are given an address of a town /city and a date followed by four alternatives. Of these, only one matches while the others have some mistakes. You have to choose exactly the same the given one as your answer.

33. Delhi, December 13th, 2001

- (A) Delhii, December 13th, 2001
 (B) Delhi, December 13th, 2001
 (C) Delhi, December, 12th, 2001
 (D) Delhii, December 13th, 2001.

34. Mr. Shah,

G14, 2nd Floor, K.K. Road, Bangarpet, Hyderabad - 634 444.

(A) Mr. Shah,

G14, 2nd Floor, K.K. Road, Bangarpet, Hyderabad - 634 444.

(B) Mr. Shah,

G14, 2nd floor, K.K.Road, Bangarpet, Hyderabad, 644444.

(C) Mr. Shah,

G14, 2nd Floor, R.K. Road, Bangarpet, Hyderabad - 634 444.

(D) Mr. Shah,

G14, 2nd floor, K.K.Road, Bangarpet - Hyderabad, 634 444.

Below are given some Roll Numbers of candidates registered at different centres for an examination. The first two digits from the left stand for the centre code and the next four for the serial number of the candidates registered at the centre. Answer the Question Nos. 35 and 36 based on the Roll Numbers against each question.

35. 010094 080001 031904 041823 070234
 070342 101981 010198 038118 170513
 100015 150573 180032 160047 010148
 060732 061736 120005 031431 031863
 030073 050001 060014 090005 061002

How many candidates belongs to centre 06 ?

- (A) 2 (B) 5 (C) 3 (D) 4

36. 010094 080001 031904 180032 070234
 070342 101981 041823 120005 170513
 100015 150573 032118 060014 010148
 060732 061736 160047 031437 031863
 030073 050001 010198 090005 061002

In which centre does the serial number 1904 occur ?

- (A) 04 (B) 08 (C) 03 (D) 06

37. Your feelings are disrespected by your teacher in front of other students.

- (A) Meet the principal and confront.
 (B) You have to be careful in dealing with him/her to avoid negative consequences.
 (C) Empathize with your teacher without disrespecting yourself saying 'I am sorry for that'.
 (D) Avoid your teacher when he's being disrespectful.

38. A start walking, from a point P. A goes west-ward and covers a distance of 4 km and then turns to his right and walks 3 km. How far A is from the starting point ?

- (A) 5 km (B) 7 km
 (C) 9 km (D) 2 km

39. A group of students go on strike due to poor hostel facilities. The principal should :

- (A) Should warn the students and talk to the warden
 (B) Give T.C. to the students and talk to the parents
 (C) Inform the parents of the students
 (D) Listen to the students and talk to the warden

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40. When a person shouts at you very badly in public you will :
- (A) allow the person to shout at you
 - (B) explain him and make him understand (not to shout)
 - (C) shout at the person
 - (D) ignore and walk out

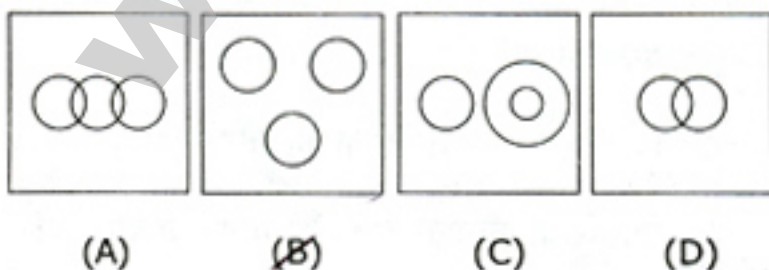
41. Either Rama is a teacher or a counsellor :
- (A) Rama is not a counsellor
 - (B) Rama is a teacher and not a counsellor
 - (C) Rama is not a teacher
 - (D) Rama is not a teacher or a counsellor

42. In the alphabets from A to Z which is the third letter to the right of the letter which is midway between K and S ?
- (A) O (B) R (C) Q (D) P

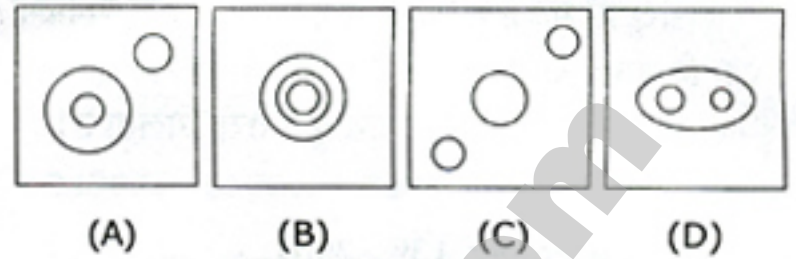
43. You are a salesman, selling books from door to door. You have come out of the last ten houses empty-handed. What would you do now ?
- (A) I'll go home, take bath, change my dress and then start going rounds.
 - (B) I'll try to identify the reasons why I've not sold a book that day and try to rectify them.
 - (C) I'll continue knocking on more doors and try to impress people with more talk.
 - (D) I'll stop the work for the day, go home and take rest.

