

## English MCQs for AGNIVEER

**Directions (1-3):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

**Q1.** Zero tolerance

- (a) Accuracy is paramount
- (b) Non-acceptance of antisocial behaviour
- (c) No return without risk
- (d) No problem at all

**Q2.** Variety is the spice of life

- (a) New experiences make life more interesting
- (b) Experimentation may be risky
- (c) Life is very beautiful
- (d) There is no life without excitement

**Q3.** Scot-free

- (a) To escape from captivity
- (b) Be free of all responsibilities
- (c) To Get something unexpected
- (d) Without suffering any punishment or injury

**Directions (4-8):** In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

**Q4.** The two men were (1)/ quarrelling with one another (2)/ claiming the same watch as their own. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q5.** Everybody knows (1)/ that Bhutan is the most peaceful (2)/ of all other countries of the world. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q6.** My sister-in-laws (1)/ who lives in Kolkata (2)/ have come to stay with us. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q7.** These kind of clothes (1)/ are rather expensive (2)/ for me to buy. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q8.** Chilika is the (1)/ largest brackish water (2)/ lagoon in Asia. (3)/No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Directions (9-11):** Choose the correct synonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q9.** Opulent

- (a) Fake
- (b) Gloomy
- (c) Rich
- (d) Selfish

**Q10.** Morose

- (a) Flatter
- (b) Gloomy
- (c) friendly
- (d) Savvy

**Q11.** Cantankerous

- (a) Humorous
- (b) Quarrelsome
- (c) Remorseful
- (d) Dullness

**Directions (12- 14):** Choose the correct antonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q12.** Vibrant

- (a) drab
- (b) gaudy
- (c) jazzy
- (d) vivid

**Q13.** deep-seated

- (a) chronic
- (b) temporary
- (c) inbred
- (d) subconscious

**Q14.** Humdrum

- (a) tedious
- (b) trite
- (c) drab
- (d) fascinating

**Directions (15-16):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

**Q15.** Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning.

- (a) trite
- (b) opposite
- (c) exceptional
- (d) ambiguous

**Q16.** Something widely feared as a possible dangerous occurrence.

- (a) spectre
- (b) beguile
- (c) monolith
- (d) canny

**Directions (17-18):** In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q17.** The higher you climb, the more difficult it \_\_\_\_\_ to breathe.

- (a) became
- (b) becomes
- (c) has become
- (d) is becoming

**Q18.** Neha has been crying \_\_\_\_\_ morning.

- (a) from
- (b) of
- (c) since
- (d) till

**Q19.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Conceive
- (b) Leisure
- (c) Neice
- (d) Reign

**Q20.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Dictionary
- (b) Irrelevant
- (c) Perishable
- (d) Tangible

**Directions (21-25):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

I had seen this road many years ago when my parents moved to Mundakotukurussi, our ancestral village. However, in those early years, I hadn't begun exploring the countryside. I stored the unknown road in my head under 'One Day I Will'. Ten years ago, when I recovered from a herniated disc, it was to discover that I had a useless left leg. Though I managed to lose the limp, I hated not being able to stride around as I used to. I needed a challenge to tell myself that I wasn't going to buckle to a creature called sciatica. Thus the 'One Day I Will' arrived. "Where does the road by the medical shop lead to?" I asked my parents while visiting them next. "Chalavara," they said. "It's not an easy road to walk on," my father added. "There are too many ups and downs." Chalavara was a superior grade of a village as compared

to Mundakotukurussi, with a high school, a fine library, ATMs and several shops. But it also has two approach roads. The one I had chosen was a narrow back road used by the locals and that settled it for me. I needed to know for myself I could walk a road that wasn't going to be easy. And the next day, I would get up and walk that road again.

**Q21.** What is 'sciatica'?

- (a) A type of animal
- (b) Name of a real place
- (c) Name of an imaginary place
- (d) A herniated disc

**Q22.** Where did the forefathers of the writer live?

- (a) Chalavara
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Mundakotukurussi
- (d) Out of India

**Q23.** What disability did the writer suffer due to the herniated disc?

- (a) A useless left leg
- (b) Depression
- (c) Loss of memory
- (d) Poor visibility

**Q24.** 'One Day I Will' is the title of?

- (a) A village
- (b) The unknown road
- (c) A tourist place
- (d) A path famous with

**Q25.** What makes Chalavara better than Mundakotukurussi?

- (a) It has a high school, a fine library, ATMs and several shops
- (b) It is the place where the writer's ancestors were born
- (c) It is the place where the writer went to school
- (d) It is the place where the writer would walk when he was young

**Directions (26-28):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

**Q26.** Tongue-in-cheek

- (a) In an insincere way
- (b) To praise wholeheartedly
- (c) A sensational news
- (d) To say something hurtful

**Q27.** Wear your heart on your sleeve

- (a) a very bold person
- (b) a noble pure person
- (c) make one's feelings apparent
- (d) being overtly polite at all times

**Q28.** When it rains, it pours

- (a) one getting much less than what one expected
- (b) calamity always occurs in bad times
- (c) you always fall into trouble when you are least prepared
- (d) When something bad occurs, it usually occurs more than once

**Directions (29-33):** In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

**Q29.** The climb upside (1)/ the mountains (2)/ was not easy. (3)/No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q30.** Not too long then, the (1)/ lodge was the only (2)/ place to stay here. (3)/No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q31.** He was able to put (1)/ pen of paper only (2)/ much later. (3)/No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q32.** No sooner did I come out of my home to go to market (1)/ when it started raining heavily (2)/ which drenched me completely. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q33.** Unless you don't obey (1)/ your elders you (2)/ will not succeed in your life. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q34.** Choose the correct synonym of the words from the options given below.

- Connoisseur
- (a) Decisive
  - (b) Uncivilised
  - (c) Discerning Judge
  - (d) Narrow-minded

**Q35.** Choose the correct synonym of the words from the options given below.

- Incensed
- (a) Ecstatic
  - (b) Exasperated
  - (c) Elated
  - (d) Blithe

**Q36.** Choose the correct synonym of the words from the options given below.

- Transcend
- (a) Eclipse
  - (b) Fizzle
  - (c) Abort
  - (d) Blunder

**Directions (37-39):** Choose the correct antonym of the words from the options given below.

- Q37.** celibate
- (a) chaste
  - (b) virtuous
  - (c) promiscuous
  - (d) continent

- Q38.** ingestion
- (a) gulp
  - (b) slug
  - (c) excrete
  - (d) chug

- Q39.** horrify
- (a) affright
  - (b) petrify
  - (c) appall
  - (d) soothe

**Directions (40-41):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

- Q40.** Average in amount, intensity, quality, or degree.
- (a) moderate
  - (b) supernatant
  - (c) hobble
  - (d) hum

**Q41.** A factory, where workers are employed at very low wages for long hours and under poor conditions.

- (a) Impalpable
- (b) Outset
- (c) Bloomy
- (d) Sweatshop

**Directions (42-43):** In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q42.** The employee did not \_\_\_\_\_ to the argument of the manager.

- (a) precede
- (b) exceed
- (c) concede
- (d) recede

**Q43.** He was sworn \_\_\_\_\_ as the Prime Minister of our country.

- (a) in
- (b) off
- (c) about
- (d) out

**Q44.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Entrepreneur
- (b) Remuneration
- (c) Apprentice
- (d) Soveriegnity

**Q45.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Tranquility
- (b) Perseverence
- (c) Resplendence
- (d) Accommodation

**Directions (46-50):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

The quest to find life outside the solar system got a big boost with the discovery of seven Earth-size extra-solar planets, or exoplanets, orbiting a dwarf star about 40 light years away. Unlike earlier discoveries of exoplanets, all seven planets could possibly have liquid water — a key to life as we know it on Earth — with three planets having the greatest chance. This is by far the largest collection of Earth-like planets in the habitable 'Goldilocks' zone of a star — neither too close nor too far from a star, which raises the possibility of liquid water being present on the surface. Only Earth has liquid water in the solar system. Since the dwarf star is much cooler than the Sun, the dimming of light each time a planet passes or transits before the star could be easily recorded from Earth unlike in cases when planets transit a Sun-like bright star. Since the initial discovery of three planets was made using the Chile-based Transiting Planets and Planetesimals Small Telescope, the exoplanet system is called TRAPPIST-1.

**Q46.** The telescope TRAPPIST is in which country?

- (a) Venezuela
- (b) Argentina
- (c) Chile
- (d) Mexico

**Q47.** What is essential to have the possibility of life on a planet?

- (a) Presence of atmosphere
- (b) Presence of gravity
- (c) Presence of sunlight
- (d) Presence of liquid water

**Q48.** What is the 'Goldilocks' zone?

- (a) It is a mythological place about stars and planets
- (b) That place on a planet which has lowest possibility of liquid water.
- (c) The correct distance of a planet from its star to have possibility of having liquid water
- (d) That place on a planet which has the right amount of sunlight

**Q49.** What made it easier to record the passage of the planet in front of the star?

- (a) The fact that the star is much smaller and cooler than our Sun
- (b) The fact that the star is much bigger and cooler than our Sun
- (c) The fact that the star is much smaller and hotter than our Sun
- (d) The fact that the star is much bigger and hotter than our Sun

**Q50.** How many planets in our solar system have liquid water?

- (a) Two
- (b) Three
- (c) One
- (d) Four

**Directions (51-53):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

**Q51.** Add fuel to the fire

- (a) Go from one bad situation to another
- (b) A cause becomes stronger when more people join
- (c) The flame will extinguish if it runs out of oil
- (d) Cause a situation to become worse

**Q52.** A slap on the wrist

- (a) A mild punishment
- (b) Punishing the wrong person
- (c) To hit someone where it hurts the most
- (d) To threaten someone

**Q53.** Actions speak louder than words

- (a) Achievers are better than those who talk big
- (b) No action can compensate for saying bad words
- (c) A pen is mightier than a sword
- (d) What someone does mean more than what they say they will do

**Directions (54-58):** In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

**Q54.** Hardly had I reached the (1)/ exhibition where I learnt (2)/ about the major robbery. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q55.** No sooner did the sun rise (1)/ when we resumed the journey (2)/ after having a hasty breakfast. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q56.** My eldest son deals with (1)/ spare parts and manages (2)/ his bread and butter. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q57.** Sneha was accused for murder of her husband (1)/ but the court found her (2)/ not guilty and acquitted her. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q58.** If you had (1)/ told me earlier (2)/ I will help you. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Directions (59-61):** Choose the correct synonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q59. Drivel**

- (a) Intelligent
- (b) Blather
- (c) Judicious
- (d) Sane

**Q60. Perseverance**

- (a) Endurance
- (b) Cowardice
- (c) Lethargy
- (d) Indolence

**Q61. Frivolous**

- (a) Captious
- (b) Wise
- (c) Puerile
- (d) Spiritual

**Directions (62-64):** Choose the correct antonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q62. sacred**

- (a) pious
- (b) hallowed
- (c) divine
- (d) profane

**Q63. outlandish**

- (a) droll`
- (b) kinky
- (c) common
- (d) grotesque

**Q64. coalesce**

- (a) separate
- (b) adhere
- (c) cleave
- (d) amalgamate

**Directions (65-66):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

**Q65.** Things that have been discarded as worthless.

- (a) remains
- (b) flotsam
- (c) shambles
- (d) havoc

**Q66.** Become apparent through the appearance of symptoms.

- (a) manifest
- (b) distinct
- (c) vague
- (d) divulged

**Directions (67-68):** In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q67.** Rituals play into the \_\_\_\_\_ understandings of a society.

- (a) tactfully
- (b) tacit
- (c) taciturn
- (d) tacitly

**Q68.** Repetition bred a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ with the characters.  
 (a) familiarity  
 (b) familiar  
 (c) familiarly  
 (d) familiarise

**Q69.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.  
 (a) Pedestrain  
 (b) Plaintiff  
 (c) Potatoes  
 (d) Potassium

**Q70.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.  
 (a) Fabulous  
 (b) Gorgeous  
 (c) Heterogeneous  
 (d) Inocuous

**Directions (71-75):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

But before I could be inspired by these amazing people, I had to cleanse my feed. I know my weaknesses: just last week, Facebook memories reminded me of a pizza party I'd had two years ago and I ended up ordering a chicken dominator, with garlic breadsticks and an jalapeno cheesedip. So much for Day One of Couch to 5K training. I stayed right on that couch. So far I've unfollowed BuzzFeed Tasty, TasteMade (even theiradorable Tiny Kitchen) and several people who have the enviable advantage of being able to eat as much as they want and not put on weight. By my calculations, dark chocolate is healthy, so I'm still following Earth Loaf, Pascati and Mason & Co. When I finally found a gym I liked, with the best trainers I have had, I unabashedly shared my workouts every day. From shying away from full-length pictures, I reached a point where I could share videos of myself deadlifting and doing back squats with a barbell across my shoulders. It gave me accountability: I challenged myself to go to the gym for 30 classes straight, and I did it. Which reminds me, it's time to start a newchallenge.

**Q71.** Posts related to which topic does the writer want to remove from her feed?  
 (a) Dark Chocolate  
 (b) Make-up  
 (c) Sari  
 (d) Food

**Q72.** What has the writer succeeded in doing?  
 (a) Lost the desired weight  
 (b) Succeeded in overcoming temptations to order pizzas  
 (c) Attended 30 gym classes without a break  
 (d) Removed unhealthy posts including about chocolates

**Q73.** Which of the following is a page related to chocolate?  
 (a) Earth Loaf  
 (b) Buzzfeed Tasty  
 (c) TasteMade  
 (d) Tiny Kitchen

**Q74.** What weight loss program has the writer enrolled in?  
 (a) 30 Straight gym classes  
 (b) Couch to 5K  
 (c) Mason & Co  
 (d) Eat chocolate to lose weight

**Q75.** What gave the writer accountability?  
 (a) Sharing her workout videos on social media  
 (b) Unfollowing people and pages not related to health  
 (c) Going to the gym daily  
 (d) Doing challenging exercises like deadlifting

**Directions (76-78):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

**Q76.** A blessing in disguise  
 (a) A misfortune that eventually has good results  
 (b) A person who has changed so much that he is now unrecognisable  
 (c) A prayer asking for God's favour  
 (d) A bad person hiding his face behind a mask

**Q77.** Against the clock  
 (a) To do a job fast to finish it before a deadline  
 (b) Time is money  
 (c) Man is a victim of time  
 (d) It is useless to fight destiny

**Q78.** Scapegoat  
 (a) Animal sacrifice as an offering to God  
 (b) The most useful animal or person  
 (c) A lucky person who is forgiven for his crimes  
 (d) A person who is blamed for the mistakes of others

**Directions (79-83):** In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

**Q79.** Her mother is (1)/ angry and (2)/ indifferent to me. (3)/ No Error (4)  
 (a) 1  
 (b) 2  
 (c) 3  
 (d) 4

**Q80.** The Tata group own (1)/ many industries, that are spread (2)/ across the globe. (3)/ No Error (4)  
 (a) 1  
 (b) 2  
 (c) 3  
 (d) 4



**Q81.** She has not been (1)/ to the restaurant (2)/ much late. (3)/ No Error (4)  
(a) 1  
(b) 2  
(c) 3  
(d) 4

**Q82.** My brother finds it difficult (1)/ to pass away the time (2)/ at our grandparent's house. (3)/ No Error (4)  
(a) 1  
(b) 2  
(c) 3  
(d) 4

**Q83.** No sooner had he finished (1)/ his morning walk (2)/ when it began to rain. (3)/ No Error (4)  
(a) 1  
(b) 2  
(c) 3  
(d) 4

**Directions (84-86):** Choose the correct synonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q84.** Petrify  
(a) Adorn  
(b) Calm  
(c) Curious  
(d) Harden

**Q85.** Succulent  
(a) Sucking  
(b) Soft  
(c) Juicy  
(d) Pale

**Q86.** Congregation  
(a) Discussion  
(b) Attention  
(c) Contraction  
(d) Assembly

**Directions (87-89):** Choose the correct antonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q87.** loiter  
(a) lag  
(b) hasten  
(c) amble  
(d) loll

**Q88.** fidgety  
(a) composed  
(b) restive  
(c) twitchy  
(d) antsy

**Q89.** bland  
(a) blah  
(b) insipid  
(c) tame  
(d) lively

**Directions (90-91):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

**Q90.** Rub a part of the body to restore warmth or sensation.  
(a) Fuzz  
(b) Chafe  
(c) Scum  
(d) Oblique

**Q91.** The punishment of being kept in school after hours.  
(a) Pretension  
(b) Isolate  
(c) Detention  
(d) Blender

**Directions (92-93):** In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q92.** I sensed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument.  
(a) beautiful  
(b) beautifully  
(c) beauty  
(d) beautification

**Q93.** The beans are \_\_\_\_\_ turned to avoid burning.  
(a) constant  
(b) constants  
(c) constantly  
(d) constantedly

**Q94.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.  
(a) Tomorrow  
(b) Occurence  
(c) Temperature  
(d) Preferable

**Q95.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.  
(a) Receeding  
(b) Cemetery  
(c) Parallelogram  
(d) Rehearsal

**Directions (96-100):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Genetic variation is the cornerstone of evolution, without which there can be no natural selection, and so a low genetic diversity decreases the ability of a species to survive and reproduce, explains lead author Yoshan Moodley, Professor at the Department of Zoology, University of Venda in South Africa. Two centuries ago, the black rhinoceros – which roamed much of sub Saharan Africa – had 64 different genetic lineages; but today only 20 of these lineages remain, says the paper. The species is now restricted to five countries, South Africa, Namibia, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Genetically unique populations that once existed in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mozambique, Malawi and Angola have disappeared. The origins of the 'genetic erosion' coincided with colonial rule in Africa and the popularity of big game hunting. From the second half of the 20th century, however, poaching for horns has dramatically depleted their population and genetic diversity, especially in Kenya and Tanzania.

