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Reasoning Ability

1. **Answer: (C)**
The number of bags stacked below the bag marked as Z is the same as the number of bags stacked above it.
The bag which is marked as S is stacked at the topmost position.
Only two bags are stacked below the bag marked as Y.

Serial Number	Marks of Bags
9	S
8	
7	
6	
5	Z
4	
3	Y
2	
1	

Only three bags are stacked between the bags marked as M and N, which is stacked immediately below the bag marked as X.

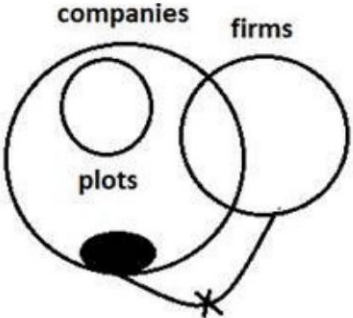
Possibility 1	Possibility 2
X	
N	M
-	-
-	-
-	X
M	N

Also, the bags marked as neither J nor I are stacked at the lowermost position.
One of the bag is marked as K.

Serial Number	Marks of Bags (Case I)
9	S
8	I/J
7	X
6	N
5	Z
4	J/I
3	Y
2	M
1	K

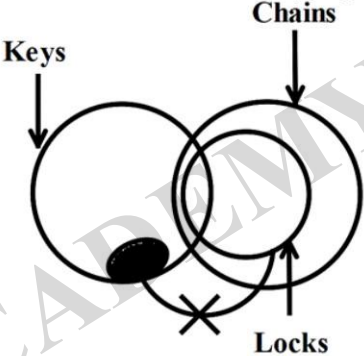
Bag with the mark K is stacked at the bottom of all the other bags.

2. **Answer: (B)**
Three bags are stacked between the bags marked as Y and X.
3. **Answer: (D)**
The bag marked as Y is stacked immediately above M.
4. **Answer: (C)**
Five bags are stacked below the one with a mark N
5. **Answer: (D)**
The bag with a mark of either 'I' or 'J' is stacked immediately below S.
6. **Answer: (B)**
Only a few companies are firms. All plots are companies.



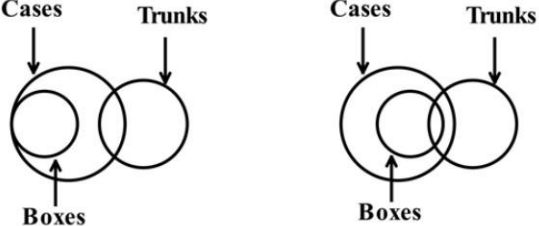
Some plots are definitely not firms is not true. No firm is a plot is a possibility but not a definite truth. So, neither I nor II follows.

7. **Answer: (A)**
The given statements are,
Only a few keys are locks. All locks are chains.
The basic minimum overlapping diagram is,



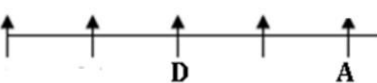
Here, some keys are chains and all keys can not be locks.
Hence, the conclusion I follows and conclusion II does not follow.

8. **Answer: (C)**
The given statements are,
All boxes are cases. Some cases are trunks.
The basic minimum overlapping diagram and another possible diagram are,

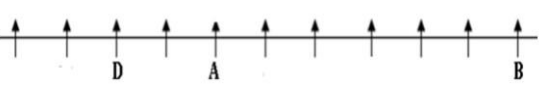


Here, conclusions I and II are a pair of complementary pairs.
Hence, either conclusion I or conclusion II follows.

9. **Answer: (D)**
· D sits third from one of the extreme ends of the row.
· A sits second to the right of D.



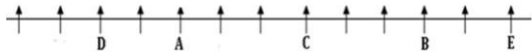
· Five people are sitting between A and B.



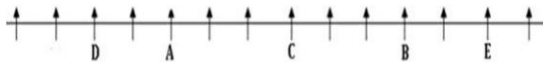
· C sits third to the left of B.



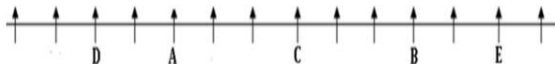
E sits fifth to the right of C.



- Only one person sits to the right of E in the row.
- More than 11 people are sitting in the row.

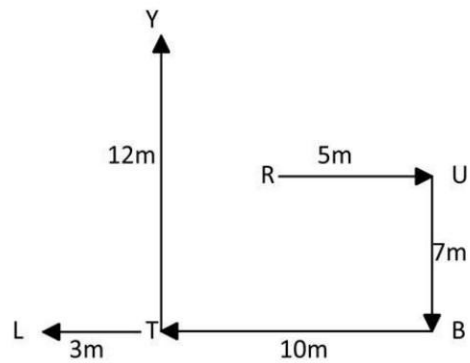


Finally, we get,

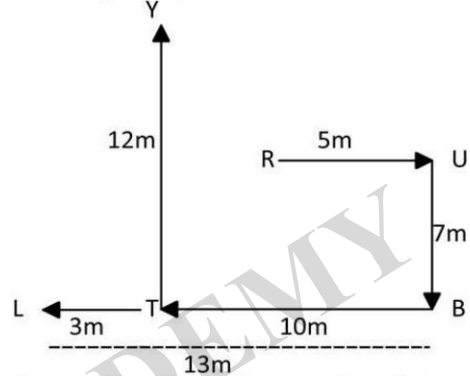


14 people are sitting in the row.