Direction : In question no. 44 and 45 Identify the diagram that best represents the relationship among classes given below

44. Mammals, Cows and Crows.



45. Water, Salt and Sugar

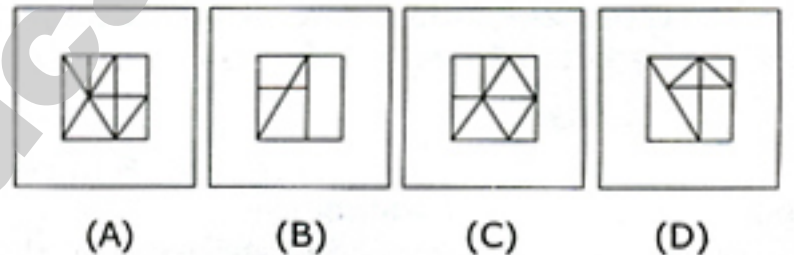


46. From the given answer figures, select the one in which the question figure is hidden/embedded.

Question figure



Answer figures

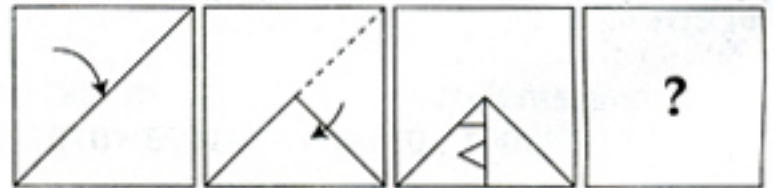


47. Which is the mirror image of WATERFALL ?

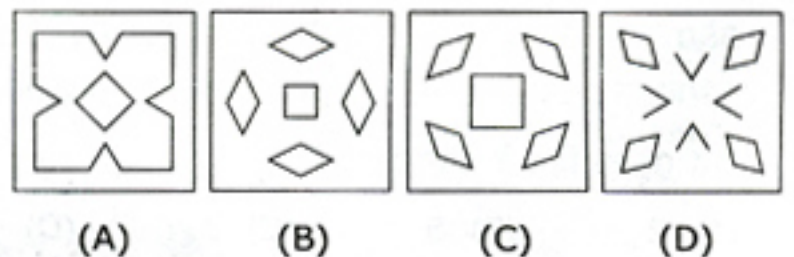
- (A) JJAƒЯETAW
- (B) JLV7ЯETAW
- (C) JJAƒЯETAW
- (D) JJAƒЯETAW

48. A piece of paper is folded and cut as shown below in the question figures. From the given answer figures, indicate how it will appear when opened

Question figures



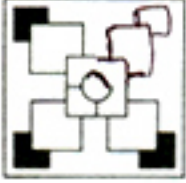
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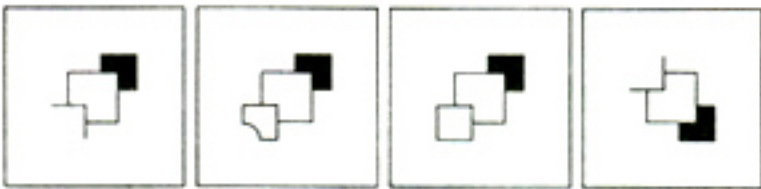
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49. Which answer figure will complete the pattern in the question figure ?

Question figure



Answer figures



- (A) (B) (C) (D)

50. **Direction :** In question no. 50 a word is represented by only one set of numbers as given in any one of the alternatives. The sets of numbers given in the alternatives are represented by two classes of alphabets as in the 2 matrices given below. The columns and rows of Matrix I are numbered from 0 to 4 and that of Matrix II from 5 to 9. A letter from these matrices can be represented first by its row and next by column number. For e.g., A can be represented by 12, 24 etc. R can be represented by 57, 76 etc. Identify the set for the given words :

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MATRIX - I

	0	1	2	3	4
0	A	E	S	T	H
1	T	H	A	E	S
2	E	S	T	H	A
3	H	A	E	S	T
4	S	T	H	A	E

MATRIX - II

	5	6	7	8	9
5	P	O	R	K	L
6	K	L	P	O	R
7	O	R	K	L	P
8	L	P	O	R	K
9	R	K	L	P	O

- (A) 21, 75, 44, 02 (B) 02, 78, 87, 13
(C) 33, 99, 66, 44 (D) 41, 57, 87, 31

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Direction : In question nos 44 and 45 Select the related word/number from the given alternatives.