**Q96.** What is important for evolution?

- (a) Genetic variation
- (b) Large population
- (c) Mixing of species
- (d) Survival of the fittest

**Q97.** Sub Saharan Africa has lost how many black rhino genetic lineages in 200 years?

- (a) 64
- (b) 20
- (c) 44
- (d) 30

**Q98.** Genetically unique black rhinoceros has been lost in all of the following countries, except?

- (a) Tanzania
- (b) Nigeria
- (c) Chad
- (d) Malawi

**Q99.** From the second half of the 20th century what has caused a dramatic fall in black rhinoceros population?

- (a) poaching
- (b) colonial rule
- (c) big game hunting
- (d) fall in genetic diversity

**Q100.** Genetic diversity is proportional to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) species population
- (b) the ability of a species to survive and reproduce
- (c) inbreeding
- (d) extinction

**Directions (101-103):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

**Q101.** A dime a dozen

- (a) Strength is in numbers
- (b) People who say bad things have no value
- (c) Very common and of no particular value
- (d) You save more if you buy in large numbers

**Q102.** A drop in the bucket

- (a) So much silence that even a drop can be heard
- (b) A very small amount compared with what is needed
- (c) The final act before the task is done
- (d) A small favour is worth a lot to a person in trouble

**Q103.** Practice makes a man perfect

- (a) Perfection demands patience
- (b) Any problem can be solved if you are willing to try many times
- (c) Regular activity is the way to become proficient in it
- (d) It takes a long time to form a good habit

**Directions (104-108):** In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

**Q104.** On Sundays (1)/ I prefer reading (2)/ than going out visiting my friends. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q105.** Rohit is two year (1)/ junior than Mukesh (2)/ in the office. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4





**Q106.** Inspite of the doctor's stern warning (1)/ Latika continued taking (2)/ sugars in her milk. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q107.** Myself and Roshni (1)/ will take care of (2)/ the event on Sunday. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q108.** Little knowledge of playing volleyball (1)/ that she possessed proved to be (2)/helpful at the time of inaugural match. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Directions (109-111):** Choose the correct synonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q109.** Atrocity

- (a) Difficulty
- (b) Barbarity
- (c) Shy
- (d) Gloomy

**Q110.** Procrastinate

- (a) Divert
- (b) Deceive
- (c) Debase
- (d) Delay

**Q111.** Mellifluous

- (a) Shiver
- (b) Frank
- (c) Immoral
- (d) Dulcet

**Directions (112-114):** Choose the correct antonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q112.** generosity

- (a) altruism
- (b) general
- (c) largesse
- (d) malevolence

**Q113.** analogue

- (a) correlate
- (b) cognate
- (c) dialogue
- (d) difference

**Q114.** amusement

- (a) mischief
- (b) naughty
- (c) melancholy
- (d) hilarity

**Directions (115-116):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

**Q115.** The outer layer of the cerebrum (part of the brain), composed of folded grey matter, plays an important role in the consciousness.

- (a) victor
- (b) cortex
- (c) scrub
- (d) capered

**Q116.** A hot spring in which water intermittently boils, pushing a tall column of water and steam into the air.

- (a) geyser
- (b) smite
- (c) brew
- (d) pitted

**Directions (117-118):** In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q117.** Fourteen kilometres \_\_\_\_\_ not a short distance, to reach to my office daily.

- (a) are
- (b) has
- (c) have
- (d) is

**Q118.** Good reading \_\_\_\_\_ the sense of liberal educated mind.

- (a) beliefs
- (b) leads
- (c) reflects
- (d) starts

**Q119.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Gaurantee
- (b) Itinerary
- (c) Magnificent
- (d) Writing

**Q120.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Etiquete
- (b) Exquisite
- (c) Restaurant
- (d) Scavenger

**Directions (121-125):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Manja, or the glass-coated string used for flying kites, not only poses threat to humans, animals and birds but also to trees. A study by the country's oldest botanical garden has revealed that it poses a great threat to trees. But how can a snapped string struck in a tree kill the tree? Apparently, it does so by allying with the creepers in the garden.

A research paper by three scientists of the Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden, located in West Bengal's Howrah district, illustrates in detail how the manja, in collusion with climbers, does the damage. "The abandoned, torn kite strings act as an excellent primary supporting platform for the tender climbers, giving easy passage to reach the top of the trees. Lateral branches from the top of the climber and other accessory branches from the ground reaches the toptaking support of the first climber, completely covers the treetop, thus inhibiting the penetration of sunlight," says the research paper.

**Q121.** Abandoned, torn kite strings stuck in trees benefits whom?

- (a) Humans
- (b) Creepers
- (c) Birds
- (d) Trees

**Q122.** How many scientists contributed to a study by country's oldest botanical gardens on how manja can kill a tree?

- (a) Two
- (b) Three
- (c) Five
- (d) Four

**Q123.** How can a tree be killed by a creeper?

- (a) By blocking its access to sunlight
- (b) By wrapping its tentacles around its branches
- (c) By sucking away the nutrients
- (d) By secreting toxic chemicals

**Q124.** What would be the acronym for India's oldest botanical garden?

- (a) AJCBIBG
- (b) AJCBBGI
- (c) AJBCIBG
- (d) AJCBCGI

**Q125.** What gives easy passage to 'climbers' to top of the trees?

- (a) Creepers
- (b) Torn kites
- (c) Lateral branches
- (d) Manja

**Directions (126-128):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

**Q126.** Pull the plug

- (a) Make a firm refusal
- (b) Save a situation by acting in the nick of time
- (c) To waste away somebody's effort
- (d) Prevent something from continuing

**Q127.** A hot potato

- (a) A war like situation which could have been easily avoided
- (b) A common eatery but favoured by celebrities
- (c) A controversial situation which is awkward to deal with
- (d) A celebrity who keeps getting into some or the other controversy

**Q128.** New kid on the block

- (a) New rules which are bound to fail
- (b) A junior
- (c) A new social trend
- (d) A newcomer

**Directions (129-133):** In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

**Q129.** I had not completed my English homework (1)/ so I thought I was done with when the (2)/ teacher asked me to hand it in. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q130.** I was shocked to hear (1)/ that her husband (2)/ died of an accident. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q131.** The reason for (1)/ his failure is because (2)/ he didn't study at all. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q132.** Are not your father (1)/ and your elder brother (2)/ out of town? (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q133.** Our office building comprises (1)/ seven floors and a restaurant at the top in an (2)/ area of about eight hundred sq. metres. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Directions (134-136):** Choose the correct synonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q134.** Dodge

- (a) Soften
- (b) Order
- (c) Avoid
- (d) Chaotic

**Q135.** Monotonous

- (a) Dull
- (b) Timid
- (c) Unfriendly
- (d) Lusty

**Q136.** Elusive

- (a) Baffling
- (b) Enticing
- (c) Directing
- (d) Soothing

**Directions (137-139):** Choose the correct antonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q137.** adulterate

- (a) attenuated
- (b) purify
- (c) vitiated
- (d) dilute

**Q138.** Conjoined

- (a) sever
- (b) adjoin
- (c) meld
- (d) affix

**Q139.** mishmash

- (a) potpourri
- (b) medley
- (c) organized
- (d) haphazard

**Directions (140-141):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

**Q140.** Make something seem less important, significant, or trifling.

- (a) superintend
- (b) optimality
- (c) trivialize
- (d) dumb down

**Q141.** A gesture expressing respect, such as a bow.

- (a) Consensual
- (b) Obeisance
- (c) Perk
- (d) Germinate

**Directions (142-143):** In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q142.** He \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem of air pollution in his speech.

- (a) averted
- (b) adverted
- (c) exclaimed
- (d) mentioned

**Q143.** Rohan is so magnanimous that everyone is always \_\_\_\_\_ to help him in his project.

- (a) eager
- (b) enthusiastic
- (c) reluctant
- (d) ignorant

**Q144.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Hygeine
- (b) Fascist
- (c) Career
- (d) Apparel

**Q145.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Reside
- (b) Revise
- (c) Advise
- (d) Demice

**Directions (146-150):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Everyone expected Mary Zophres to win for her retro-revival Technicolor clothes in La La Land — the eventual winner, Colleen Atwood for Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, seemed surprised too. But as other awards began to slip away from the well-reviewed musical, atheme could be teased out. What is Fantastic Beasts if not a plea for equal treatment of people, magical or otherwise? Then, Arrival, a film about the inherent benignity of aliens (read immigrants) won for Best Sound Editing. Hacksaw Ridge, which is, in a way, an anti-guns movie, won in two categories. Fences, about an African-American father who fears racial discrimination, took home the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress. Earlier, Moonlight, featuring two minority communities (black and gay), won for Best Supporting Actor. This turned out to be one of those yearsthe Oscar voter was underestimated. As a majority of voters are actors, there was the tendency to think they'd reward La La Land, a celebration of creation: the heroine wants to make movies, the hero wants to make jazz. It looked like the year of The Artist all over again.

**Q146.** Colleen Atwood won which Award?

- (a) Best Costume Design for La La Land
- (b) Best Supporting Actor for Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
- (c) Best Supporting Actor for La La Land
- (d) Best Costume Design for "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them"

**Q147.** What does the lead female actor in La La Land want to do?

- (a) Make jazz
- (b) Make movies
- (c) Make music
- (d) Make magic

**Q148.** Which of the following movies is about kindness of Aliens?

- (a) Hacksaw Ridge
- (b) Arrival
- (c) Fences
- (d) Moonlight

**Q149.** Why was it assumed that La La Land would win a lot of awards?

- (a) Because the movie celebrates creation
- (b) Because majority of voters are actors
- (c) Because it is a movie about making movies and jazz
- (d) Because it is a retro-revival Technicolor movie

**Q150.** Which movie for sure won two awards?

- (a) Arrival
- (b) Fences
- (c) Moonlight
- (d) Hacksaw Ridge

**Directions (151-153):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

**Q151.** Sixth sense

- (a) An intuitive power of perception
- (b) A strong power of sense
- (c) An ability to perceive when something will go wrong
- (d) The false feeling that you know the truth

**Q152.** Rome was not built in a day

- (a) It takes time to create great things
- (b) You have to win many wars to build an empire
- (c) A task done hurriedly fails completely
- (d) Building anything worthwhile requires skill

**Q153.** Rule of thumb

- (a) A rough unit of measure for small lengths
- (b) A broadly accurate guide based on practice
- (c) To force someone to work against his wish
- (d) To use your power to ensure discipline

**Directions (154-158):** In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

**Q154.** His name was hardly (1)/ known out (2)/ his own country. (3)/No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q155.** Water was dripping (1)/ of the trees, and (2)/ the grass was wet. (3)/No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q156.** Pravin sat up on the (1)/ sofa, with his legs (2)/ tucked down him. (3)/No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q157.** She was so (1)/ near (2)/ achieving her goal. (3)/No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q158.** He watched as fights (1)/ broke out (2)/ along the city. (3)/No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Directions (159-161):** Choose the correct synonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q159.** Reiterate

- (a) Abuse
- (b) Pretend
- (c) Detest
- (d) Repeat

**Q160.** Nincompoop

- (a) Wise
- (b) Fool
- (c) Lover
- (d) Companion

**Q161.** Exorbitant

- (a) Clear
- (b) Dull
- (c) High
- (d) Rare

**Directions (162-164):** Choose the correct antonym of the words from the options given below.

**Q162.** virtuous

- (a) vile
- (b) chaste
- (c) kosher
- (d) celibate

**Q163.** primed

- (a) fit
- (b) able
- (c) unready
- (d) prepped

**Q164.** pilferer

- (a) sniper
- (b) punk
- (c) lifter
- (d) police

**Directions (165-166):** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

**Q165.** the way in which a substance holds together; thickness or viscosity

- (a) corpulency
- (b) consistency
- (c) exigency
- (d) exultancy

**Q166.** based on random choice or personal whim

- (a) auxiliary
- (b) arbitrary
- (c) allegory
- (d) ambulatory

**Directions (167-168):** In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q167.** The \_\_\_\_\_ "pretty ugly" implies that a person can be both attractive and unattractive at the same time.

- (a) simile
- (b) metaphor
- (c) alliteration
- (d) oxymoron

**Q168.** Finding the comedy routine extremely funny, the family laughed \_\_\_\_\_ along with the rest of the crowd.

- (a) lot
- (b) hysterically
- (c) crazy
- (d) guffaw

**Q169.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Autumn
- (b) Desperate
- (c) Reciept
- (d) Traffic

**Q170.** Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) Century
- (b) Finance
- (c) Remember
- (d) Sponser

**Directions (171-175):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

The rural economy is an important segment of the ecosystem and accounts for around 70 percent of employment and 50 percent of GDP with agriculture being the main driver followed by services and manufacturing. It is largely unorganized and hence those working in rural India or consuming in this economy are a different category of economic agents driven by different factors. The economy is quite complex in so far as the fact that cash dominates in terms of transactions and while there has been some intrusion of the use of credit (kisan) and debit cards and ATMs, dependence on technology driven payments system is limited. This has hence also become a haven for routing black money both in terms of seeking tax exemptions by channeling funds, to convert to legitimate funds. But a lot of black money gets into land and 'apparent rural activity'. Now consider some aspects of this economy and the cash conundrum. Almost all transactions in the mandis (there are above 7,000 organized ones and over double the number that is unorganized), are based on cash as it is easy to use. The farmers prefer to receive cash and while some do take in cheques there is a sense of doubt if the counter party is unknown. Hence one reason why electronic mandis is a good idea is that payments can also be made through the electronic mode as all transactions would be e-enabled. The recent demonetization has caused significant distortions as farmers are unable to sell their goods. This has happened just when we are in middle of the kharif harvest which involves rice, soybean, cotton, maize, sugarcane, bajra, besides fruits and vegetables which are all year through. The second issue for Indian agriculture is the rabi season which has begun where farmers start sowing their seeds. The issue here is less serious as a large part is backed by credit where the prevalent cash crunch may not matter. It would only be at the margin that farmers may be impacted, and hence the pain here would be secondary.

**Q171.** According to the passage, which among the following is the major contributor to India's GDP growth?

- (a) Services
- (b) Agriculture
- (c) Manufacturing
- (d) FDIs

**Q172.** What has become a haven for routing black money in India?

- (a) Cash transactions over digital cash transactions
- (b) Intrusion of credit cards
- (c) Prevailing debit cards
- (d) Technology driven payment

**Q173.** Which among the following is not a kharif crop?

- (a) Bajra
- (b) Maize
- (c) Rice
- (d) Wheat

**Q174.** Why does demonetisation has lesser impact onto the rabi season?

- (a) Due to tax exemptions
- (b) Due to digital payments
- (c) Due to credit payments
- (d) Huge margins

**Q175.** Which of the following is not true in regards to rural economy?

- (a) It account for major percent in employing the people of the country.
- (b) It has a technology driven mandis.
- (c) Major transactions are based on cash.
- (d) Demonetization has caused significant distortions in rural economy especially to farmers.

**Directions (176-178):** In questions some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and choose the alphabet corresponding to that part as your answer. If a sentence is free from error, choose (D) as your answer.

**Q176.** Why need (A)/ we to give (B)/ our bank details? (C)/ No error (D).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q177.** The thieves couldn't (A)/ have escaped if (B)/ there were policemen. (C)/ No error (D).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q178.** He talks as (A)/ if he owns (B)/ the whole world (C)/ No error. (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Directions (179-181):** In these questions, 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 alternatives.