10. **Answer: (C)**
D is sitting second to the left of A, who sits third to the left of C.
11. **Answer: (B)**
B is sitting second to the left of E.
12. **Answer: (B)**
B sits third to the right of C.
13. **Answer: (E)**
Four people are sitting between D and C.
14. **Answer: (D)**
© 2 O W 6 3 ≤ H @ F * P V { S 2 9 \$ B 4 7 D K ≥ T Z I 5 7 N 8
'≤', '@' and '\$' are the symbols which are followed by a consonant before 'M' according to alphabetical series in a string.
Thus, the answer is 'three'.
15. **Answer: (A)**
Except (a) in all other options, the second element is third to the right of the first element and the third element is second to the left of the second element.
16. **Answer: (E)**
If all the alphabets and symbols are dropped –
2 6 3 2 9 4 7 5 7 8
'3' is third from the left end and '7' is fourth from the right end.
Sum = 3 + 7 = 10
17. **Answer: (B)**
Digits which are preceded by an alphabet and immediately followed by an odd digit are 6, 2, 4 and 5.
18. **Answer: (A)**
If in the given string, the alphabets which are immediately followed by symbol are dropped, then the string will be:
© 2 O W 6 3 ≤ @ * V i 2 9 \$ 4 7 D K ≥ Z I 5 7 N 8
'i' is fifteenth from the right end.
19. **Answer: (B)**
As per the given information the diagram is,

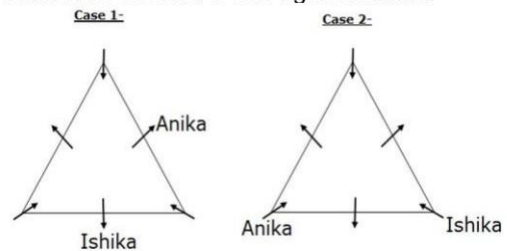


The diagram is,

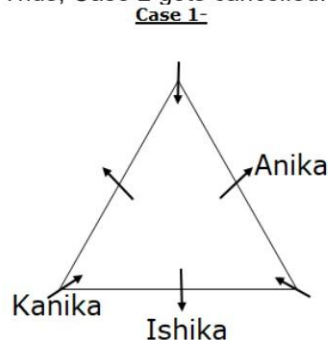


As per the above diagram, the distance between point L and point B = (3 + 10) m = 13m.

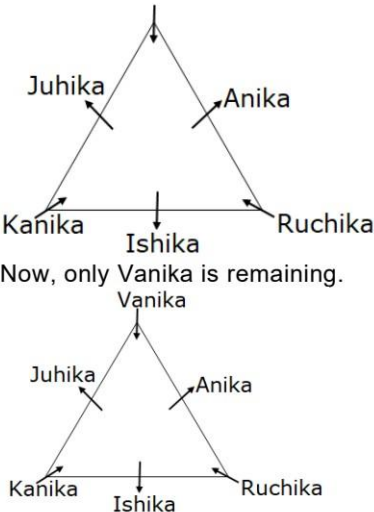
20. **Answer: (D)**
As per the above diagram, point R is in the south – east direction with respect to point Y.
21. **Answer: (C)**
As per the above diagram, the shortest distance between point H and point T = $\sqrt{(4^2 + 3^2)} m = \sqrt{(16 + 9)} m = \sqrt{25} m = 5 m$.
22. **Answer: (B)**
Ishika sits second to the right of Anika.



Two persons sit between Anika and Kanika, who sits at the corner of the table.
Thus, Case 2 gets cancelled.

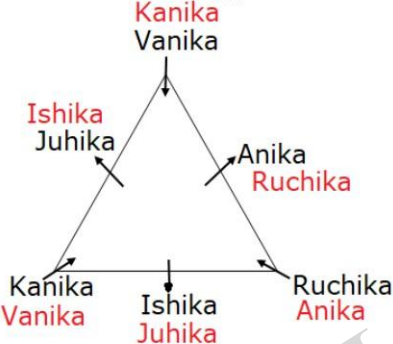


Ruchika sits third to the left of Juhika.
Ruchika does not sit adjacent to Kanika.