44. Triangle : Apex :: Story : ____ ?
(A) Climax (B) Morals
(C) Plot (D) Account
45. 7 : 13 :: 21 : ____ ?
(A) 39 (B) 26 (C) 40 (D) 31
46. L and M are sisters. P is the husband of L. O is the husband of M. Q is the son of M and O. Then what is the relation of L and Q ?
(A) Brother-in-law (B) Cousin
(C) Nephew (D) Son
47. From the given alternative words, select the word which cannot be formed using the letters of the given word :
CONSTITUTIONAL
(A) TALENT (B) NATION
(C) CONSULT (D) LOCATION

48. Which one of the given responses would be a meaningful order of the following words in descending order ?
(1) Experience (2) Information
(3) Data (4) Knowledge
(5) Wise
(A) (5), (1), (4), (2), (3)
(B) (3), (2), (4), (1), (5)
(C) (1), (5), (4), (3), (2)
(D) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5)
49. Find the odd word pair from the given alternatives.
(A) Chinrose (B) Rose
(C) Cauliflower (D) Lotus
50. Find out the wrong number in the given series.
6, 8, 11, 16, 20, 26
(A) 8 (B) 11 (C) 20 (D) 16

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PART - II

GENERAL AWARENESS

- 51.** CAD stands for :
- (A) Compact Aided Design
(B) Computer Aided Design
(C) Computer Algorithm for Design
(~~D~~) Computer Application in Design
- 52.** A Rocket works on the principle of law of conservation of :
- (A) Angular momentum
(B) Mass
(C) Linear momentum
(~~D~~) Energy
- 53.** Varghese Kurien was associated with :
- (~~A~~) Blue Revolution
(B) White Revolution
(C) Yellow Revolution
(D) Green Revolution
- 54.** Compelling an accused person to give specimen signature amounts to :
- (A) Violation of principles of natural justice
(B) Violation of right to personal liberty
(~~C~~) Violation of rule of law
(D) Violation of right to equal protection of laws
- 55.** Which of the famous ruler was called "The Father of Inscriptions" ?
- (~~A~~) Samudra Gupta
(B) Chandra Gupta Mourya
(C) Ashoka
(D) Kanishka
- 56.** The President submits his/her letter of resignation to :
- (A) Speaker of Lok Sabha
(B) The Prime Minister
(~~C~~) The Vice-President
(D) The Chief-Justice of India
- 57.** Union territory does not include the following :
- (A) Lakshadweep
(B) Andaman and Nicobar
(C) Jammu and Kashmir
(D) Delhi
- 58.** The resistance of a conductor increases with :
- (A) increase in length
(B) increase in temperature
(C) decrease in cross-sectional area
(~~D~~) all of these
- 59.** Who was the author of the "Communist Manifesto" and "Das Capital" ?
- (A) Karl Marx (B) Leo Tolstoy
(C) Gorkhy (~~D~~) Turganev
- 60.** First Indian Woman who reached Antarctica :
- (~~A~~) Ujjawala Patil (B) Mohel Musa
(~~C~~) Pritisu Gupta (D) Geeta Ghosh
- 61.** Radioactive inert gas is :
- (A) Xe (B) He (C) Ne (D) Rn
- 62.** Jhum Cultivation is still prevalent in :
- (A) Mizoram (B) Nagaland
(~~C~~) Manipur (D) All of the above
- 63.** Lines drawn on the map connecting places that receive same amount of rainfall are known as :
- (A) Isohyets (~~B~~) Isotherms
(C) Isobars (D) Isohalines
- 64.** Name the instrument which can record the electrical changes during heart beat.
- (A) Sphygmomanometer
(B) Electrocardiograph
(C) Electrocardiogram
(~~D~~) Stethoscope
- 65.** Which of the following is not a Government Sponsored Organisation ?
- (~~A~~) National Housing Bank
(B) SIDBI (Small Industries Development Board of India)
(C) ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India)
(D) NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture in Rural Development)

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66. Mangroves are :
 (A) Deltaic forests
 (B) Rain forests
 (C) Submerged coastal forests
 (D) Tropical forests
67. The keibul Ramjav, the only floating National Park in the world, is in :
 (A) Mizoram (B) Nepal
 (C) Bhutan (D) Manipur
68. Deficiency of vitamin C causes :
 (A) Scurvey (B) Blindness
 (C) Beri-beri (D) Anaemia
69. The Area reserved for the welfare of wildlife is called :
 (A) Forest
 (B) National Park
 (C) Botanical Garden
 (D) Sanctuary
70. Which of the following has no dimension ?
 (A) Strain
 (B) Angular velocity
 (C) Momentum
 (D) Angular momentum
71. Koyana Hydro-electric Project is located in the State of :
 (A) Maharashtra
 (B) Bihar
 (C) Tamil Nadu
 (D) Andhra Pradesh
72. Calculations are made in computer with the help of its :
 (A) LSI (B) CU (C) RAM (D) ALU
73. In which of the following substances, if a few drops of concentrated sulphuric acid is added, it turns black ?
 (A) Vinegar (B) Sugar
 (C) Edible salt (D) Alcohol
74. What are the products of Photosynthesis in plants ?
 (A) Protein, carbohydrate and water
 (B) Water and carbondioxide
 (C) Water, oxygen and protein
 (D) Water, oxygen and carbohydrate
75. Tipu Sultan was the ruler of :
 (A) Magadh (B) Hyderabad
 (C) Mysore (D) Vijayanagar
76. Which country's cricket team created test history by successfully chasing a second innings target of 418 runs to beat Australia ?
 (A) New Zealand (B) England
 (C) Pakistan (D) West Indies
77. The average salt content of sea water is :
 (A) 12.3% (B) 1%
 (C) 3.5% (D) 10%
78. When money supply increases the price of goods and services :
 (A) Can't be calculated (B) Increases
 (C) Decreases (D) No change
79. Who is the author of the book 'Question and Answer' ?
 (A) Arvind Adiga
 (B) Salman Rashdi
 (C) Tasleema Nasreen
 (D) Vikas Swarup
80. Who has advocated the adoption of PURA model to eradicate rural poverty ?
 (A) Abhijit sen
 (B) A.M. Khushro
 (C) Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad
 (D) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
81. The Tajmahal is affected by :
 (A) SO₂ (B) CO (C) NO (D) CO₂
82. Who among the following was the longest serving Chief Minister of any Indian State ?
 (A) Pratap Singh Kairon
 (B) Bairon Singh Shekhawat
 (C) Jyothi Basu
 (D) Devi Lal
83. Kaziranga National Park is famous for :
 (A) Rhinoceros (B) Tiger
 (C) Musk Deer (D) Elephant