**Q179.** The criminal surrendered and \_\_\_\_\_ to jail.

- (a) sent
- (b) were sent
- (c) had sent
- (d) send

**Q180.** Their speech didn't \_\_\_\_\_ anything substantial.

- (a) Infer
- (b) imply
- (c) understand
- (d) bring

**Q181.** The woodcutter has \_\_\_\_\_ the log into 2 pieces.

- (a) sown
- (b) sawn
- (c) broken
- (d) sawed

**Directions (182-184):** In these questions, a sentence or a part of sentence is bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (D)

**Q182.** I **have been knowing** him for 6 years.

- (a) had been knowing
- (b) had known
- (c) have known
- (d) No improvement

**Q183.** He **has lain** much stress on it.

- (a) has laid
- (b) had lain
- (c) had laid
- (d) No improvement

**Q184.** They denied **watching** T.V. shows.

- (a) to watch
- (b) watch
- (c) seeing
- (d) No improvement

**Directions (185-187):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

**Q185.** A person who enters without any invitation

- (a) Burglar
- (b) Intruder
- (c) Thief
- (d) Vandal



**Q186.** The period between two reigns

- (a) Lapse
- (b) Interregnum
- (c) Stasis
- (d) Intermission

**Q187.** Poem in short stanzas narrating a popular story.

- (a) Ballet
- (b) Epic
- (c) Ballad
- (d) Sonnet

**Directions (188-189):** In these questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the word given in bold.

**Q188.** Numinous

- (a) Profane
- (b) Divine
- (c) prosaic
- (d) unholy

**Q189.** Bucolic

- (a) Helpless
- (b) Intoxicated
- (c) Shameless
- (d) Rustic

**Directions (190-191):** In these questions, choose the word **opposite** in meaning to the word given in bold.

**Q190.** Crass

- (a) Gross
- (b) Refined
- (c) Coarse
- (d) Dense

**Q191.** Reprisal

- (a) Relief
- (b) forgiveness
- (c) Exemption
- (d) Relaxation

**Q192.** In these questions, four words are given out of which only one is **correctly spelt**. Find that **correctly spelt** word

- (a) soperceed
- (b) soperseed
- (c) superceeds
- (d) supersede

**Directions (193-195):** In these questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase given in **bold** in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase given in **bold**.

**Q193.** To put somebody in his place

- (a) to turn him out
- (b) to honour him
- (c) to give him due respect
- (d) to make him humble

**Q194.** To talk shop

- (a) to talk nonsense
- (b) to talk reasonably
- (c) to talk about business
- (d) to abuse someone

**Q195.** To keep one's head above water

- (a) To be cautious
- (b) To keep out of debt
- (c) To remain aloof
- (d) None of these

**Directions (196-200):** Read the passages carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

There is a confused notion in the minds of many persons that the gathering of the property of the poor into the hands of the rich does no ultimate harm, since in whoever hands it may be, it must be spent at last, and thus, they think, returns to the poor again. This fallacy has been again and again exposed; but granting the plea true, the same apology may, of course, be made for blackmail, or any other form of robbery. It might be (though practically it never is) as advantageous for the nation that the robber should have the spending of the money he extorts, as that the person robbed should have spent it. But this is no excuse for the theft. If I were to put a turnpike on the road where it passes my own gate, and endeavor to exact a shilling from every passenger, the public would soon do away with my gate, without listening to any pleas on my part that it was as advantageous to them, in the end, that I should spend their shillings, as that they themselves should. But if, instead of out-facing them with a turnpike, I can only persuade them to come in and buy stones, or old iron, or any other useless thing, out of my ground, I may rob them to the same extent, and be, moreover, thanked as a public benefactor and promoter of commercial prosperity. And this main question for the poor of England - for the poor of all countries - is wholly omitted in every treatise on the subject of wealth. Even by the laborers themselves, the operation of capital is regarded only in its effect on their immediate interests, never in the far more terrific power of its appointment of the kind and the object of labor. It matters little, ultimately, how much a laborer is paid for making anything; but it matters fearfully what the thing is, which he is compelled to make. If his labor is so ordered as to produce food, fresh air, and fresh water, no matter that his wages are low, the food and the fresh air and water will be at last there, and he will at last get them. But if he is paid to destroy food and fresh air, or to produce iron bars instead of them, the food and air will finally not be there, and he will not get them, to his great and final inconvenience. So that, conclusively, in political as in household economy, the great question is, not so much what money you have in your pocket, as what you will buy with it and do with it.

**Q196.** It can be inferred that, in regard to the accumulation of wealth, the author

- (a) equates the rich with the thief.
- (b) thinks that there are few honest businessmen.
- (c) condones some dishonesty in business dealings.
- (d) believes destruction of property is good because it creates consumer demand.

**Q197.** We may infer that the author probably lived in the

- (a) 1960's in the United States.
- (b) Victoria age in England
- (c) 18th-century France.
- (d) Golden Age of Greece.

**Q198.** The passage implies that

- (a) "A stitch in time saves nine."
- (b) "It is better late than never."
- (c) "He who steals my purse steals trash."
- (d) "There are two sides of every story"

**Q199.** According to the passage, the individual should be particularly concerned with

- (a) how much wealth he can accumulate.
- (b) the acquisition of land property rather than money.
- (c) charging the customer a fair price.
- (d) the quality of goods which he purchases with his funds.

**Q200.** What does the passage not indicate?

- (a) Stealing is something pardonable
- (b) There are legal ways to rob the public
- (c) The poor are being abused
- (d) Workers' wages are of little concern to the nation-at-large

**Directions (201-203):** In questions some parts of the sentences have errors, and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and choose the alphabet corresponding to that part as your answer. If a sentence is free from error, choose (D) as your answer.

**Q201.** Manish is pleased to sanction one (A) / special increment to all the (B) / employees with this month. (C) / No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q202.** Your children should not sit (A) / close to the T.V set (B) / as it affects on their eyes. (C) / No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q203.** Emphasis on quality of life ensures (A) / for the health and happiness (B) of every person. (C) / No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Directions (204-206):** In these questions, 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 alternatives.

**Q204.** They have a profound respect for his political\_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) involvement
- (b) ambition
- (c) personality
- (d) sagacity

**Q205.** The bus was \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic and the police man asked the driver to move off.

- (a) Failing
- (b) Obstructing
- (c) Obviating
- (d) Hiding

**Q206.** His actions had \_\_\_\_\_ pain and suffering on his family member.

- (a) deplored
- (b) imposed
- (c) affected
- (d) inflicted

**Directions (207-209):** In these questions, a sentence or a part of sentence is **Bold**. Below are given alternatives to the **underlined** part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (D)

**Q207.** If **we will pray** sincerely, God will listen to our payers.

- (a) we pray
- (b) we are praying
- (c) we will be praying
- (d) No-improvement

**Q208.** **In** shiva's views, we are going to present a report soon

- (a) As
- (b) on
- (c) for
- (d) No-improvement

**Q209.** Hardly had they finished writing the letter **before** Anil arrived

- (a) Then
- (b) While
- (c) When
- (d) No-improvement

**Directions (210-212):** In these questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase given in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase given in bold.

**Q210.** A green horn

- (a) An envious lady
- (b) A trainee
- (c) An in experienced man
- (d) A soft-hearted man

**Q211.** To be old as the hills

- (a) to be very ancient
- (b) to be wise and learned
- (c) to be old but foolish
- (d) No being worth the age

**Q212.** To cut the crackle

- (a) to humiliate
- (b) to annoy someone
- (c) to act in a friendly way
- (d) to stop talking and start

**Directions (213-215):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

**Q213.** A small, named group of fixed stars

- (a) Galaxy
- (b) Cluster
- (c) Constellation
- (d) Congregation

**Q214.** Room with toilet facilities

- (a) Suite
- (b) Deluxe
- (c) Lavatory
- (d) Cabin

**Q215.** To surround with armed forces

- (a) Seize
- (b) A hack
- (c) Cease
- (d) Besiege

**Directions (216-217):** In these questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the word given in bold.

**Q216. Aficionado**

- (a) Rival
- (b) Enthusiast
- (c) Critic
- (d) Indifferent

**Q217. Prune**

- (a) Lend
- (b) Reduce
- (c) Expand
- (d) Prolong

**Directions (218-219):** In these questions, choose the word **opposite** in meaning to the word given in bold.

**Q218. Kook**

- (a) Illiterate
- (b) Sane
- (c) Peculiar
- (d) Foolish

**Q219. Legato**

- (a) Uneven
- (b) Brief
- (c) Silent
- (d) Smooth

**Q220.** In these questions, four words are given out of which only one is **incorrectly spelt**. Find that **incorrectly spelt** word

- (a) Knack
- (b) Knee
- (c) Kneaf
- (d) Kneel

**Directions (221-225):** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/ phrases have been given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

"Pay back your credit card dues first" — that's what financial advisers invariably recommend to clients facing debt trouble. This advice comes with good reason; the rates of interest on credit card dues are exorbitant and could ruin your finances. But this does not mean you do away with the credit card altogether. It offers a great deal of ease and flexibility — cashless shopping, offers, reward points, and to top it all, a free credit period when you don't have to pay for purchases. So, the amount remains in your bank account earning interest. These benefits though ask for a small price in the form of payment discipline. You must pay, in full and by the due date. Payment defaults and even part-payments can burn a big hole in your pocket. At 2.5-3.5 per cent per month (sometimes more), the interest charged on credit card dues works out to a staggering 30-40 per cent a year. This makes credit card debt among the costliest in the market. Then, there are late payment charges on payment defaults and service tax to add to the woes.

Credit cards allow 'revolving credit' — this means that you can make a minimum payment (usually 5 per cent of the total sum due) by the due date and carry forward the balance to the next billing cycle. It sounds good, but hardly is. When you opt for the 'minimum payment', you kiss goodbye to the free credit period. So, on the bill amount, you get charged interest right from the transaction date, and not just from the due date. On new purchases after the bill date, the interest cost meter starts ticking right away.

Say, your credit card billing cycle is from September 1 to September 30. You spend Rs 10,000 on September 10. The billing date is October 1, the payment is due on October 15 and the minimum payment due is Rs 500. You also make purchases of Rs 5,000 on October 17. If you pay the entire September due of Rs 10,000 by October 15, you get free credit period of up to 35 days (September 10 to October 15) and free credit on the purchase of Rs 5,000 in October. But if you make only the minimum payment of Rs 500 by October 15, you get charged interest from September 10, and lose the free credit period on the purchase made in October.

Say, you settle the balance dues of Rs 14,500 (Rs 9,500 plus Rs 5,000) on October 25. Interest cost will be calculated as follows: on Rs 10,000 from September 10 to October 15, on Rs 9,500 from October 15 to October 25 and on Rs 5,000 from October 17 to October 25. At 3 per cent a month or 36 per cent per annum, the interest cost works out to more than Rs 478. Add to this service tax at 14 per cent and you will be left poorer by about Rs 545.

The minimum payment option can be useful if you face a temporary cash crunch. But make a habit of it and you could soon find yourself in a debt trap.

The payment will run into years, with massive interest outgo. For instance, if you spend Rs 5,000 on the card and pay back only the minimum due each month, it could take you more than six years to clear the account. Your credit score will also take a knock. Ideally, pay in full, or at least as much as you can in excess of the minimum due.

A saving grace in paying the minimum due is that you do not get charged late payment fees. You escape the defaulter tag and could face a lesser negative impact on your CIBIL score.

Some credit card issuers also charge a higher rate when you do not pay even the minimum amount due. You can use your credit card to withdraw cash from ATMs. But do this only when you are left with no other choice. Cash advances on the card don't enjoy free credit period and are charged interest at the usual high rates from the date of withdrawal until they are repaid. Also, a transaction fee of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent is levied on such withdrawals.

**Q221.** Why is credit card so popular these days?

- A. Is because it offers cashless shopping and reward points
- B. Because it allows credit at a very low rate of interest, i.e. 2.5-3.5 per cent per annum
- C. Because it allows a free credit period
- (a) Only (A) and (B)
- (b) Only (B) and (C)
- (c) Only (A) and (C)
- (d) All (A), (B) and (C)

**Q222.** Which of the following statements with respect to credit card is not true?

- (a) Credit card allows cash withdrawals at a transaction fee of 2.5-3 per cent.
- (b) Credit cards can be used for cash withdrawals from ATMs.
- (c) Credit card is useful only when you repay in full and by the due date.
- (d) Cash advances on the card have a free credit period of fifteen days failing which a high rate of interest is thirty per cent from the date of withdrawal until they are repaid.

**Q223.** What is revolving credit? Answer in the context of the passage.

- A. It is a mode of payment under which a minimum payment by the due date is allowed.
- B. Under this scheme of payment the balance amount is carried forward to the next billing cycle.

C. Under this system of payment no interest is charged for free credit period.

- (a) Both (A) and (B)
- (b) Both (B) and (C)
- (c) Both (A) and (C)
- (d) All (A), (B) and (C)

**Q224.** Find the incorrect statement on the basis of the given passage.

- (a) No other debt in the market is as costly as the credit card debt.
- (b) Revolving credit sounds good but the reality is otherwise.
- (c) When one goes for the minimum payment, one has to sacrifice the benefits of free credit period.
- (d) The minimum payment option can be useful if one faces everlasting cash crunch.

**Q225.** Why does the author suggest to pay the credit card dues first?

- (A) Because the rate of interest on credit card dues is 30-40 per cent a year.
- (B) The late payment charges on payment defaults and service tax are high and can ruin one's finances.
- (C) The atrocities of henchmen add further woes to defaulters facing debt trouble.
- (a) Only (A) and (B)
- (b) Only (B) and (C)
- (c) Only (A) and (C)
- (d) All (A), (B) and (C)

**Directions (226-228):** In questions some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and choose the alphabet corresponding to that part as your answer. If a sentence is free from error, choose (d) as your answer.

**Q226.** The visitors complained at (A) / the poor accommodation (B) / they were given (C) / No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q227.** Shayam was conscious to (A) / all that was going (B) / on around her place. (C) No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q228.** As they are rich (A)/ so they spend (B)/ lavishly.(C) / No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Directions (229-131):** In these questions, 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 alternatives.

**Q229.** For a few seconds, chaman was \_\_\_\_\_ blinded by the powerful lights of the oncoming car.

- (a) Heavily
- (b) Greatly
- (c) Powerfully
- (d) Totally

**Q230.** When Mr. Shrikant heard the news of his daughter's selection to IIT, he felt \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) enamoured
- (b) elated
- (c) embittered
- (d) exasperated

**Q231.** Ishwar is a tragedy of a man who was \_\_\_\_\_ with great qualities.

- (a) possessed
- (b) empowered
- (c) privileged
- (d) endowed

**Directions (232-234):** In these questions, a sentence or a part of sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (D)

**Q232.** Carrots are dead cheap these days

- (a) Deadly
- (b) Dirt cheap
- (c) Dust cheap
- (d) No-improvement



**Q233.** She never tells the truth

- (a) Says
- (b) Letters
- (c) Speaks
- (d) No-improvements

**Q234.** My brother has a great passion to study.

- (a) for study
- (b) for studying
- (c) to studying
- (d) No-improvement

**Directions (235-237):** In these questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase given in **bold** in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase given in **bold**.

**Q235.** To live fast

- (a) To lend a life of dissipation
- (b) to accomplish a purpose
- (c) To do a task hurriedly
- (d) To use up one's income as fast as it comes in

**Q236.** To hold a brief for

- (a) To help someone
- (b) To do someone a favour
- (c) To stay on for a brief period
- (d) To defend someone

**Q237.** To change colour

- (a) To change appearance
- (b) To shift allegiance to
- (c) To favour the wrong person
- (d) none of these

**Directions (238-240):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

**Q238.** Fear of going to bed

- (a) Clinophobia
- (b) Ballistophobia
- (c) xenophobia
- (d) stenophobia

**Q239.** A person who lives by himself

- (a) venerable
- (b) sage
- (c) Quietus
- (d) Recluse

**Q240.** One who sacrifices his life for a cause

- (a) soldier
- (b) Revolutionary
- (c) Martyr
- (d) Patriot



**Directions (241-242):** In these questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the **meaning** of the word given in **bold**.

**Q241. Oversee**

- (a) Supervise
- (b) Glance
- (c) Contest
- (d) Look

**Q242. Compunction**

- (a) Anger
- (b) Appreciate
- (c) Regret
- (d) Wonder

**Directions (243-244):** In these questions, choose the word **opposite** in meaning to the word given in **bold**.

**Q243. Leap**

- (a) Plurge
- (b) Sink
- (c) Immerse
- (d) Fall

**Q244. Nugatory**

- (a) Voluptuous
- (b) Slender
- (c) Valuable
- (d) Worthless

**Q245.** In these questions, four words are given out of which only one is **incorrectly spelt**. Find that **incorrectly spelt** word

- (a) Batalion
- (b) Believe
- (c) Bewilder
- (d) Bogie

**Directions (246-250):** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/ phrases have been given in **bold** to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

In many underdeveloped countries, the state plays an important and increasingly varied role in economic development today. There are four general arguments, all of them related, for state participation in economic development. First, the entrance requirements in terms of financial and capital equipment are very large in industries, and the size of these obstacles will serve as barriers to entry on the part of private investors. One can imagine that these obstacles are **imposing** in industries such as steel production, automobiles, electronics, and parts of the textiles industry. In addition, there is what Myint calls "technical indivisibilities in social overhead capital." Public utilities, transport, and communication facilities must be in place before industrial development can occur, and they do not lend

themselves to small-scale improvements. A related argument centres on the demand side of the economy. This economy is seen as fragmented, disconnected, and incapable of using inputs from other parts of the economy. Consequently, economic activity in one part of the economy does not generate the dynamism in other sectors that is expected in more cohesive economies. Industrialization necessarily involves many different, sectors; economic enterprises will thrive best in an environment in which they draw on inputs from related economic sectors and, in turn, release their own goods for industrial utilization within their own economies. A third argument concerns the low-level equilibrium trap in which less developed countries find themselves. At subsistence levels, societies consume exactly what they produce. There is no remaining surplus for reinvestment. As per-capita income rises, however, the additional income will not be used for saving and investment. Instead, it will have the effect of increasing the population that will eat up the surplus and force the society to its former subsistence position. Fortunately, after a certain point, the rate of population growth will decrease; economic growth will intersect with and eventually outstrip population growth. The private sector, however, will not be able to provide the one-shot large dose of capital to push economic growth beyond those levels where population increases eat up the incremental advances. The final argument concerns the relationship between delayed development and the state. Countries wishing to industrialize today have more competitors, and these competitors occupy a more differentiated industrial terrain than previously. This means that the available niches in the international system are more limited. For today's industrializers, therefore, the process of industrialization cannot be a haphazard affair, not can the pace, content, and direction be left, solely to market forces. Part of the reason for strong state presence, then, relates specifically to the competitive international environment in which modern countries and firms must operate.