84. Monopoly is a term associated with :
 (A) Capitalism (B) Socialism
 (C) Mixed economy (D) Communism
85. Which one of the following is the highest producer of wool in the world ?
 (A) Australia
 (B) New Zealand
 (C) Canada
 (D) United States of America
86. The metal used in domestic electric cables is :
 (A) Nickel (B) Aluminium
 (C) Iron (D) Copper
87. Which one of the following though termed gardens, infact is not a garden as such ?
 (A) Hanging Gardens of Mumbai
 (B) Vrindavan Gardens of Mysore
 (C) Khushro Gardens of Lucknow
 (D) Eden Gardens of Kolkata
88. The city which has Headquarters of two railway zones is :
 (A) Kolkata
 (B) Mumbai
 (C) Both (A) and (B)
 (D) None of the above
89. Which one of the following is a Qualitative Credit Control Method ?
 (A) Bank rate policy
 (B) Open market operation
 (C) Variable reserve ratio
 (D) Moral suasion
90. Ranji Trophy is associated with _____ .
 (A) Hockey
 (B) Foot ball
 (C) Cricket
 (D) None of the above
91. The bottom of a beaker filled with liquid appears to be slightly raised due to :
 (A) Reflection (B) Refraction
 (C) Interference (D) Diffraction
92. From Guwahati to Chandigarh the monsoon rainfall shows :
 (A) an irregular trend
 (B) an increasing trend
 (C) a decreasing trend
 (D) a cyclic trend
93. The term of Rajya Sabha which was five years under the original constitution was raised by 42nd Amendment to :
 (A) Nine years (B) Seven years
 (C) Six years (D) Eight years
94. The southernmost point of India is called :
 (A) Cape Comorin (B) Kanyakumari
 (C) Indira Point (D) Rameshwaram
95. Frontier Gandhi was the nick name of :
 (A) Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan
 (B) Vinoba Bhave
 (C) Mahatma Gandhi
 (D) None of the above
96. Leaves appear green because they :
 (A) Absorb green light
 (B) Reflect green light
 (C) Both
 (D) Neither
97. The largest gland in a mammal is :
 (A) Parotid gland (B) Liver
 (C) Pancreas (D) Spleen
98. Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were hanged on :
 (A) March 23, 1934 (B) March 23, 1931
 (C) March 23, 1932 (D) March 23, 1933
99. The harmful compound in automobile exhaust is :
 (A) Carbon dioxide
 (B) Carbon monoxide
 (C) Smoke
 (D) All the above
100. The Chairman of the 13th Finance Commission is :
 (A) Vijay. L. Kelkar
 (B) D. Subba Rao
 (C) Montek Singh Ahluwalia
 (D) Manmohan Singh

PART - III

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION

Direction : In Question No. 101 to 110, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and blacken the oval [●] corresponding to the appropriate letter (A), (B), (C). If a sentence is free from errors, blacken the oval corresponding to (D) in the Answer Sheet.

101. A Two bedroom flat/with all furnitures/
(A) (B)
is available for sale/ No error.
(C) (D)
102. These tests /show whether someone /
(A) (B)
is having an infection / No error.
(C) (D)
103. I already had told/you about /
(A) (B)
his deplorable condition/ No error.
(C) (D)
104. Rajat's brother as well as I/am guilty /
(A) (B)
of cheating Ramesh/ No error.
(C) (D)
105. Taking regular exercise/are good /for health/
(A) (B) (C)
No error.
(D)
106. The later part of Gandhi's life/
(A)
till he was assassinated /
(B)
was in considerable measure the life of the
nation as well/ (C)
No error
(D)
107. A fire was started accidentally, /
(A)
but we were able /to put it out / No error.
(B) (C) (D)
108. Scarcely he had/gone a few steps/
(A) (B)
when his brother called him back /No error.
(C) (D)
109. Either he or his friends/
(A)
is managing /this show/ No error.
(B) (C) (D)
110. No sooner/I had started for college /
(A) (B)
than it began to rain/ No error.
(C) (D)

Direction : In Question No. 111 to 115, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by blackening the appropriate oval [●] in the Answer Sheet.