**Q246.** What does the author suggest about the "technical indivisibilities in social overhead capital"?

- (a) It is a barrier to private investment
- (b) It enhances the development effects of private sector investment
- (c) It leads to rapid technological progress
- (d) It can prevent development from occurring

**Q247.** According to the passage, the "low-level equilibrium trap" in underdeveloped countries results from

- (a) the inability of market forces to overcome the effects of population growth
- (b) intervention of the state in economic development
- (c) the tendency for societies to produce more than they can use
- (d) the fragmented and disconnected nature of the demand side of the economy.



**Q248.** According to the author, a strong state presence is necessary

- (a) to provide food for everyone
- (b) to provide the capital needed to spur economic growth
- (c) to ensure the livelihood of workers
- (d) to ensure that people have more than what is necessary for subsistence

**Q249.** In the passage, the world 'cohesive' means

- (a) containing many cohorts or groups
- (b) modern and competitive
- (c) naturally and logically connected
- (d) containing many different sectors

**Q250.** In the passage, the word 'imposing' means

- (a) to force on someone
- (b) something that strikes a pose
- (c) something that obtrudes on others
- (d) to act with a delusive effect

**Directions (251-253):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Surrounded by the deep blue sea, the tiny hillock consisting of only 80 acres of land, known as Ross Island, was the paradise from which the Commissioner ruled the 293 big and small islands, 8,249 square kilometers in area.

Now the only permanent residents of the deserted Ross Island were some deer and peacocks. They stamped over many a buried head, of convicts and their executioners, of those who gave orders and those who obeyed them, some good and some evil.

Silent trees spread their branches and shoots into the crumbling skeletons of once majestic mansions in a desperate bid to stop them from totally disappearing. A –million leaves murmured against the violent gusts of wind to dislodge the fragments of the structures from their recite embrace. Wave after wave pounded the islet from sides. There was no other sound. Strangely. I never heard chirping of birds.

**Q251.** A suitable title for the above passage may be

- (a) A paradise turning into a haunted place
- (b) The place where only ghosts reside
- (c) a deserted place
- (d) The silent valley

**Q252.** Ross Island was \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) a graveyard of the rulers
- (b) just a tiny island
- (c) the headquarters of the Commissioner
- (d) the villa in which the commissioner lived

**Q253.** Ross Island housed deer, peacocks and \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) other animals and birds
- (b) visiting tourists
- (c) remains of the rulers of the island
- (d) remains of the people who lived there

**Directions (254-258):** Select the most appropriate word from the options against each number.

**Q254.** The main failings were of conception and a political willingness to settle \_\_\_\_\_ easy options.

- (a) to
- (b) of
- (c) from
- (d) for

**Q255.** \_\_\_\_\_ the expansive declarations of the need

- (a) In spite
- (b) Since
- (c) Despite
- (d) Despite of

**Q256.** \_\_\_\_\_ includes nuclear materials used in nuclear weapons"

- (a) which
- (b) whom
- (c) those
- (d) who

**Q257.** the summits narrowed their \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) sight
- (b) focus
- (c) belief
- (d) vision

**Q258.** civilian holdings \_\_\_\_\_ non-nuclear weapon states.

- (a) into
- (b) for
- (c) in
- (d) about

**Directions (259-262):** Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to the given word.

**Q259. Parochial**

- (a) conservative
- (b) tremendous
- (c) liberal
- (d) cosmopolitan

**Q260. Baulk**

- (a) accept
- (b) pursue
- (c) eschew
- (d) increase

**Q261. Acrimony**

- (a) courtesy
- (b) benevolence
- (c) animosity
- (d) violent

**Q262. Bluff**

- (a) New
- (b) clever
- (c) cunning
- (d) fake

**Directions (263-266):** Choose the word which is nearly opposite in meaning to the given word.

**Q263. Naive**

- (a) sophisticated
- (b) artless
- (c) credulous
- (d) callow

**Q264. Enjoin**

- (a) direct
- (b) counsel
- (c) forbid
- (d) None of the above

**Q265. Emaciated**

- (a) debilitated
- (b) decrepit
- (c) gaunt
- (d) robust

**Q266. Morose**

- (a) animated
- (b) sulky
- (c) depressed
- (d) sullen

**Q267.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Harrasment
- (b) Harresment
- (c) Haressment
- (d) Harassment

**Q268.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Assistant
- (b) Asisstant
- (c) Assisntent
- (d) Assisstant

**Q269.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Anxeities
- (b) Anxieties
- (c) Anxeiteis
- (d) Anxieteis

**Q270.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Resuscitate
- (b) Resusscitate
- (c) Resussitate
- (d) Ressusitate

**Directions (271-274):** Which word or words explains the meaning of the following idioms.

**Q271. To steal a march**

- (a) To gain an unexpected advantage over someone.
- (b) to march in a funny way
- (c) to challenge someone
- (d) To see a hidden meaning

**Q272. To spruce up**

- (a) to jump with enthusiasm
- (b) to burst out on someone
- (c) to get ready fast
- (d) to make to look cleaner, neater, or more attractive

**Q273. Chicken scratch**

- (a) wounds due to scratch of chicken
- (b) very poor chicken dish
- (c) very poor handwriting which is difficult to read
- (d) very messy garden

**Q274. To sleep with the fishes**

- (a) Always be in a dream world
- (b) To make absurd excuses
- (c) To sleep peacefully
- (d) To be dead

**Directions (275-278):** Choose the word that best defines the given phrases.

**Q275.** One who travels from place to place

- (a) Itinerant
- (b) Mendicant
- (c) Truant
- (d) Tramp

**Q276.** A period of time during which a person that might have a disease is kept away from other people so that the disease cannot spread

- (a) solitude
- (b) seclusion
- (c) quarantine
- (d) desolate

**Q277.** A heavy blow or the sound of such a blow

- (a) lop
- (b) slop
- (c) flop
- (d) whop

**Q278.** Customs and habits of a particular group

- (a) Mores
- (b) Frieze
- (c) Fallow
- (d) Passe

**Directions (279-280):** In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q279.** Regardless of whether leaders are born or made, it is \_\_\_\_\_ clear that leaders are not like other people.

- (a) roughly
- (b) amply
- (c) unequivocally
- (d) keenly

**Q280.** There is a common talk today that women have made the grade in many professions, that they have total freedom of opportunity. But the majority of women are still left \_\_\_\_\_ at their goals and ambitions through an almost unbreakable glass ceiling.

- (a) inward
- (b) gazing
- (c) trying
- (d) projecting

**Q281.** Select the synonym of "Abnegation"

- (a) Renunciation
- (b) Self-indulge
- (c) Intemperance
- (d) Sanction

**Q282.** Select the synonym of "Abeyance"

- (a) continuation
- (b) activity
- (c) quiescence
- (d) none of these

**Q283.** Select the synonym of "Accolades"

- (a) recognition
- (b) condemnation
- (c) derogatory
- (d) belittle

**Q284.** Select the synonym of "Acrimony"

- (a) courtesy
- (b) benevolence
- (c) animosity
- (d) violent

**Q285.** Select the antonym of "Outlandish"

- (a) droll
- (b) kinky
- (c) common
- (d) grotesque

**Q286.** Select the antonym of "Coalesce"

- (a) separate
- (b) adhere
- (c) hold
- (d) amalgamate

**Q287.** Select the antonym of "Loiter"

- (a) lag
- (b) hasten
- (c) amble
- (d) loll

**Q288.** Select the antonym of "Fidgety"

- (a) composed
- (b) restive
- (c) twitchy
- (d) antsy

**Directions (289-292):** Which word or words explains the meaning of the following idioms.

**Q289.** To crack someone up

- (a) to cheat on someone
- (b) to make someone cry
- (c) to make someone laugh
- (d) to beat someone

**Q290.** To cross your fingers

- (a) to get extremely confused over trivial decisions
- (b) to secretly wish bad for someone
- (c) to refuse someone's request politely
- (d) to hope that things will happen in the way that one wants them to happen

**Q291.** To drink like a fish

- (a) a person who spends a lot
- (b) a person who keeps cheating for a very long time without getting noticed
- (c) a person who needs to relive himself very frequently
- (d) to drink excessive amounts of alcohol

**Q292.** Down to the wire

- (a) removing the bondage that is keeping one down
- (b) the last second before the bomb explodes
- (c) to denote a situation whose outcome is not decided until the very last minute
- (d) finishing all of one's resources to the last penny

**Directions (293-295):** A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Three weeks after surrendering before an intolerant petitioner who sought to ban a book he didn't agree with, Penguin India appears unwilling to re-examine its decision to withdraw and pulp all copies of Wendy Doniger's *The Hindus: An Alternative History*. Penguin's decision **flies in the face** of a publisher's duty to stand up for freedom of speech. It also betrays a lack of understanding of the law on free speech, not to speak of the way the Indian judiciary has interpreted the law whenever demands for censorship have been made. Ironically, Penguin's cowardice

in the face of the demands of self-righteous lobbies will only encourage further demands for book bans and directly undermine the commercial foundations of the publishing industry as a whole. Not surprisingly, writers have condemned Penguin for being party to an ugly attack on academic freedom. Some, including the two of us, have registered our anger by asking Penguin to cancel our own book contracts and pulp whatever copies remain lest we too be sold down the river by a publisher that does not have the stomach to defend the titles it brings out. As of this writing, our demands have still not been accepted. Prompted by Penguin's self-serving defence that it was the Indian Penal Code (IPC) which forced its hand on the Doniger book, many writers have urged the Government of India to amend specific sections of the IPC — especially 153 A and 295 A — which make the promotion of enmity towards, or the deliberate insult of, a religious group a criminal offence.

**Q293.** What does the author say about the act of Penguin on withdrawing and pulping all copies of Wendy Doniger's book *The Hindus: An Alternative History*?

- (a) It is an absolutely correct decision to withdraw and pulp all copies of such an anti-Hindu religious book.
- (b) It is cowardice to bow down before illegitimate demands of self-righteous lobbies.
- (c) To run the business smoothly it is necessary to take such an action.
- (d) All the above

**Q294.** Find the correct statement on the basis of the given passage.

- (a) Penguin India has full understanding of the law on free speech.
- (b) Penguin India has decided to reverse its decision to withdraw and pulp all copies of Wendy Doniger's book.
- (c) Penguin's stand is against a publisher's duty to standing for freedom of speech.
- (d) Penguin's stand is not contrary to the interpretation of Indian judiciary regarding censorship.

**Q295.** What has/have been the effect of the decision to withdraw Wendy Doniger's book *The Hindus: An Alternative History*!

- (i) Many writers have condemned Penguin for aiding an ugly attack on academic freedom.
  - (ii) Some of the writers have asked Penguin to cancel book contracts.
  - (iii) Penguin India has filed cases against those who have vitiated the contract.
- (a) Only (i)
  - (b) Only (ii)
  - (c) Only (i) and (ii)
  - (d) Only (ii) and (iii)

**Q296.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Nurosergery
- (b) Neurosurgery
- (c) Nurosurgerly
- (d) Neurosurgery

**Q297.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Harrasment
- (b) Harresment
- (c) Haressment
- (d) Harassment

**Q298.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Assistant
- (b) Asisstant
- (c) Assisment
- (d) Assisstant

**Directions (299-300):** In this section, each of the following sentences has a blank space and four words are given after the sentence. Select whichever word you consider the most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response.

**Q299.** You haven't had your lunch yet, \_\_\_\_\_ you?

- (a) are
- (b) aren't
- (c) have
- (d) haven't

**Q300.** He \_\_\_\_\_ in wearing the old-fashioned coat in spite of his wife's disapproval.

- (a) insists
- (b) persists
- (c) desists
- (d) resists

**Directions (301-310):** In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ myself a sweater. When I asked my mother for some wool, she directed me to the old cloth bag under the stairs. This was the bag \_\_\_\_\_ which my mother had over the years \_\_\_\_\_ all the remains from sweaters, scarves, cardigans and gloves that she had knitted for herself \_\_\_\_\_ the family. When I opened the bag, I screamed "What a mess!" All the wool had tangled itself into a huge knot. I said to my mother, "It's hopeless. All the wool is so badly mixed. \_\_\_\_\_ can I even detangle it, let alone knit a sweater from it?" She smiled and said, "It's easier \_\_\_\_\_ you think. All you have to do is look for the easiest knot and undo that. \_\_\_\_\_ that is done, the next knot will be easier. Just keep on doing this, until all the wool is unravelled." I \_\_\_\_\_ as my mother had told me to, and sooner than I had thought, the wool started to loosen and different colors \_\_\_\_\_ to emerge. Very soon, instead of one huge untidy bunch of wool I had several neat balls in \_\_\_\_\_ of me.

**Q301.** I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ myself a sweater.

- (a) own
- (b) clench
- (c) have
- (d) knit

**Q302.** When I asked my mother for some wool, she directed me to the old cloth bag under the stairs. This was the bag \_\_\_\_\_ - which my mother had over

- (a) from
- (b) on
- (c) to
- (d) in

**Q303.** the years \_\_\_\_\_ all the remains from sweaters, scarves,

- (a) put
- (b) keep
- (c) fallen
- (d) hurled

**Q304.** cardigans and gloves that she had knitted for herself \_\_\_\_\_ the family.

- (a) and
- (b) with
- (c) apart
- (d) aside

**Q305.** I said to my mother, "It's hopeless. All the wool is so badly mixed. \_\_\_\_\_ can I even detangle it, let alone knit a sweater from it?"

- (a) How
- (b) What
- (c) Where
- (d) Why

**Q306.** She smiled and said, "It's easier \_\_\_\_\_ you think. All you have to do is look for the easiest knot and undo that.

- (a) that
- (b) than
- (c) for
- (d) then

**Q307.** \_\_\_\_\_ that is done, the next knot will be easier. Just keep on doing this, until all the wool is unravelled."

- (a) With
- (b) Along
- (c) Where
- (d) Once

**Q308.** I \_\_\_\_\_ as my mother had told me to, and sooner than I had thought,

- (a) try
- (b) gritted
- (c) decided
- (d) did

**Q309.** the wool started to loosen and different colors \_\_\_\_\_ to emerge.

- (a) began
- (b) saw
- (c) prated
- (d) gone

**Q310.** Very soon, instead of one huge untidy bunch of wool I had several neat balls in \_\_\_\_\_ of me.

- (a) search
- (b) backward
- (c) close
- (d) front

**Directions (311-314):** Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to the given word.

**Q311. Snatch**

- (a) detonate
- (b) bequeath
- (c) confer
- (d) wrench

**Q312. Splinter**

- (a) stub
- (b) share
- (c) chip
- (d) friction

**Q313. Spartan**

- (a) garish
- (b) forgiven
- (c) civilized
- (d) brave

**Q314. Shrink**

- (a) contract
- (b) physician
- (c) expand
- (d) expend

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**Directions (315-318):** Select the correct antonym of the given word.

**Q315. Refulgent**

- (a) Dark
- (b) Loud
- (c) Rough
- (d) Sweet

**Q316. Skeptic**

- (a) Believer
- (b) Erroneous
- (c) Nervous
- (d) Nihilist

**Q317. Extenuate**

- (a) Strengthen
- (b) Enfeeble
- (c) Abate
- (d) Acquit

**Q318. Retract**

- (a) recant
- (b) repudiate
- (c) withdraw
- (d) assert

**Directions (319-322):** Which word or words explains the meaning of the following idioms.

**Q319.** To call in question

- (a) To doubt
- (b) To summon somebody
- (c) To force somebody to accept something that he does not want to do
- (d) To oppress

**Q320.** Screw up one's courage

- (a) To make fun of others' achievements
- (b) To lessen one's rashness
- (c) To gather one's courage
- (d) To discourage somebody

**Q321.** At daggers drawn

- (a) On a tie
- (b) To close a deal
- (c) To call somebody
- (d) On inimical terms

**Q322.** To burn one's fingers

- (a) To get oneself into trouble
- (b) To sacrifice
- (c) To interfere in somebody's business
- (d) To show the way

**Directions (323-325):** A passage is given with 3 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

One December night, a family had gathered around their fireside and piled it high with wood gathered from mountain streams and ruins of great trees that had come falling down the mountain sides. The fire roared and brightened the room with its light. The faces of the father and mother had a quiet gladness; the children laughed; the oldest daughter was the picture of happiness at seventeen; and the aged grandmother who sat sewing in the warmest place was the picture of happiness grown old.

**Q323.** The oldest daughter looked

- (a) stupid
- (b) glad
- (c) intelligent
- (d) mournful

**Q324.** The parents looked

- (a) serene
- (b) cheerful
- (c) gloomy
- (d) dull

**Q325.** The firewood had been

- (a) brought
- (b) stolen
- (c) collected
- (d) found

**Q326.** Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) collaborate
- (b) comemorate
- (c) colate
- (d) choclate

**Q327.** Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) circuiteous
- (b) clairvoyant
- (c) chivelry
- (d) cavalcede

**Q328.** Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) severety
- (b) sovereignty
- (c) superiorty
- (d) serenity

**Directions (329-330):** In this section, each of the following sentences has a blank space and four words are given after the sentence. Select whichever word you consider the most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response.

**Q329.** I have made a rough \_\_\_\_\_ of the report.

- (a) daft
- (b) draught
- (c) drought
- (d) draft



**Q330.** The reward was not commensurate \_\_\_\_\_ the work done by us.

- (a) for
- (b) on
- (c) with
- (d) upon

**Directions (331-335):** Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

**Q331.** Very rude or coarse; vulgar

- (a) gross
- (b) adipose
- (c) porcine
- (d) corpulent

**Q332.** To stop doing something; cease or abstain

- (a) to endure
- (b) to desist
- (c) to persevere
- (d) to dismay

**Q333.** Causing a burning sensation like that of hot liquid on the skin

- (a) piping
- (b) igneous
- (c) frosty
- (d) scalding

**Q334.** An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need

- (a) conglomerate
- (b) donation
- (c) charity
- (d) dole

**Q335.** To lift or haul something heavy with great effort

- (a) heave
- (b) shrimp
- (c) wimp
- (d) runt

**Directions (336-340):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

Youth generation has the key role in (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the future of a nation. Any country can ride on high growth trajectory if it is blessed with the more numbers of youths on (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ chart. But sometimes the youth may cause big damage to the (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ of a nation and also may become biggest threat to the country itself if the youth get misguided with wrong human principle and (iv) \_\_\_\_\_. Why they can do so; is not difficult to guess. It is because the youth has huge amount of energy, ambition, new ideas, sky-rising potential etc. If these applied by

them in negative sense then it can result the negative impacts of positiveness and goodness. Recent few unfortunate events have completely hammered our feelings and imprinted it in our mind such that (v) \_\_\_\_\_ of this bad events is not getting erased from our mind. This is an example of badly nourished youth's mindset that created premeditated offending. It is very much compulsory to develop them in right direction from very beginning of their schooling period.

**Q336.** Youth generation has the key role in \_\_\_\_\_ the future of a nation.

- (a) shaping
- (b) gasping
- (c) naming
- (d) gaining

**Q337.** If it is blessed with the more numbers of youths on \_\_\_\_\_ chart.

- (a) autographic
- (b) demographic
- (c) geographic
- (d) biographic

**Q338.** But sometimes the youth may cause big damage to the \_\_\_\_\_ of a nation

- (a) assets
- (b) property
- (c) reputation
- (d) wealth

**Q339.** If the youth get misguided with wrong human principle and \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) superstition
- (b) system
- (c) gut
- (d) belief

**Q340.** Our mind such that \_\_\_\_\_ of this bad events is not getting erased from our mind.

- (a) happiness
- (b) agony
- (c) comfort
- (d) solace

**Q341.** Select the antonym of "Jaunt"

- (a) halt
- (b) excursion
- (c) stroll
- (d) ramble

**Q342.** Select the antonym of "Veteran"

- (a) youthful
- (b) pliable
- (c) expert
- (d) amateur

**Q343.** Select the antonym of "Fatigue"

- (a) restive
- (b) slouch
- (c) vigor
- (d) tire

**Q344.** Select the antonym of "Castigated"

- (a) approve
- (b) rate
- (c) flay
- (d) drub

**Q345.** Select the antonym of "Deliberate"

- (a) judge
- (b) imprudent
- (c) cogitate
- (d) argue

**Q346.** Select the synonym of "Pillage"

- (a) Bequeath
- (b) Consign
- (c) Entrust
- (d) Desecrate

**Q347.** Select the synonym of "Cluster"

- (a) Individual
- (b) Assemblage
- (c) Specific
- (d) Solitary

**Q348.** Select the synonym of "Affectionate"

- (a) Neglectful
- (b) Aloof
- (c) Sympathetic
- (d) suppressive

**Q349.** Select the synonym of "Consequent"

- (a) Inception
- (b) Ensuing
- (c) Dawn
- (d) Creation

**Q350.** Select the synonym of "Phonetic"

- (a) Mute
- (b) Reticent
- (c) Silent
- (d) Spoken

**Q351.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) bereving
- (b) bereaving
- (c) bareaving
- (d) bareving

**Q352.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) frothiyst
- (b) frotheist
- (c) frothyeist
- (d) frothiest

**Q353.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) loopholes
- (b) lupholes
- (c) lopholes
- (d) luppholes

**Q354.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) wherefour
- (b) wharefore
- (c) wharefour
- (d) wherefore

**Q355.** In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Pervrerted
- (b) Pervirted
- (c) Parvrted
- (d) Parvirted

**Directions (356-360):** Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.

On the foggy winter afternoon of February 3, a phone call from a local, saying "An injured blackbuck, apparently attacked by stray dogs, is lying on a farm in Sardarpur village..." was enough to send a team of forest and wildlife personnel into rescue mode. They rushed to the spot in the Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary (AWS) to save the animal.

A young deer, about two years old, was lying on the farm with multiple injuries, after being attacked by a group of stray dogs. Chased by the canines, the blackbuck had rammed into barbed wires, which enclose agricultural fields to avoid crop damage from stray cattle. The injuries proved to be fatal, even though medical treatment was given, and the blackbuck succumbed within a few hours of the attack.

This is not an isolated incident. In 2019, so far, as many as eight blackbucks have died in the AWS, and a majority of them succumbed to their injuries, caused by barbed wires while trying to escape from stray dogs, officials told The Hindu. Other unnatural reasons for blackbuck deaths include road accidents and falling into water storage tanks and concrete drains.

For the blackbuck, Punjab's State animal, it's a fight for existence at the AWS in Fazilka district. It faces a severe threat from stray cattle, attacks by stray dogs, and habitat fragmentation due to change in land use and cropping patterns over the past few years.

**Q356.** What made the forest and wildlife personnel go into rescue mode?

- (a) stray dogs
- (b) foggy winter
- (c) a phone call from a local
- (d) an injured blackbuck

**Q357.** How many blackbucks have died in 2019 in AWS?

- (a) three
- (b) number not definite
- (c) none of these
- (d) eight

**Q358.** What is the meaning of the word "rescue" as per the context of the passage?

- (a) save
- (b) endanger
- (c) peril
- (d) danger

**Q359.** Which of the following is not the reason of unnatural death of blackbucks as per the given passage?

- (a) road accident
- (b) falling in water storage tanks
- (c) habitat fragmentation
- (d) concrete drains

**Q360.** What did the team of forest and wildlife personnel find out when they rushed to the spot?

- (a) canines were chasing the blackbuck.
- (b) blackbuck was struggling with the barbed wires.
- (c) blackbuck was lying on the farm with lot of injuries.
- (d) someone was giving medical treatment to the blackbuck.

**Directions (361-365):** In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q361.** Rituals play into the \_\_\_\_\_ understandings of a society.

- (a) tactfully
- (b) tacit
- (c) taciturn
- (d) tacitly

**Q362.** Repetition bred a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ with the characters.

- (a) familiarity
- (b) familiar
- (c) familiarly
- (d) familiarize

**Q363.** I sensed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument.

- (a) beautiful
- (b) beautifully
- (c) beauty
- (d) beautification

**Q364.** The beans are \_\_\_\_\_ turned to avoid burning.

- (a) constant
- (b) constants
- (c) constantly
- (d) constantedly

**Q365.** Fourteen kilometres \_\_\_\_\_ not a short distance, to reach to my office daily.

- (a) are
- (b) has
- (c) have
- (d) is

**Directions (366-370):** In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

India is on the throes of a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ water crisis, not only because of a gradual (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in per capita availability of water due to a rising population, but also because of rising and unchecked pollution in the country's rivers and water bodies, a fact (3) \_\_\_\_\_ is mostly overlooked in the deliberations on water resources management.

As per published estimates of the Central Pollution Control Board, the country has a treatment (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of only about 30% of sewage generated in the major cities, not to talk of other urban and rural areas (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the sewage finds its way to local water bodies or rivers without treatment.

**Q366.** Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 1

- (a) several
- (b) sever
- (c) severe
- (d) sewer

**Q367.** Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 2

- (a) reluctance
- (b) reproduction
- (c) redemption
- (d) reduction

**Q368.** Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 3

- (a) who
- (b) which
- (c) whom
- (d) where

**Q369.** Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 4

- (a) capacity
- (b) capability
- (c) capacious
- (d) capricious

**Q370.** Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5

- (a) where
- (b) which
- (c) whom
- (d) who

**Directions (371-374):** Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to the given word.

**Q371. Streak**

- (a) freak
- (b) bright
- (c) immaculate
- (d) smear

**Q372. Sentry**

- (a) bandit
- (b) competitor
- (c) sentinel
- (d) foe

**Q373. Subsidy**

- (a) endowment
- (b) forfeit
- (c) mulct
- (d) reward

**Q374. Conjecture**

- (a) Synchronous
- (b) Surmise
- (c) Coetaneous
- (d) Coeval

**Directions (375-378):** Select the correct antonym of the given word.

**Q375. Grapple**

- (a) clench
- (b) clasp
- (c) unleash
- (d) seize

**Q376. Triumph**

- (a) Establish
- (b) Sorrow
- (c) Disdain
- (d) Elation

**Q377. Ensnounce**

- (a) Establish
- (b) Impudence
- (c) Request
- (d) Disturb

**Q378. Lugubrious**

- (a) Clumsy
- (b) Lucid
- (c) Optimistic
- (d) Sinister

**Directions (379-382):** Which word or words explains the meaning of the following idioms.

**Q379. Play havoc with**

- (a) To fight severely
- (b) Do something to help
- (c) Make an approximation
- (d) Disrupt

**Q380. Make a pitch**

- (a) Pay attention
- (b) Try to persuade people to do something
- (c) Regardless of
- (d) Underline

**Q381. Hard-pressed**

- (a) Bewildered
- (b) To be insulted because of lack of talent
- (c) Hard discipline
- (d) To struggle to do or accomplish something

**Q382. To give currency**

- (a) To bestow importance
- (b) To misinterpret
- (c) To make publicly known
- (d) To originate

**Directions (383-385):** A passage is given with 3 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Even in the most primitive societies, the great majority of people satisfy a large part of their material needs by exchanging goods and services. Very few people indeed can make for themselves everything they need all their food, their clothes, their housing, their tools. Ever since men started living in communities, they have been satisfying their needs by means of specialization and exchange; increasingly each individual has concentrated on what he can do best, and has produced more of the special goods or services in which he has concentrated, than he can consume himself. The surplus he has exchanged with other members of the community, acquiring, in exchange the things he needs that others have produced.

**Q383.** According to the passage, the great majority of people can satisfy their needs today by

- (a) providing things for themselves
- (b) exchanging goods and services
- (c) concentrating on what they can do best
- (d) individual specialization

**Q384.** Exchange of goods becomes possible only when

- (a) there is no specialization
- (b) goods are produced in surplus
- (c) primitive societies become modern
- (d) individuals make things for themselves

**Q385.** Specialization and exchange began when men started  
 (a) big industries  
 (b) concentrating on their work  
 (c) producing things for individual use  
 (d) living in communities

**Q386.** Select the correctly spelt word.  
 (a) bulfrog  
 (b) assemble  
 (c) paraket  
 (d) calenodar

**Q387.** Select the correctly spelt word.  
 (a) reverent  
 (b) tumberils  
 (c) grambled  
 (d) sitation

**Q388.** Select the correctly spelt word.  
 (a) snoping  
 (b) leniency  
 (c) bivoacs  
 (d) kerbsid

**Q389.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
 Hitler believed that the Nordic Aryan race was superior \_\_\_\_\_ all other races.  
 (a) than  
 (b) to  
 (c) in  
 (d) from

**Q390.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
 You are well prepared to handle the responsibilities bestowed \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
 (a) at  
 (b) for  
 (c) to  
 (d) upon

**Directions (391-395):** Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

**Q391.** To divide by cutting or slicing, especially suddenly and forcibly.  
 (a) to detach  
 (b) to bisect  
 (c) to sever  
 (d) to dissect

**Q392.** Very rude or coarse; vulgar.  
 (a) gross  
 (b) adipose  
 (c) porcine  
 (d) corpulent

**Q393.** To stop doing something; cease or abstain.  
 (a) to endure  
 (b) to desist  
 (c) to persevere  
 (d) to dismay

**Q394.** Causing a burning sensation like that of hot liquid on the skin.  
 (a) piping  
 (b) igneous  
 (c) sizzling  
 (d) scalding

**Q395.** A story that expresses ideas through symbols.  
 (a) Almanac  
 (b) Axiom  
 (c) Anomaly  
 (d) Allegory

**Directions (396-400):** In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

A \_\_\_\_\_ outcome of the controversy surrounding the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) report of November 2019 on drinking water status is that the issue of water quality has \_\_\_\_\_ politically prioritised. The fact that water should be treated as an \_\_\_\_\_ concern for public health and the ecosystem of the country cannot be denied. The threats to human health due to poor water quality, except when they appear as an epidemic, are largely \_\_\_\_\_. This generally subjects the population to \_\_\_\_\_ health problems without its knowledge or consent.

**Q396.** A \_\_\_\_\_ outcome of the controversy surrounding the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) report of November 2019  
 (a) fantastic  
 (b) significant  
 (c) important  
 (d) minor

**Q397.** water status is that the issue of water quality has \_\_\_\_\_ politically prioritised.  
 (a) got  
 (b) given  
 (c) taken  
 (d) issued

**Q398.** The fact that water should be treated as an \_\_\_\_\_ concern for public health and the ecosystem of the country cannot be denied.  
 (a) emotional  
 (b) intellectual  
 (c) interest  
 (d) urgent

**Q399.** The threats to human health due to poor water quality, except when they appear as an epidemic, are largely \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) imperceptible
- (b) obvious
- (c) apparent
- (d) tangible

**Q400.** This generally subjects the population to \_\_\_\_\_ health problems without its knowledge or consent.

- (a) fine
- (b) subtle
- (c) nice
- (d) crude

**Directions (401-404):** Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to the given word.

**Q401. Thrifty**

- (a) reckless
- (b) economical
- (c) naive
- (d) extravagant

**Q402. Salubrious**

- (a) provoking
- (b) pleasant
- (c) ridiculous
- (d) thanking

**Q403. Desolated**

- (a) deserted
- (b) joyful
- (c) strong
- (d) annoyed

**Q404. Condone**

- (a) regard
- (b) punish
- (c) aware of
- (d) overlook

**Directions (405-408):** In the following question, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

**Q405. Restorative**

- (a) Gentle
- (b) Injurious
- (c) Individual
- (d) Cessation

**Q406. Heretical**

- (a) Pious
- (b) Orthodox
- (c) Superstitious
- (d) Outdated

**Q407. Pliable**

- (a) Willing
- (b) Obdurate
- (c) Fake
- (d) Optimistic

**Q408. Thwarted**

- (a) Foiled
- (b) Opposed
- (c) Supported
- (d) Tightened

**Directions (409-412):** Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom in bold in the given sentence.

**Q409.** Don't worry about the silly row. It was just a **storm in a tea cup**.

- (a) important matter dealt with ease
- (b) hot tea being served
- (c) commotion over a trivial matter
- (d) confusion and chaos

**Q410.** The Rajput warriors **set their face against** the invader.

- (a) became enemies
- (b) turned away from
- (c) faced difficulty
- (d) opposed strongly

**Q411.** Syria is now **currying favour with** America.

- (a) pleasing
- (b) favouring
- (c) obliging
- (d) ingratiating itself with

**Q412.** Our Principal is not a man to **mince matters**.

- (a) to confuse issues
- (b) to say something mildly
- (c) to mix everything together
- (d) to be very modest

**Directions (413-415):** A passage is given with 3 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

American economists William D. Nordhaus and Paul M. Romer were jointly awarded the 50th economics Nobel prize this week in recognition of their work on economic growth and its long-run sustainability. The Nobel committee noted that the duo's work "brought us considerably closer to answering the important question of how we can achieve sustained and sustainable economic growth". The committee's praise is fitting as both economists devoted their careers to the study of the various "externalities" or "spillovers" that affect economic growth in a market economy. Mr. Nordhaus, for one, has been a pioneer in



the movement towards quantifying the impact of economic growth on the climate and, in turn, the impact of climate change on economic growth. To correct this problem, he recommended imposing appropriate carbon taxes to curb pollution that was detrimental to growth in the long run. Mr. Romer, on the other hand, studied the importance of technology in achieving economic growth. He proposed the endogenous growth model where technological progress is seen as the outgrowth of businesses and other entities investing in research and development. At the same time, he recognised ways in which the market economy may undersupply technological innovations.