111. After the war, the battle field was littered with
_____.
(A) cadavers (B) corpses
(C) corps (D) carcasses
112. There was so much _____ material in the
speech that it was difficult to know what the
speaker wanted to say.
(A) variegated (B) extra
(C) superficial (D) beautiful
113. I will have to _____ on your opinion in
this matter.
(A) rely (B) believe
(C) stand (D) follow
114. Each person had to _____ himself a
character in the musical play.
(A) attest (B) administer
(C) a sign (D) assign
115. The men were asked not to _____ while
the enemy advanced.
(A) retire (B) go back
(C) retreat (D) return

Direction : In Question No. 116 to 120, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

116. Sanguine
(A) Optimistic (B) Depressed
(C) Pessimistic (D) Anxious
117. Uncouth
(A) Dirty (B) Rough
(C) Ungraceful (D) Slovenly
118. Hide
(A) banish (B) candid
(C) protect (D) conceal
119. Spasmodic
(A) Irregular (B) Fleeting
(C) Capricious (D) Desultory
120. Refrain
(A) decline (B) shun
(C) refuse (D) abstain

Direction : In Question No. 121 to 125, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

121. Majestic

- (A) Submissive (B) Humble
(C) Posing (D) August

122. Guest

- (A) senior (B) servant
(C) host (D) maid

123. Literal

- (A) negative (B) figurative
(C) subjective (D) objective

124. Cacophony

- (A) Systematic (B) Discord
(C) Racket (D) Harmony

125. Utopian

- (A) Illusion (B) Imaginary
(C) Practical (D) Escape

Direction : In Question No. 126 to 130, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

126. The young people in the hall gave a loud cheer to the older people who were cutting the rug.

- (A) wearing trendy clothes
(B) dancing vigorously
(C) cutting the carpets
(D) sitting calmly

127. People who call a spade a spade are always appreciated.

- (A) who are generous (B) who play cards
(C) who tell the truth (D) who help others

128. He played ducks and drakes with his ancestral property and was ruined.

- (A) to deceive (B) to sell
(C) to gamble (D) to waste

129. The lawyer tried to put words in his client mouth.

- (A) ask a person to pretend
(B) not to tell anything
(C) tell a person what to say
(D) ask a person to lie

130. Don't come in his way. It is like playing with fire.

- (A) facing a dangerous situation
(B) burning yourself
(C) being angry
(D) facing an easy situation

Direction : In Question No. 131 to 135, the 1st and the last sentences of the passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct. Then find the correct answer and indicate it by blackening the appropriate oval [●] in the Answer Sheet.

131. 1 Surprisingly, Salim Ali had no university degree.

P He left for Burma to help his brother in his farm.

Q In the jungles of Burma he looked for birds instead of animals.

R Although he joined college, his intense dislike for mathematics did not allow him to continue his studies.

S But here again he proved a failure.

6 When he returned home he did a course in zoology and was appointed a guide at the museum of the Bombay Natural History Society.

- (A) S P Q R (B) P R S Q
(C) R P S Q (D) P Q S R

132. 1 Anthony was acting oddly, even for a robber
P It worked.

Q He drew his toy gun, demanded money, then asked the teller to call the police.

R He entered a bank in Pennysluania.

S He later explained that he wanted to be arrested so he could get away from his wife.

6 He was sentenced to three years in prison.

- (A) R Q S P (B) P Q S R
(C) P Q R S (D) R Q P S

133. 1 Swami Vivekananda was the Hindu monk of India.

P He went to Chicago and attended the Parliament of Religion.

Q Sri Ramkrishna inspired him to serve the poor suffering humanity as his god.

R He came back to India.

S Sri Ramkrishna the wonderful god-man of Dakshineswar was his preceptor.

6 He founded the now world-famous Ramakrishna Mission.

- (A) P S R Q (B) P Q R S
(C) S Q P R (D) P Q S R

134. 1 A few years ago, I was on holiday in the Himalayas.

P I approached the owner of a restaurant.

Q It was a place inhabited by poor people and there was no proper hotel.

R I stopped for the night in a small village.

S He offered me a bed for the night.