**Q413.** Economists William D. Nordhaus and Paul M. Romer were awarded for

- (a) long sustainability of their carrier
- (b) for studying economics
- (c) for studying climate and its impact on economic growth
- (d) recognition of their work on economic growth and its long-run sustainability.

**Q414.** Who has been the pioneer in the movement towards quantifying the impact of economic growth?

- (a) Mr. Nordhaus
- (b) Paul M. Romer
- (c) both Mr. Nordhaus and Paul M. Romer
- (d) None of the above

**Q415.** Why did Mr. Nordhaus recommend imposing appropriate carbon taxes to curb pollution?

- (a) because it was a roadblock in achieving economic growth.
- (b) because it was a roadblock in research and development.
- (c) because it was detrimental to growth in the long run.
- (d) None of the above

**Q416.** Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) rosetes
- (b) reaffirm
- (c) estimatte
- (d) lunchon

**Q417.** Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) thankfuel
- (b) chancar
- (c) nibbling
- (d) pollyglot

**Q418.** Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) mongose
- (b) salavaged
- (c) belives
- (d) although

**Q419.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The urgent need of the hour is for all of us to function \_\_\_\_\_ closely and co-operatively as possible.

- (a) as
- (b) so
- (c) with
- (d) at

**Q420.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The \_\_\_\_\_ outcome researchers measured was whether patients developed "probable dementia.

- (a) primary
- (b) archaic
- (c) basic
- (d) obvious

**Q421.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The inauguration took place in the year 1983. Thirty-seven years have \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) passed off
- (b) passed on
- (c) passed by
- (d) passed through

**Q422.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Without strong foundational skills, it is difficult for children to cope \_\_\_\_\_ what is expected of them in the upper primary grades.

- (a) with
- (b) up
- (c) to
- (d) in

**Directions (423-425):** Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

**Q423.** An old unmarried woman

- (a) Masochist
- (b) Septuagenarian
- (c) Sniper
- (d) Spinster



**Q424.** One who is determined to take full revenge for wrongs done to him  
 (a) Enmity  
 (b) Nigger  
 (c) Pedantic  
 (d) Vindictive

**Q425.** Just punishment for wrong doing  
 (a) Dandy  
 (b) Nemesis  
 (c) Prodigy  
 (d) Wagon

**Directions (426-430):** In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Three \_\_\_426\_\_\_ significant artefacts — a pair of 'Dwarapala' (door guardians) from Tamil Nadu and one 'Nagaraja' (serpent king) from either Rajasthan or Madhya Pradesh, purchased from idol smuggler Subhash Kapoor — \_\_\_427\_\_\_ returned to India by the Australian government during Prime Minister Scott Morrison's visit to India in January 2020.

A joint media statement from Mr. Morrison, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women Marise Payne and Paul Fletcher, MP and Minister for Communications Cyber Safety and the Arts, read: "The artefacts which \_\_\_428\_\_\_ held by the National Gallery of Australia (Gallery), were purchased in good faith, but extensive research undertaken by the gallery has led to its decision to \_\_\_429\_\_\_ return these artefacts to India."

\_\_\_430\_\_\_ the Dwarapalas from Tamil Nadu are said to be from the 15th century, the Nagaraja, dated 6th to 8th century, is from Rajasthan or Madhya Pradesh.

**Q426.** Three \_\_\_\_\_ significant artefacts  
 (a) culturally  
 (b) historic  
 (c) histrionic  
 (d) historical

**Q427.** purchased from idol smuggler Subhash Kapoor — \_\_\_\_\_ returned to India by the Australian government  
 (a) would be  
 (b) were  
 (c) will be  
 (d) are

**Q428.** The artefacts which \_\_\_\_\_ held by the National Gallery of Australia  
 (a) was  
 (b) will be  
 (c) were  
 (d) are

**Q429.** but extensive research undertaken by the gallery has led to its decision to \_\_\_\_\_ return these artefacts to India.  
 (a) voluntary  
 (b) voluntarily  
 (c) openly  
 (d) undoubtedly

**Q430.** \_\_\_\_\_ the Dwarapalas from Tamil Nadu are said to be from the 15th century  
 (a) While  
 (b) Although  
 (c) Yet  
 (d) Since

### Solutions

**S1. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Zero tolerance means absolutely no toleration of even the smallest infraction of a rule.

Tolerance cannot be related with accuracy.

**S2. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Variety is the spice of life means new and exciting experiences make life more interesting.

**S3. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Scot-free means to escape punishment for a crime or wrongdoing; to be acquitted of charges for a crime.

**S4. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'one another' with 'each other'. each other is used between two things.

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Use 'in' in place of 'of' because we use phrase "in the world".

**S6. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** It should be "My sister-in law" instead of "My sister-in-laws".

**S7. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** It should be "kinds of" instead of "kind of" because "these" is plural determiner which makes the noun plural in front of it.

**S8. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No error

**S9. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Opulent means ostentatiously costly and luxurious. Hence rich is the correct choice.

**S10. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Morose means sullen and ill-tempered and Gloomy means dark or poorly lit, especially so as to appear depressing or frightening.

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Cantankerous means bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative. Quarrelsome means given to or characterized by quarrelling.

**S12. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Vibrant means full of energy and life and drab means lacking brightness or interest; drearily dull.

**S13. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** deep-seated means strongly felt or believed and very difficult to change or get rid of and temporary means lasting for only a limited period of time; not permanent.

**S14. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Humdrum means lacking excitement or variety; boringly monotonous and fascinating means extremely interesting. Hence options (d) is the correct choice.

**S15. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Ambiguous means having or expressing more than one possible meaning, sometimes intentionally.

**S16. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Spectre means something widely feared as a possible dangerous occurrence.

Beguile means charm or enchant (someone), often in a deceptive way.

Monolith means a large single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into or serving as a pillar or monument.

**S17. Ans.(b)****S18. Ans.(c)****S19. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Niece means a daughter of one's brother or sister, or of one's brother-in-law or sister-in-law.

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Dictionary means a reference book on a particular subject, the items of which are typically arranged in alphabetical order.

**S21. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** According to the passage, 'sciatica' means herniated disc.

**S22. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The forefathers of the writer lives in 'Mundakotukurussi'.

**S23. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Ten years ago, when I recovered from a herniated disc, it was to discover that I had a useless left leg."

**S24. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "I stored the unknown road in my head under 'One Day I Will'."

**S25. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "There are too many ups and downs." Chalavara was a superior grade of a village as compared to Mundakotukurussi, with a high school, a fine library, ATMs and several shops.

**S26. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Tongue-in-cheek means Jocular or humorous, though seeming or appearing to be serious.

**S27. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Wear your heart on your sleeve means to display one's feelings openly and habitually, rather than keep them private.

**S28. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** When it rains, it pours means something good or bad occurring multiple times within a short span of time.

**S29. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** It should be "Climbing" in place of "The climb", as to mention activity we need to use gerund as the subject of the sentence.

**S30. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** It should be "ago" instead of "then". To show the context of past we use "ago".

**S31. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Use 'on' in place 'of'. "Pen on paper" is a phrase which means "to write".

**S32. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "no sooner" takes "than" with it, thus option (b) is correct.

**S33. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "unless" itself is a negative verb thus it won't take "not" with it.

**S34. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Connoisseur means an expert judge in matters of taste. Hence Discerning Judge is the correct choice.

**S35. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Incensed means very angry; enraged and Exasperated means irritate intensely; infuriate.

**S36. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Transcend means be or go beyond the range or limits of (a field of activity or conceptual sphere) and Eclipse means an obscuring of the light from one celestial body by the passage of another between it and the observer or between it and its source of illumination. Eclipse as a verb means "to be greater in significance than".

**S37. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Celibate means not having sexual activity, especially because you have made a religious promise not to and promiscuous means having a lot of different sexual partners or sexual relationships, or (of sexual habits) involving a lot of different partners.

**S38. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Ingestion means the process of taking food, drink, or another substance into the body by swallowing or absorbing it and excrete means (of a living organism or cell) separate and expel as waste (a substance, especially a product of metabolism).

**S39. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Horrify means fill with horror; shock greatly and soothe means reduce pain or discomfort in (a part of the body).

**S40. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Moderate is the one which is the substitute of the phrase average in amount, intensity, quality, or degree.

**S41. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Sweatshop means a factory or workshop, especially in the clothing industry, where manual workers are employed at very low wages for long hours and under poor conditions.

**S42. Ans.(c)****S43. Ans.(a)****S44. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Sovereignty means the authority of a state to govern itself or another state.

**S45. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Perseverance means persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

**S46. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Since the initial discovery of three planets was made using the Chile-based Transiting Planets and Planetesimals Small Telescope, the exoplanet system is called TRAPPIST-1."

**S47. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Unlike earlier discoveries of exoplanets, all seven planets could possibly have liquid water — a key to life as we know it on Earth."

**S48. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "This is by far the largest collection of Earth-like planets in the habitable 'Goldilocks' zone of a star — neither too close nor too far from a star, which raises the possibility of liquid water being present on the surface."

**S49. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Since the dwarf star is much cooler than the Sun, the dimming of light each time a planet passes or transits before the star could be easily recorded from Earth unlike in cases when planets transit a Sun-like bright star.

**S50. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Only Earth has liquid water in the solar system.

**S51. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Add fuel to the fire means to do or say something to make an argument, problem, or bad situation worse; to further incense an already angry person or group of people.

**S52. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** A slap on the wrist means a mild reprimand or punishment.

**S53. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Actions speak louder than words means actions are more revealing of one's true character since it is easy to say things or make promises, but it takes effort to do things and follow through.

**S54. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Use 'when' in place of 'where' because Hardly had/scarcely had takes "when" with it.

**S55. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Use 'then' in place of 'when' because no sooner did takes "then" with it.

**S56. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "deal in" is the correct word.

deal in: to buy and sell a particular product

**S57. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "accused" takes "of" preposition with it.

**S58. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** as the first clause is in past thus the next clause should be in past also thus change "will" to "would".

**S59. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Drivel means nonsense and Blather means talk in a long-winded way without making very much sense.

**S60. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Perseverance means persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success and Endurance means the ability to endure an unpleasant or difficult process or situation without giving way.

**S61. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Frivolous: not having any serious purpose or value.  
Puerile: childishly silly and immature.

**S62. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Sacred means connected with God or a god or dedicated to a religious purpose and so deserving veneration and profane means not relating to that which is sacred or religious; secular.

**S63. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Outlandish means looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar and common means occurring, found, or done often; prevalent.

**S64. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Coalesce means come together to form one mass or whole. Hence separate is the correct choice.

**S65. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Flotsam means people or things that have been rejected or discarded as worthless.

**S66. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Manifest means clear or obvious to the eye or mind.

S67. Ans.(b)

S68. Ans.(a)

S69. Ans.(a)

Sol. pedestrian: a person walking rather than travelling in a vehicle.

S70. Ans.(d)

Sol. Innocuous: not harmful or offensive.

S71. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to, "I had to cleanse my feed. I know my weaknesses: just last week, Facebook memories reminded me of a pizza party I'd had two years ago and I ended up ordering a chicken dominator, with garlic breadsticks and an jalapeno cheesedip."

S72. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to, "I challenged myself to go to the gym for 30 classes straight, and I did it. Which reminds me, it's time to start a new challenge."

S73. Ans.(a)

Sol. Refer to, "By my calculations, dark chocolate is healthy, so I'm still following Earth Loaf, Pascati and Mason & Co."

S74. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to, "So much for Day One of Couch to 5K training. I stayed right on that couch. So far I've unfollowed BuzzFeed Tasty, TasteMade (even their adorable Tiny Kitchen) and several people who have the enviable advantage of being able to eat as much as they want and not put on weight."

S75. Ans.(a)

Sol. refer to, "I reached a point where I could share videos of myself deadlifting and doing back squats with a barbell across my shoulders. It gave me accountability."

S76. Ans.(a)

Sol. A blessing in disguise means an unfortunate event or situation that results in an unforeseen positive outcome.

S77. Ans.(a)

Sol. Against the clock means in a very limited amount of time; with a shortage of time being the main problem.

S78. Ans.(d)

Sol. Scapegoat means to make someone take the blame for something.

S79. Ans.(b)

Sol. Angry at –someone or something- to be irritated by  
Angry with- someone or something- when we show displeasure, disappointment.

S80. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use "which" at the place of "that" as the second clause is non-defining clause and we don't use "that" with non-defining clause. "That" is always used with defining clause.

S81. Ans.(c)

Sol. "been" is a verb which must be qualified with an adverb and "lately" is an verb which must be used.

S82. Ans.(b)

Sol. pass away: polite expression for die verb. It should be "to pass the time".

S83. Ans.(c)

Sol. No sooner .... Than are used as a pair. Thus "when" should be replaced with "than".

S84. Ans.(d)

Sol. Petrify: make (someone) so frightened that they are unable

S85. Ans.(c)

Sol. Succulent means tender, juicy, and tasty. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

S86. Ans.(d)

Sol. Congregation means a group of people assembled for religious worship. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

S87. Ans.(b)

Sol. Loiter means stand or wait around without apparent purpose and hasten means be quick to do something.

S88. Ans.(a)

Sol. Fidgety means inclined to fidget; restless or uneasy and composed means having one's feelings and expression under control; calm.

S89. Ans.(d)

Sol. Bland means lacking strong features or characteristics and therefore uninteresting and lively means full of life and energy; active and outgoing.

S90. Ans.(b)

Sol. Chafe means (with reference to a part of the body) make or become sore by rubbing against something.

S91. Ans.(c)

Sol. Detention means the punishment of being kept in school after hours.

Pretension means a claim or assertion of a claim to something.  
Blender means a person or thing that mixes things together, in particular an electric mixing machine used in food preparation for liquidizing, chopping, or pureeing.

S92. Ans.(c)

S93. Ans.(c)

S94. Ans.(b)

Sol. Occurrence: an incident or event.

S95. Ans.(a)

Sol. Receding: go or move back or further away from a previous position.



**S96. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Genetic variation is the cornerstone of evolution, without which there can be no natural selection, and so a low genetic diversity decreases the ability of a species to survive and reproduce."

**S97. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Two centuries ago, the black rhinoceros – which roamed much of sub Saharan Africa – had 64 different genetic lineages; but today only 20 of these lineages remain, says the paper."

**S98. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "The species is now restricted to five countries, South Africa, Namibia, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Genetically unique populations that once existed in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mozambique, Malawi and Angola have disappeared."

**S99. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "From the second half of the 20th century, however, poaching for horns has dramatically depleted their population and genetic diversity, especially in Kenya and Tanzania."

**S100. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Genetic diversity is proportional to the ability of a species to survive and reproduce.

**S101. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** A dime a dozen means very common and of no particular value.

**S102. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** A drop in the bucket means a tiny amount, especially when compared to a much larger one.

**S103. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Practice makes a man perfect means Only by practicing or repeatedly doing something can one become proficient or skillful at it.

**S104. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** prefer takes "to" with it for the comparison.

**S105. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** junior/senior takes "to" with it for the comparison.

**S106. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** sugar is a material noun which is uncountable thus "sugar" should be used.

**S107. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** A sentence should not be started with "myself". And the sequence which should be used when multiple pronouns are used is 231. Thus, it should be "Roshni and I".

**S108. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "little" shows "negligible knowledge" that is almost zero, however this can't be true because context shows knowledge was helpful this means there must have been some knowledge and to represent "some" we use "a little". Thus "a little" should be used in part (a)

**S109. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Atrocity: an extremely wicked or cruel act, typically one involving physical violence or injury.  
Barbarity: extreme cruelty or brutality.

**S110. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Procrastinate: delay or postpone action; put off doing something.  
Debase: reduce (something) in quality or value; degrade.

**S111. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Mellifluous: pleasingly smooth and musical to hear.  
Dulcet: sweet and soothing

**S112. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Generosity means the quality of being kind and generous and malevolence means the state or condition of being malevolent where malevolent means having or showing a wish to do evil to others.

**S113. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Analogue means a person or thing seen as comparable to another. Hence difference is the correct choice.