6 I was surprised by the hospitality of these people with such frugal resources.

- (A) P S R Q (B) R Q P S
(C) Q R P S (D) R P S Q

- 135.** 1 Ashoka ascended the throne after his father Bindusar's death.
 P Kalinga was annexed to the Mauriyan Empire.
 Q But they were ultimately defeated.
 R The forces of Kalinga put up a tough resistance.
 S Eight years after his coronation he attacked Kaling.
 6 But the enormous loss of innocent lives in the battle of Kalinga filled him with remorse.
- (A) S R Q P (B) S P R Q
 (C) S R P Q (D) P Q R S

Direction : In Question No. 136 to 145, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice and mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

- 136.** I kept the flowers in a vase.
 (A) The flowers had been kept in a vase.
 (B) The flowers are kept in a vase.
 (C) The flowers were being kept in a vase.
 (D) The flowers were kept in a vase.
- 137.** Bring a glass of water.
 (A) Let a glass of water be brought.
 (B) Let a glass of water is brought.
 (C) Let a glass of water has to be brought.
 (D) Let a glass of water is to be brought.
- 138.** The injured were taken to the hospital by the villagers.
 (A) The villagers took the injured to the hospital.
 (B) The villagers were taking the injured to the hospital.
 (C) The villagers are taking the injured to the hospital.
 (D) The villagers take the injured to the hospital.
- 139.** Do you know her ?
 (A) Has she known to you ?
 (B) Is she known to you ?
 (C) Does she known to you ?
 (D) Was she known to you ?
- 140.** Amy couldn't handle the job alone.
 (A) The job couldn't be handle by Amy alone.
 (B) The job couldn't have been handled by Amy alone.
 (C) The job could be handled by Amy alone.
 (D) The job could not handle Amy alone.
- 141.** Who broke the glass ?
 (A) By whom had the glass broken ?
 (B) By whom was the glass broken ?
 (C) By whom is the glass broken ?
 (D) By whom has the glass been broken ?
- 142.** Some one has stolen my purse.
 (A) My purse has been stolen (by someone).
 (B) My purse had been stolen.
 (C) My purse is stolen.
 (D) My purse was stolen.

- 143.** The roof was repaired by John.
 (A) John was repairing the roof.
 (B) John repaired the roof.
 (C) John repairs the roof.
 (D) John is repairing the roof.
- 144.** Two boys were helping a blind man.
 (A) A blind man has been helped by two boys.
 (B) A blind man was helped by two boys.
 (C) A blind man is being helped by two boys.
 (D) A blind man was being helped by two boys.
- 145.** He has raised an important question.
 (A) An important question is raised by him.
 (B) An important question has raised by him.
 (C) An important question has been raised by him.
 (D) An important question was raised by him.

Direction : In Question No. 146 to 155, a part of the sentence in underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (A), (B), (C) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed your answer is (D). Mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

- 146.** His opponent was too strong, Ram had to except defeat.
 (A) expect (B) accept
 (C) confess (D) No improvement
- 147.** Cowards die many times before their death .
 (A) Cowards before their death many times die.
 (B) Cowards before die many times their death.
 (C) Cowards many times die before their death.
 (D) No improvement
- 148.** I saw a bloat of hippopotamus.
 (A) I saw a bloat of hippopotami.
 (B) I saw a flock of hippopotamus.
 (C) I saw a flock of hippopotami.
 (D) No improvement
- 149.** The constable asked to the man what he was doing at the shop-window.
 (A) The constable asked the man what, at the shop-window, he was doing.
 (B) The constable asked the man what he was doing at the shop-window.
 (C) The constable asked what, at the shop-window, the man was doing.
 (D) No improvement
- 150.** Bye, Sheila see you some time.
 (A) later (B) soon
 (C) never (D) No improvement
- 151.** He told me that he wants to have a talk with me.
 (A) he wanted
 (B) he is wanting
 (C) he has been wanting
 (D) No improvement
- 152.** I am confidant of winning the competition.
 (A) confidence (B) confidential
 (C) confident (D) No improvement

153. The decent from the mountain peak was slow and painful.
 (A) descent (B) decline
 (C) decrease (D) No improvement
154. Not only the master but also the servants was sad.
 (A) is (B) were
 (C) where (D) No improvement
155. The cattles are grazing in the field.
 (A) cattle is (B) cattle are
 (C) cattles were (D) No improvement

Direction : In Question No. 156 to 165, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct and mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

156. The policeman asked the man why he was sleeping on the bench.
 (A) The policeman asked the man, "Why are you sleeping on the bench? Was you drunk?"
 (B) The policeman asked the man, "Why were you sleeping on the bench? Were you drunk?"
 (C) The policeman asked the man, "Why you slept on the bench? Were you drunk?"
 (D) The policeman asked the man, "Why are you sleeping on the bench?"
157. The police officer said, "We have caught the main culprit and we are trying to catch his accomplices".
 (A) The police officer said that they had caught the main culprit and that they were trying to catch his accomplices.
 (B) The police officer said that they had caught the main culprit and have been trying to catch his accomplices.
 (C) The police officer said that they have caught the main culprit but not his accomplices.
 (D) The police officer said that they caught the main culprit and are trying to catch his accomplices
158. He said, 'Honesty is the best policy.'
 (A) He says that honesty is the best policy.
 (B) He told that honesty was the best policy.
 (C) He said honesty was the best policy.
 (D) He said that honesty has been the best policy.
159. I said to him, "You are the most trust worthy friend that I have."
 (A) I told him that he was the most trust worthy friend I will ever have.
 (B) I told him that he was the most trust worthy friend that I had.
 (C) I told him that he is the most trust worthy friend that I had.
 (D) I told him that he has been the most trust worthy friend that I have.