**S114. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Amusement means the state or experience of finding something funny and melancholy means a feeling of pensive sadness, typically with no obvious cause.

**S115. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Cortex means the outer layer of the cerebrum (the cerebral cortex), composed of folded grey matter and playing an important role in consciousness.

Capered means skip or dance about in a lively or playful way.

**S116. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Geyser means a hot spring in which water intermittently boils, sending a tall column of water and steam into the air.

Smite means be strongly attracted to someone or something.

Brew means make (beer) by soaking, boiling, and fermentation.

Pitted means having a hollow or indentation on the surface.

**S117. Ans.(d)****S118. Ans.(b)****S119. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Guarantee: a formal assurance (typically in writing) that certain conditions will be fulfilled, especially that a product will be repaired or replaced if not of a specified quality.

Itinerary: a planned route or journey.



**S120. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Etiquette: the customary code of polite behavior in society or among members of a particular profession or group.

Exquisite: extremely beautiful and delicate.

Scavenger: a person who searches for and collects discarded items.

**S121. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "The abandoned, torn kite strings act as an excellent primary supporting platform for the tender climbers, giving easy passage to reach the top of the trees." Apparently, it does so by allying with the creepers in the garden.

**S122. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "A research paper by three scientists of the Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden, located in West Bengal's Howrah district."

**S123. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Lateral branches from the top of the climber and other accessory branches from the ground reaches the top taking support of the first climber, completely covers the treetop, thus inhibiting the penetration of sunlight," says the research paper."

**S124. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "A research paper by three scientists of the Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden."

**S125. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Manja gives easy passage to 'climbers' to top of the trees.

**S126. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Pull the plug means to remove, turn off, or discontinue someone's life-support system, resulting in their death.

**S127. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** A hot potato means a sensitive situation or controversial issue that is difficult to handle and thus gets passed from one person to the next.

**S128. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** New kid on the block means a newcomer to a particular place or sphere of activity.

**S129. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "was done with" should be replaced with "would do with". Do with is a phrasal verb which means "to finish" or "to brought to an end". In the question "Thought" shows that he must have thought to complete homework in future and for the future with respect to past we use "would".

**S130. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "an accident" is an event and the correct form is to die in an event.

E.g. He died in a car accident.

He died in a mishap.

"Die of" is used with disease.

He died of malaria.

**S131. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** As the word "reason" has already been used thus the word "because" should not be used as it will be superfluous since both the words is used to give "excuse".

**S132. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** no error

**S133. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "at the top" is used when we are not referring to the top most point of something but it is somewhat higher but not the top most point but when we are referring to the top most point then "on the top" should be used.

**S134. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** dodge: avoid (someone or something) by a sudden quick movement.

Chaotic: in a state of complete confusion and disorder.

**S135. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Monotonous means dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest.

**S136. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Elusive means difficult to find, catch, or achieve and Baffling means impossible to understand; perplexing.

**S137. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Adulterate means render (something) poorer in quality by adding another substance. Hence purity is the correct choice.

**S138. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** conjoined means join; combine and sever means divide by cutting or slicing, especially suddenly and forcibly.

**S139. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** mishmash means a confused mixture. Hence organized is the correct choice.

**S140. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Trivialize means make (something) seem less important, significant, or complex than it really is.

**S141. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Obeisance means a gesture expressing deferential respect, such as a bow or curtsy.

Consensual means relating to or involving consent or consensus.

Germinate means begin to grow and put out shoots after a period of dormancy.

**S142. Ans.(b)****S143. Ans.(a)****S144. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Hygiene means conditions or practices conducive to maintaining health and preventing disease, especially through cleanliness.

**S145. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Demise means a person's death.

**S146. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Everyone expected Mary Zophres to win for her retro-revival Technicolor clothes in La La Land — the eventual winner, Colleen Atwood for Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, seemed surprised too.

**S147. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "As a majority of voters are actors, there was the tendency to think they'd reward La La Land, a celebration of creation: the heroine wants to make movies."

**S148. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Then, Arrival, a film about the inherent benignity of aliens (read immigrants) won for Best Sound Editing.

**S149. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "As a majority of voters are actors, there was the tendency to think they'd reward La La Land, a celebration of creation: the heroine wants to make movies, the hero wants to make jazz."

**S150. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Hacksaw Ridge, which is, in a way, an anti-guns movie, won in two categories."

**S151. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Sixth sense means a supposed power to know or feel things that are not perceptible by the five senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.

**S152. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Rome was not built in a day: Important work takes time

**S153. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Rule of thumb: a broadly accurate guide or principle, based on practice rather than theory.

**S154. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Sentence is in passive but "his own country" cannot be the agent thus his own country need to be added with the rest of the sentence. conjunction is used to connect one sentence to another however preposition should be used as "his own country" is not a clause or a sentence. Conjunction is used to connect the clause. Thus, the correct preposition is "of". Or "out" can be replaced with "in".

His name was hardly known out of his own country.

His name was hardly known in his own country.

**S155. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "of" should be replaced with "down". Drip down means fall in small drops.

**S156. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** tucked under is the correct term to be used.

**S157. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** no error.

**S158. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** usage of "along" is incorrect. Along means "by the side of". "Across" means from one side to another. Thus "along" should be replaced with "across".

**S159. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Reiterate: say something again or a number of times or to repeat something.

**S160. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Nincompoop: a foolish or stupid person.

**S161. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Exorbitant: unreasonably high.

**S162. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** vile: extremely unpleasant.

Chaste: abstaining from extramarital, or from all, sexual intercourse.

Kosher: genuine and legitimate.

Celibate: abstaining from marriage and sexual relations, typically for religious reasons.

**S163. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** primed: to make something ready for use or action, in particular.

Prepped: to prepare something ready.

**S164. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** pilferer: a thief who steals without using violence.

Punk: A worthless person (often used as a general term of abuse).

**S165. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** corpulence: something more than average fatness.

exigency: an urgent need or demand.

Exultancy: triumphantly happy.

**S166. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** arbitrary: based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system.

Auxiliary: providing supplementary or additional help and support.

Allegory: a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.

ambulatory: Relating to or adapted for walking.

**S167. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** oxymoron: two words used together that have, or seem to have, opposite meanings.

**S168. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Hysterically means used to emphasize how funny something is.

**S169. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Receipt means the action of receiving something or the fact of its being received.

**S170. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Sponsor means a person or organization that pays for or contributes to the costs involved in staging a sporting or artistic event in return for advertising.

**S171. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "The rural economy is an important segment of the ecosystem and accounts for around 70 percent of employment and 50 percent of GDP with agriculture being the main driver followed by services and manufacturing."

**S172. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "The economy is quite complex in so far as the fact that cash dominates in terms of transactions and while there has been some intrusion of the use of credit (kisan) and debit cards and ATMs, dependence on technology driven payments system is limited. This has hence also become a haven for routing black money both in terms of seeking tax exemptions by channeling funds, to convert to legitimate funds."

**S173. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "This has happened just when we are in middle of the kharif harvest which involves rice, soybean, cotton, maize, sugarcane, bajra, besides fruits and vegetables which are all year through."

**S174. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "The second issue for Indian agriculture is the rabi season which has begun where farmers start sowing their seeds. The issue here is less serious as a large part is backed by credit where the prevalent cash crunch may not matter."

**S175. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "It has a technology driven mandis" is the only option which is not true in regards to rural economy.

**S176. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Remove 'to'. Because 'need' is a modal and it necessary that modals have base form of verb.

**S177. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace 'were' with 'had been'. Because it is a Conditional mood.

**S178. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Use 'owned' in place of 'owns'. Because it is a past subjunctive mood.

**S179. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'were sent'. Because it is a passive sentence.

**S180. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Imply', Imply means to suggest or hint.

**S181. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'sawn'. Sawn means to cut. And. It is a V<sub>3</sub>.

**S182. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'have known'. We can't use 'know' in continuous form.

**S183. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Use 'has laid' in place of 'has lain.'

Laid → to place, to set

Lain → to be situated placed.

**S184. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No improvement.

**S185. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Intruder'

Burglar → a person who enters a house illegally to steal.

Vandal → a person who destroys public buildings.

**S186. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Interregnum'

Lapse → a mistake or failure.

Stasis → A period or state of inactivity

**S187. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Ballad'

Ballet → a theatrical performance of dancing

Epic → a long poem telling a story of great deeds.

Sonnet → a type of poem with fourteen lines.

**S188. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Divine'

**S189. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'fustic'

**S190. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Refined'

Crass → Stupid

**S191. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'forgiveness'

Reprisal → something bad done to someone in return.



**S192. Ans.(d)****Sol.** 'Supersede'**S193. Ans.(d)****Sol.** To make him humble.**S194. Ans.(c)****Sol.** to talk about business.**S195. Ans.(b)****Sol.** To keep out of debt.**S196. Ans.(c)****Sol.** It can be inferred that, in regard to the accumulation of wealth, the author condones some dishonesty in business dealings.**S197. Ans.(b)****Sol.** We may infer that the author probably lived in the Victoria age in England**S198. Ans.(d)****Sol.** The passage implies that "There are two sides of every story".**S199. Ans.(d)****Sol.** The passage emphasizes "What the thing is".**S200. Ans.(c)****Sol.** The passage does not indicate that the poor are being abused.**S201. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Use "from" in place of "with"**S202. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Drop 'on', Do not use any preposition with "affect" verb.**S203. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Drop "for" because 'Ensures' means 'make sure' or 'make safe' A thing 'ensures' something, not 'ensures for'.**S204. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Sagacity → It means intelligence or good knowledge about something.**S205. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Obstructing means block (an opening, path, road, etc.); be or get in the way of.**S206. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Inflicted means cause (something unpleasant or painful) to be suffered by someone or something.**S207. Ans.(a)****Sol.** We pray  
In complete sentences, we don't use future tense in both sentences. We use one future tense's sentence and one with present indefinite tense.**S208. Ans.(c)****Sol.** 'For'**S209. Ans.(c)****Sol.** When**S210. Ans.(c)****Sol.** An inexperienced man**S211. Ans.(a)****Sol.** To be very ancient**S212. Ans.(d)****Sol.** To stop talking and start.**S213. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Constellation

Galaxy → very large group of stars

Cluster → A closely- packed group (of people or things)

Congregation → A group gathered together, especially in church

**S214. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Lavatory

Suite → A number of things forming a set

Deluxe → very luxurious

Cabin → A small house or hut

**S215. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Besiege

Seize → To take or grasp suddenly (by force)

Attack → The action of attacking

Cease → To stop or end.

**S216. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Enthusiast**S217. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Reduce**S218. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Sane

Kook → crazy

**S219. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Uneven

Legato → smooter

**S220. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Kneaf

Current word → knead

**S221. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Credit card is so popular these days because it offers cashless shopping, offers, reward points. Also, it allows free credit period but rate of interest is not fixed on credit card dues. So, only option (A) and (C) are true.

**S222. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (D) is incorrect according to the last paragraph of the passage. "Cash advances on the card don't enjoy free credit period and are charged interest at the usual high rates from the date of withdrawal until they are repaid. Also, a transaction fee of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent is levied on such withdrawals."

**S223. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Revolving credit** means that you can make a minimum payment (usually 5 per cent of the total sum due) by the due date and carry forward the balance to the next billing cycle. So, option (A) and (B) are true in context of the passage.

**S224. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** "The minimum payment option can be useful if you face a temporary cash crunch." So, statement (D) is incorrect.

**S225. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "At 2.5-3.5 per cent per month (sometimes more), the interest charged on credit card dues works out to a staggering 30-40 per cent a year. This makes credit card debt among the costliest in the market. Then, there are late payment charges on payment defaults and service tax to add to the woes." So, only option (A) and (B) are correct.

**S226. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'at' with 'about'

**S227. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Use 'of' preposition in place of 'to'

**S228. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Drop 'so'

**S229. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Totally

**S230. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Elated → It means very cheerfully

**S231. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Endowed

**S232. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Dirt Cheap

**S233. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Speaks

**S234. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** For studying

**S235. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** To lead a life of dissipation

**S236. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** To defend someone

**S237. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** To shift allegiance to

**S238. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Clinophobia

Ballistophobia →

Xenophobia → A fear of strangers

Steno phobia →

**S239. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Recluse

Venerable → worthy of great respect

Sage → wise person

Quietus → Eternal rest

**S240. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Martyr

Soldier → a member of army

Revolutionary → involving or causing great changes in ideas

Patriot → A person who loves his order country.

**S241. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Supervise

**S242. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Regret

**S243. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Fall

Leap → To jump

**S244. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Valuable

Nugatory → worthless

**S245. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Batalion

Correct word → Battalion

**S246. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** It is imposing (not possible for private investment), yet a prerequisite for industrial development.

**S247. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Referred directly in the middle of the passage, "Industrialization necessarily involves many different, sectors; economic enterprises will thrive best in an environment in which they draw on inputs from related economic sectors and, in turn, release their own goods for industrial utilization within their own economies. A third argument concerns the low-level equilibrium trap in which less developed countries find themselves."

**S248. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Mentioned in the last sentence of the passage, "Part of the reason for strong state presence, then, relates specifically to the competitive international environment in which modern countries and firms must operate."

**S249. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** In the passage, the world 'cohesive' means naturally and logically connected.



**S250. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Imposing means "force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone."

**S251. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** A suitable title for the above passage may be "A paradise turning into a haunted place"

**S252. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Surrounded by the deep blue sea, the tiny hillock consisting of only 80 acres of land, known as Ross Island, was the paradise from which the Commissioner ruled the 293 big and small islands, 8,249 square kilometers in area."

**S253. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "They stamped over many a buried head, of convicts and their executioners, of those who gave orders and those who obeyed them, some good and some evil."

**S254. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Correct preposition to be used is "for".

**S255. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Despite** is the correct term which means without being affected by; in spite of.

**S256. Ans.(a)**

**S257. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Focus:** the centre of interest or activity.

**Belief:** an acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof.

**Vision:** the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom.

**S258. Ans.(c)**

**S259. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Parochial** means having a limited or narrow outlook or scope.

**Conservative** means averse to change or innovation and holding traditional values.

**S260. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Baulk** means hesitate or be unwilling to accept an idea or undertaking.

**Eschew** means deliberately avoid using; abstain from.

**S261. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Acrimony** means bitterness or ill feeling.

**S262. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Bluff** means an attempt to deceive someone into believing that one can or is going to do something.

**S263. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Naive** means (of a person or action) showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgement.

**Sophisticated** means of a person or their thoughts, reactions, and understanding) aware of and able to interpret complex issues; subtle.

**S264. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Enjoin** means to instruct or urge (someone) to do something.

**S265. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Emaciated** means abnormally thin or weak, especially because of illness or a lack of food.

**S266. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Morose:** sullen and ill-tempered.

**Animated:** full of life or excitement; lively.

**S267. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Correctly spelt word is "**Harassment**" which means aggressive pressure or intimidation.

**S268. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Correctly spelt word is "**Assistant**" which means a person who helps in particular work.

**S269. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correctly spelt word is "**Anxieties**" which means feelings of worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome.

**S270. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Correctly spelt word is "**Resuscitate**" which means to revive (someone) from unconsciousness or apparent death.

**S271. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "**To steal a march**" means to gain an unexpected or surreptitious advantage over someone or something, as by accomplishing something before, or better than someone else.

**S272. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** "**Spruce up**" means to make someone, something, or oneself more tidy, refined, elegant, or stylish.

**S273. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "**Chicken scratch**" means incredibly messy handwriting that is nearly impossible to read. Usually the only person who can read it, is the person that wrote it.

**S274. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **To sleep with the fishes:** Killed and thrown in a river.

**S275. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Itinerant** means a person who travels from place to place.

**Mendicant:** a beggar.

**Tuant:** a person who stays away from school without leave or explanation.

**Tramp:** walk heavily or noisily.

**S276. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Quarantine:** a state, period, or place of isolation in which people or animals that have arrived from elsewhere or been exposed to infectious or contagious disease are placed.



S277. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Whop**: a heavy blow, or the sound of such a blow.

S278. Ans.(a)

S279. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Unequivocally' is the correct choice.

**Unequivocally** means leaving no doubt.

S280. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Gazing' is the correct choice.

**Gazing** means look steadily and intently, especially in admiration, surprise, or thought.

S281. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Abnegation** means the action of renouncing or rejecting something.

S282. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Abeyance** means a state of temporary disuse or suspension.

S283. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Accolade** means an award or privilege granted as a special honour or as an acknowledgement of merit.

S284. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Acrimony** means bitterness or ill feeling.

S285. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Outlandish** means looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar and **common** means occurring, found, or done often; prevalent.

S286. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Coalesce** means come together to form one mass or whole. Hence **separate** is the correct choice.

S287. Ans.(b)

**Loiter** means stand or wait around without apparent purpose and **hasten** means be quick to do something.

S288. Ans.(a)

**Fidgety** means inclined to fidget; restless or uneasy and **composed** means having one's feelings and expression under control; calm.