160. Joan said to her friend, "The colour is beautiful, isn't it?"
 (A) Joan said to her friend that the colour was beautiful.
 (B) Joan told her friend that the colour is beautiful.
 (C) Joan asked her friend if the colour is beautiful, isn't it.
 (D) Joan said to her friend that she thought that the colour was beautiful.
161. I implored the mother not to beat the child like that.
 (A) I told the mother, "Do beat the child like this."
 (B) The mother told me, "Don't beat the child like this."
 (C) I said, "Will you beat the child like this?"
 (D) I said to the mother, "Please don't beat the child like this."
162. He said to me, "May god bless you."
 (A) He said that may I be blessed by god.
 (B) He said to me that god may bless me.
 (C) He said that I may be blessed by god.
 (D) He prayed that god might bless me.
163. Fernando said, "it was the best experience of my stay here."
 (A) Fernando said that it has been the best experience of his stay here.
 (B) Fernando said that it had been the best experience of his stay there.
 (C) Fernando said that it is the best experience of his stay there.
 (D) Fernando said that it was the best experience of his stay here.
164. Othello said, "This is my first gift to my wife."
 (A) Othello said that, that is his first gift to his wife.
 (B) Othello said that it was his first gift to his wife.
 (C) Othello declared that, that was his first gift to his wife.
 (D) Othello said that this was his first gift to his wife.
165. "Do you know anything about them?" She asked the captain.
 (A) She asked the captain if he knows anything about them.
 (B) She asked the captain does he know anything about them.
 (C) She asked the captain did he know anything about them.
 (D) She asked the captain if he knew anything about them.

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Direction : In Question No. 166 to 185, in the following two passages some of the words have been left out. Read the passages carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternative and fill in the blanks.

Passage I (Q.No 166 - 175)

No Indian, irrespective of his colour or creed, has been able to escape completely from the Institution of caste. Its laws (166) been obeyed by all without murmur, complaint or hesitation. Even many a sublime social (167) has been sacrificed at the altar of caste to (168) admission to the social (169). In all ages, anti-caste movements (170) launched but they were rendered (171) due to the inherent strength of the (172) of caste. It remained as (173) as ever. As an institution of social control, it has always been and (174) a hindrance in the development of social consciousness or national (175).

166. (A) have (B) has (C) had (D) always
 167. (A) good (B) idea
(C) law (D) principle
 168. (A) seek (B) get (C) earn (D) allow
 169. (A) code (B) rank
(C) organization (D) order
 170. (A) is (B) was (C) had (D) were
 171. (A) futile (B) useless
(C) ineffective (D) powerless
 172. (A) agency (B) institute
(C) institution (D) organisation
 173. (A) firm (B) constant
(C) delicate (D) real
 174. (A) going to be (B) continue to be
(C) will continue to be (D) become
 175. (A) awakening (B) revival
(C) resurgence (D) renaissance

Passage II (Q. NO. 176 - 185)

Most British People go abroad on holiday to visit family, or on short business trips. People are (176) to find out how to get urgent treatment before leaving the UK. They have to (177) a form which explains what they (178) do if they fall ill or (179) an accident, and what arrangements exist in (180) country for medical treatment. The regulations are fairly simple but (181) do not have this information, they may (182) that private medical care is extremely expensive. It is not unusual for people to discover that they do not have (183) money with them to (184) the total costs and (185) such circumstances an already difficult situation becomes even more complicated.

176. (A) suggested (B) advised
(C) spoken (D) said
 177. (A) put (B) bring (C) fill (D) get

178. (A) ought (B) should
(C) will (D) may
 179. (A) have (B) take
(C) happen (D) get
 180. (A) their (B) each
(C) one (D) this
 181. (A) whether (B) because
(C) people (D) as
 182. (A) look (B) find (C) know (D) want
 183. (A) enough (B) little
(C) full (D) few
 184. (A) give (B) have
(C) cover (D) spend
 185. (A) in (B) at (C) up (D) on

Direction : In Question No. 186 to 200, you have 3 (three) brief passages with 5 questions following each passage. Read the passages carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives and mark it by blackening the appropriate oval [●] in the Answer Sheet.

Passage I (Q.No. 186 - 190)

A poor Arab, travelling in the desert, was thirsty and tired, when he saw a spring. With a grateful heart he drank the water which he felt was extraordinarily sweet. He filled his leather bottle with the pure water, and continued on his way.

After many days he arrived at Baghdad. Securing an audience with the potentate, he gravely presented him with the leather bottle of water. It was the only gift he had.