S289. Ans.(c)

Sol. **To crack someone up** is an idiomatic expression which means to make someone laugh.

S290. Ans.(d)

Sol. **To cross your fingers**: To hope for good luck or that something will happen.

S291. Ans.(d)

Sol. **to drink like a fish** is an English idiomatic expression which means to drink alcohol excessively; to be in the habit of drinking alcohol excessively.

S292. Ans.(c)

Sol. The idiom "**down to the wire**" means waiting until the last minute to do something.

S293. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to, "Ironically, Penguin's cowardice in the face of the demands of self-righteous lobbies will only encourage further demands for book bans and directly undermine the commercial foundations of the publishing industry as a whole."

S294. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to, "Penguin's decision flies in the face of a publisher's duty to stand up for freedom of speech."

S295. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to, "Not surprisingly, writers have condemned Penguin for being party to an ugly attack on academic freedom. Some, including the two of us, have registered our anger by asking Penguin to cancel our own book contracts."

S296. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correctly spelt word is "**Neurosurgery**" which can be defined as surgery performed on the nervous system, especially the brain and spinal cord.

S297. Ans.(d)

Sol. Correctly spelt word is "**Harassment**" which means aggressive pressure or intimidation.

S298. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correctly spelt word is "**Assistant**" which means a person who helps in particular work.

S299. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct question tag to use is 'Have you?'. If the statement is negative, we use a positive question tag and if there is an auxiliary verb in the statement, we use it to form the question tag.

S300. Ans.(b)

Sol. Persist means continue in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition. Also the correct preposition to use with 'persist' is 'in'. Hence, option (b) fits in the context.

S301. Ans.(d)

Sol. Clench: close into a tight ball, especially as a manifestation of extreme anger. Knit: to make clothes, etc. by using two long needles to connect wool or another type of thread into joined rows.

S302. Ans.(d)

S303. Ans.(a)

Sol. Put: place in a particular position. Hurl: throw or impel (someone or something) with great force.

S304. Ans.(a)

S305. Ans.(a)

S306. Ans.(b)

S307. Ans.(d)

S308. Ans.(d)

Sol. Grit: to clench or grind together.

S309. Ans.(a)

Sol. Prate: talk foolishly or at tedious length about something.

S310. Ans.(d)

S311. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Snatch** means to take something or someone away by force.

**Wrench** means to pull and twist something suddenly or violently away from its position.

S312. Ans.(c);

Sol. **Splinter** means a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or similar material broken off from a larger piece. Hence **chip** is the correct choice.

S313. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Spartan** means simple and severe with no comfort. Hence **brave** is the correct choice.

S314. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Shrink** means become or make smaller in size or amount.

**Contract** means decrease in size, number, or range.

S315. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Refulgent**: shining very brightly.

S316. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Skeptic**: a person inclined to question or doubt accepted opinions.

S317. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Extenuate**: to make someone or something thin.

**Strengthen**: make or become stronger.

S318. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Retract**: withdraw (a statement or accusation) as untrue or unjustified.

**Assert**: to state an opinion or claim a right forcefully.

S319. Ans.(a)

Sol. **To call in question**- to cause someone or something to be evaluated; to examine or reexamine the qualifications or value of someone or something.

S320. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Screw up one's courage**- to build up one's courage.

S321. Ans.(d)

Sol. **At daggers drawn**- be bitterly hostile towards each other.

S322. Ans.(a)

Sol. To burn one's fingers: to harm oneself.

S323. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to, 'the oldest daughter was the picture of happiness at seventeen'.

Hence the correct choice is option 'b'.

S324. Ans.(b)

Sol. The parents looked cheerful as the passage says 'the faces of the father and mother had a quiet gladness'.

S325. Ans.(c)

Sol. The firewood had been collected as the passage says, 'a family had gathered around their fireside and piled it high with wood gathered from mountain streams and ruins of great trees'.

S326. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correctly spelt word is collaborate

The correct spellings of the other words are commemorate, collate, chocolate

S327. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correctly spelt word is clairvoyant

The correct spellings of the other words are circuitous, chivalry, cavalcade

S328. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correctly spelt word is serenity

The correct spellings of the other words are severity, sovereignty, superiority

S329. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Draft** (Noun): a rough written version of something that is not yet in its final form

Hence, 'draft' is the right usage.

S330. Ans.(c)

Sol. **commensurate** (Adjective): matching something in size, importance, quality, etc.

Hence, 'with' is the right usage.

S331. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Adipose**: (especially of body tissue) used for the storage of fat.

**Porcine**: of, affecting, or resembling a pig or pigs.

**Corpulent**: (of a person) fat.

S332. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Endure**: suffer (something painful or difficult) patiently.

**Persevere**: continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success.

**Dismay**: concern and distress caused by something unexpected.

S333. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Igneous**: relating to or involving volcanic or plutonic processes.

**Scalding**: very hot; burning.

S334. Ans.(c)

**Sol. Conglomerate:** a thing consisting of a number of different and distinct parts or items that are grouped together.

**Donation:** the action of donating something.

**Dole:** benefit paid by the state to the unemployed.

S335. Ans.(a)

**Sol. Shrimp:** a small, physically weak person.

**Wimp:** a weak and cowardly or unadventurous person.

**Runt:** a small pig or other animal, especially the smallest in a litter.

S336. Ans.(a)

**Sol. Shape:** to decide or influence the form of something, especially a belief or idea.

Hence option A is the correct choice.

S337. Ans.(b)

**Sol. Demographic:** relating to the dynamic balance of a population especially with regard to density and capacity for expansion or decline.

Hence fitting to the context of the passage, option B is an apt choice.

S338. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Here collective choice should be 'reputation'.

**Reputation:** the beliefs or opinions that are generally held about someone or something.

S339. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Belief:** an acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof.

'Belief' is the correct choice as 'principle' and 'belief' go well together. Also it fits in the context aptly.

S340. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Negative impression created by the part 'Recent few unfortunate events have completely hammered our feelings' implies that 'agony' is the correct choice.

**Agony:** extreme physical or mental suffering.

S341. Ans.(a)

**Sol. Jaunt** means a short excursion or journey made for pleasure; and **halt** means bring or come to an abrupt stop.

S342. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Veteran:** a person who has had long experience in a particular field.

**Amateur:** a person who is not skillful and just a beginner.

S343. Ans.(c)

**Sol. Fatigue:** extreme tiredness resulting from mental or physical exertion or illness.

**Vigor:** physical strength and good health.

S344. Ans.(a)

**Sol. Castigate:** reprimand (someone) severely.

**Approve:** officially agree to or accept as satisfactory.

**Flay:** strip the skin off (a corpse or carcass).

**Drub:** hit or beat (someone) repeatedly.

S345. Ans.(b)

**Sol. Deliberate:** done consciously and intentionally.

**Imprudent:** not showing care for the consequences of an action; rash.

**Cogitate:** think deeply about something; meditate or reflect.

S346. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Pillage:** rob a place using violence.

**Desecrate:** treat a sacred place or thing with violent disrespect.

S347. Ans.(b)

**Sol. Cluster:** a group of similar things or people positioned or occurring closely together.

**Assemblage:** a collection or gathering of things or people.

S348. Ans.(c)

**Sol. Affectionate:** readily feeling or showing fondness.

**Sympathetic:** feeling, showing, or expressing sympathy.

S349. Ans.(b)

**Sol. Consequent:** following as a result or effect.

**Ensuing:** happen or occur afterwards or as a result.

S350. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Phonetic:** relating to speech sounds.

S351. Ans.(b)

**Sol. Bereaving** means be deprived of a close relation or friend through their death.

S352. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Frothiest** means full of or covered with a mass of small bubbles.

S353. Ans.(a)

**Sol. Loopholes** means an ambiguity or inadequacy in the law or a set of rules.

S354. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Wherefore** means for what reason.

S355. Ans.(a)

**Sol. Perverted:** characterized by sexually abnormal and unacceptable practices or tendencies.

S356. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Refer to the few lines of the first paragraph, "a phone call from a local, saying "An injured blackbuck, apparently attacked by stray dogs, is lying on a farm in Sardarpur village..." was enough to send a team of forest and wildlife personnel into rescue mode."

S357. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** refer to the lines, "In 2019, so far, as many as eight blackbucks have died in the AWS"

S358. Ans.(a)

S359. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to the lines "Other unnatural reasons for blackbuck deaths include road accidents and falling into water storage tanks and concrete drains."

S360. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to the lines "A young deer, about two years old, was lying on the farm with multiple injuries, after being attacked by a group of stray dogs."

S361. Ans.(b)

Sol. Tacit means understood or implied without being stated.

S362. Ans.(a)

Sol. Familiarity means close acquaintance with or knowledge of something.

S363. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Beauty' is the correct choice. "Beauty" is a noun which is correct. However, "beautification" is also a noun but it is a process to beautify someone, thus option (c) is correct.

S364. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Constantly' is the correct choice. Constantly is an adverb which qualifies the adjective which is "turned" here.

S365. Ans.(d)

Sol. Fourteen kilometers shows the single unit, thus singular verb should be used with it.

S366. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Severe**: (of something bad or undesirable) very great; intense.

**Several**: more than two but not many.

**Sever**: divide by cutting or slicing, especially suddenly and forcibly.

**Sewer**: an underground conduit for carrying off drainage water and waste matter.

Hence, option(c) is the most appropriate choice.

S367. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Reduction**: the action or fact of making something smaller or less in amount, degree, or size.

**Reluctance**: unwillingness or disinclination to do something.

**Reproduction**: the action or process of copying something.

**Redemption**: the action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil.

S368. Ans.(b)

Sol. We use **which** to introduce a relative clause when it refers to a whole clause or sentence.

S369. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Capacity**: the maximum amount that something can contain.

**Capability**: the power or ability to do something.

**Capacious**: having a lot of space inside; roomy.

**Capricious**: given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour.

Option(a) is the correct choice.

S370. Ans.(a)

S371. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Streak**: a long, thin line or mark of a different substance or colour from its surroundings.

**Immaculate**: perfectly clean, neat, or tidy.

**Smear**: a mark or streak of a greasy or sticky substance.

S372. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Sentry**: a soldier stationed to keep guard or to control access to a place.

**Bandit**: a robber or outlaw belonging to a gang and typically operating in an isolated or lawless area.

**Sentinel**: a soldier or guard whose job is to stand and keep watch.

**Foe**: an enemy or opponent.

S373. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Subsidy**: a sum of money granted by the state or a public body to help an industry or business keep the price of a commodity or service low.

**Endowment**: a quality or ability possessed or inherited by someone.

**Forfeit**: a fine or penalty for wrongdoing.

**Mulct**: extract money from someone by fine or taxation.

S374. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Conjecture**: an opinion or conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete information.

**Surmise**: to suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it.

**Synchronous**: existing or occurring at the same time.

**Coetaneous**: having the same age or date of origin; contemporary.

**Coeval**: having the same age or date of origin; contemporary.

S375. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Grapple**: seize hold of (someone).

**Unleash**: to release

S376. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Triumph**: a great victory or elation.

**Sorrow**: feel or deep distress.

S377. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Ensnore**: to settle.

**Disturb**: interfere with the normal arrangement or functioning of.

S378. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Lugubrious**: sad or dismal.

**Optimistic**: hopeful and confident about the future.

S379. Ans.(d)

S380. Ans.(b)

S381. Ans.(d)

S382. Ans.(c)

S383. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to, "Even in the most primitive societies, the great majority of people satisfy a large part of their material needs by exchanging goods and services".

**S384. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "The surplus he has exchanged with other members of the community, acquiring, in exchange the things he needs that others have produced".

**S385. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Ever since men started living in communities, they have been satisfying their needs by means of specialization and exchange".

**S386. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **assemble** means gather together in one place for a common purpose.

**S387. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **reverent** means feeling or showing deep and solemn respect.

**S388. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Leniency** means the fact or quality of being more merciful or tolerant than expected; clemency.

**S389. Ans.(b)**

**S390. Ans.(d)**

**S391. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Sever** means divide by cutting or slicing, especially suddenly and forcibly.

**Detach** means disengage (something or part of something) and remove it.

**Bisect** means to divide into two parts.

**Dissect** means methodically cut up (a body or plant) in order to study its internal parts.

**S392. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Adipose** means (especially of body tissue) used for the storage of fat.

**Porcine** means of, affecting, or resembling a pig or pigs.

**Corpulent** is (of a person) fat.

**S393. Ans.(b);**

**Sol.** **Endure** suffer (something painful or difficult) patiently.

**Persevere** means continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success.

**Dismay** means concern and distress caused by something unexpected.

**S394. Ans.(d);**

**Sol.** **Scalding** means to burn or affect painfully with or as if with hot liquid or steam.

**Piping** (adjective) means high-pitched tone.

**Igneous** is (of rocks) formed from magma (very hot liquid rock that has cooled)

**Sizzling** means very hot.

**S395. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Allegory**: a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.

**Almanac**: an annual calendar containing important dates and statistical information such as astronomical data and tide tables.

**Axiom**: a statement or proposition which is regarded as being established, accepted, or self-evidently true.

**Anomaly**: something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.

**S396. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Significant**: sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy.

Option(c) cannot be true because then we will need an indefinite article "an" at the beginning of the sentence. Hence, 'significant' is the only correct answer.

**S397. Ans.(a)**

**S398. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Urgent**: requiring immediate action or attention.

**S399. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Imperceptible**: so slight, gradual, or subtle as not to be perceived.

Obvious, Apparent and Tangible are antonyms of imperceptible.

**S400. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Subtle**: (especially of a change or distinction) so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyse or describe.

**Fine**: very thin or narrow.

**Crude**: in a natural or raw state; not yet processed or refined.

**S401. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Thrifty** means one who saves money and uses it appropriately, so its synonym is Economical.

**S402. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Salubrious** means health-giving; healthy. Hence option B is correct.

**S403. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Desolated** means extremely sad and alone or empty.

**Deserted** means abandoned and lonely.

Hence option A is correct.

**S404. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Condone** means approve or sanction (something), especially with reluctance. So overlook is the synonym.

**S405. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Restorative**: having the ability to restore health, strength, or well-being.

**Injurious**: causing or likely to cause damage or harm.

**Cessation**: the fact or process of ending or being brought to an end.

Hence option B is the correct antonym.

**S406. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Heretical**: holding an opinion at odds with what is generally accepted.

**Orthodox**: following or conforming to the traditional or generally accepted rules or beliefs of a religion, philosophy, or practice.

Hence option B is the correct antonym.



S407. Ans.(b)

Sol. Pliable: easily bent; flexible.

Obdurate: stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action.

Hence option B is the correct antonym.

S408. Ans.(c)

Sol. Thwarted: prevent (someone) from accomplishing something.

Supported: give approval, comfort, or encouragement to.

Hence option C is the correct antonym.

S409. Ans.(c)

Sol. Storm in a tea cup : a lot of anger or worry about something that is not important.

S410. Ans.(d)

Sol. Set one's face against : to be determined to oppose somebody/ something.

S411. Ans.(d)

Sol. Curryng favour with : to attempt to gain benefit or ingratiate oneself, by officious courtesy or flattery.

S412. Ans.(a)

Sol. To mince matters : to mix facts unduly.

S413. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to lines "American economists William D. Nordhaus and Paul M. Romer were jointly awarded the 50th economics Nobel prize this week in recognition of their work on economic growth and its long-run sustainability"

S414. Ans.(a)

Sol. Refer to the lines "Mr. Nordhaus, for one, has been a pioneer in the movement towards quantifying the impact of economic growth on the climate and, in turn, the impact of climate change on economic growth."

S415. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to the lines "To correct this problem, he recommended imposing appropriate carbon taxes to curb pollution that was detrimental to growth in the long run."

S416. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct spelling is Reaffirm: state again strongly.

S417. Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct spelling is Nibbling: take small bites out of.

S418. Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct spelling is Although: in spite of the fact that.

S419. Ans.(a)

S420. Ans.(a)

S421. Ans.(c)

S422. Ans.(a)

S423. Ans.(d)

Sol. Masochist means a person who derives sexual gratification from their own pain or humiliation.

S4eptuagenarian means a person who is between 70 and 79 years old.

S424. Ans.(d)

Sol. Vindictive: having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge.

Enmity: a state or feeling of active opposition or hostility.

Pedantic: excessively concerned with minor details or rules.

Nigger: a contemptuous term for a black or dark-skinned person.

S425. Ans.(b)

Sol. Nemesis: punishment or defeat that is deserved and cannot be avoided.

Dandy: a man unduly concerned with looking stylish and fashionable.

Prodigy: a young person with exceptional qualities or abilities.

Wagon: a vehicle used for transporting goods or another specified purpose.

S426. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Culturally' is an adverb which is required to qualify the adjective 'significant'.

S427. Ans.(c)

Sol. Since the sentence is in future tense and in passive voice therefore, option (c) is apt.

S428. Ans.(c)

S429. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Voluntarily' is the most appropriate word to be filled in.

S430. Ans.(a)