The Caliph received the gift with great pleasure. Pouring some of the water into the goblet, he drank it, and then, thanking the poor Arab, rewarded him generously for his gift.

All the courtiers pressed forward, eager to taste the wonderful water. But the Caliph denied them the privilege, even to his favourites.

When the Arab had departed with a happy heart, the Caliph explained why he had acted so strangely. The water in the leather bottle, because of its long storage, had become impure and foul tasting. He knew that if the others had tasted the water, they would have shown their disgust, and the poor man's feelings would have been wounded.

186. Only _____ felt that the water was extraordinarily sweet.
 (A) the favourites (B) the Caliph
 (C) the poor Arab (D) the people
 187. The Arab gave the Caliph _____ water to drink without knowing.
 (A) the sweet tasting (B) the pure
 (C) the foul tasting (D) the wonderful
 188. The poor Arab had _____ to give to the Caliph.
 (A) has many gifts (B) no gifts
 (C) just a leather bottle (D) just one gift

189. The Caliph _____ the wonderful water which was presented by the poor Arab.
 (A) did not share (B) shared
 (C) was eager to share (D) finally shared
190. The Caliph knew that others would show their _____ once they've tasted the water.
 (A) wounds (B) disgust
 (C) appreciation (D) feelings

Passage II (Q.No. 191 - 195)

In a village in India, two parties fell out as a result of a dispute between two children over the possession of a pin. Lathis were freely used and injuries sustained on both sides.

The more we are able to control our feelings, the more we act like intelligent human beings.

Rather than merely avoid losing our temper, which is a negative procedure at best, we should strive to show a friendly understanding and a consideration for others, even when they have done things to irritate us. This does not mean being overly soft. It merely proves we are capable of disagreement without being impolite. In your home, your office, driving along the road, getting on the bus, shopping in the market, or in a hundred daily circumstances you have countless opportunities to show that we can rise above the temptation to be impatient, complaining or sarcastic.

191. Two parties in India fought over _____.
 (A) two children (B) a pin
 (C) a village (D) lathis
192. We should _____ to others in order to avoid creating disputes.
 (A) cause injuries
 (B) avoid negative procedure
 (C) lose our temper
 (D) be friendly and considerate
193. We act like intelligent human beings when we _____.
 (A) we loose our temper
 (B) stop a dispute between children
 (C) control our feelings
 (D) freely sustain injuries
194. _____ avoid being impatient, complaining and sarcastic in our life.
 (A) We cannot
 (B) We can choose to
 (C) The temptation is too strong to
 (D) It is beyond us to
195. We should _____ when people have done things to irritate us.
 (A) be too soft
 (B) not be soft
 (C) show friendly understanding
 (D) loose our temper

Passage III (Q.No. 196 - 200)

Beds are the best evidence of the importance that man attaches to sleep. What deep sleeper can have gazed without envy at the monumental, spacious, four - poster beds of the past ? It is easy to imagine one climbing into a bed like this, drawing the curtains and enjoying hours and hours of uninterrupted sleep. It is only in our days that beds have been debased. The first victim in our effort to save space has been, of course, the bed. Everything is done to make it less conspicuous. It folds up and disappears into the wall or performs astonishing acrobatic tricks and turns itself into a couch or an armchair. Even the bedroom as such has disappeared and has been replaced by a thing called a 'sitting-bedroom' in which you can neither comfortably sleep nor sit. What with further refinement like rubber mattresses and electric blankets it is no wonder that many of us suffer from insomnia and seek salvation from alarm clocks to wake up each morning. Psychologists, meanwhile are busy studying our sleep habits and tell us that we cannot truly rest unless we dream. But most of us dream during the few minutes of blissful sleep that follow each rude awakening. Only our ancestors knew the true value of sleep. We have simply to remember that Shakespeare not only gave the subject a lot of attention but rated beds so highly as to make out a will leaving his wife his 'second-best bed'.

196. 'It is only in our days that the bed has been debased'. This means :
 (A) beds of higher quality are made today
 (B) during our times the bed has been given more importance
 (C) during modern times the beds have been relegated to basements
 (D) the bed has been lowered in quality and value today
197. In order to save space we have :
 (A) included four poster beds in our rooms
 (B) invented the electric blanket
 (C) done away with comfortable beds
 (D) forced sofas to perform acrobatics
198. This passage deals with :
 (A) the decline in the importance attached to sleep
 (B) the sleeping patterns of psychologists
 (C) monuments that resemble beds in the past
 (D) modern beds and rubber mattresses
199. The phrase 'less conspicuous' means :
 (A) able to change without effort
 (B) that which occupies less space
 (C) less obvious
 (D) smaller in size
200. According to the author, we suffer from insomnia because :
 (A) We sleep on uncomfortable bedding
 (B) We attach more importance to wall mountable beds
 (C) We live in perpetual fear of the alarm clock
 (D) Shakespeare left his second-best bed to his wife