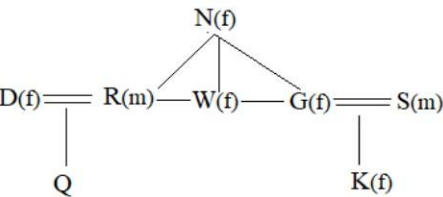
This is the final arrangement. Vanika sits immediate left of Anika.

- 23. Answer: (A) Only one person sits between Ishika and Juhika when counted from the right of Ishika.
- 24. Answer: (E) This is the final arrangement.



Juhika sits third to the right of Kanika after rearrangement.

- 25. Answer: (A) Kanika sits second to the right of Vanika, who faces inside the centre.
- 26. Answer: (B) Given statement is $C \geq L = O \geq T = H > I \leq N = G$
 $C \geq L = O \geq T = H$
Here the common sign between C and H is '≥'.
Hence, $C \geq H$
So, either $C > H$ or $C = H$.
Thus, either conclusion I or conclusion II follows.
- 27. Answer: (A) Given statement is $T > P \geq U = A < F \leq B < H = J$
 $F \leq B < H = J$
So, conclusion I does not follow.
 $T > P \geq U = A$
 $T > A$
So, conclusion II follows.
Thus, only conclusion II follows.
- 28. Answer: (B)



- 29. Answer: (C) TABULAR
Forward:
T(AB)ULAR
Backward:
TAB(U)LA(R)
So, there are two pairs of letters.
 - 30. Answer: (D)
In conclusion I, $D > O$, false
In conclusion II, $F > O$, false
Hence, option d.
 - 31. Answer: (E)
A is kept on the shelf immediately above V. Two shelves are in between V and H.
- | Case 1 | Case 2 |
|--------|--------|
| A | H |
| V | |
| | A |
| | V |
| H | |
- J is on the shelf immediately above H. Less than four shelves are below J. So, case 2 is invalid.
- | Case 1 |
|--------|
| A |
| V |
| J |
| H |
- As many shelves are above C as are below J.
- | Case 1(i) | Case 1(ii) |
|-----------|------------|
| C | A |
| | V |
| A | C |
| V | J |
| | H |
| J | |
| H | |
- More than four shelves are in between T and M. O is kept immediately below T. So, case 1(i) is invalid.
- | Case 1(ii) |
|------------|
| M |
| A |
| V |
| C |
| J |
| H |
| T |
| O |
- No shelf is below the one on which O is kept.
- 32. Answer: (C) A is immediately below M.
 - 33. Answer: (A) H is kept immediately above T.
 - 34. Answer: (C) A is in between C and M.
 - 35. Answer: (B) C is kept on the fifth shelf from the bottom.

Quantitative Aptitude

- 36. Answer: (A)
 $7000 \times [(1 + R/100)^2 - 1] = 1164.8$
 $(1 + R/100)^2 = 8164.8/7000$
 $R = 8\%$

37. **Answer: (B)**
After six years, the age of Ashu = $9x$ years and age of Roop = $7x$ years
So, present age of Ashu = $(9x - 6)$ years and present age of Roop = $(7x - 6)$ years
Three years ago, the ratio of the age of Roop, and Ashu was 5: 9
 $\Rightarrow (7x - 6 - 3)/(9x - 6 - 3) = 5/9$
 $\Rightarrow 63x - 81 = 45x - 45$
 $\Rightarrow 18x = 36$
 $\Rightarrow x = 2$
So, Preet's present age = $9 \times 2 - 6 - 2 = 10$ years
38. **Answer: (C)**
Sum of weights of 13 children = $13 \times 46 = 598$ kg
Sum of weights of 2 teachers = $2 \times 42.5 = 85$ kg
Average age of group of children when weight of one teacher is added = $47 \times 14 = 658$ kg
Weight of first teacher = $658 - 598 = 60$ kg
Weight of second teacher = $85 - 60 = 25$ kg
Average weight of the group of children when other teacher is added = $(598 + 25)/14 = 44.5$ kg
39. **Answer: (D)**
Let the distance be n km.
Original speed = $n/4$ km/hr
New speed = $(n/4 - 24)$ km/hr
Now,
 $n/(n/4 - 24) = 9/2$
 $\Rightarrow n = 864$ km
40. **Answer: (A)**
Let initial quantity of liquid B = a liters
Initial quantity of liquid A = $(840 - a)$ liters
Now, $(840 - a): (a + 60) = 7: 5$
 $4200 - 5a = 7a + 420$
 $12a = 3780$
a = 315
41. **Answer: (B)**
- | House | March to June | July to October | November to February | Total |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| A | 280 | 200 | 160 | 640 |
| B | 300 | 190 | 150 | 640 |
| C | 240 | 200 | 180 | 620 |
| D | 250 | 175 | 120 | 545 |
| E | 260 | 220 | 140 | 620 |
| Total | 1330 | 985 | 750 | |
- The total consumptions of house A in the whole year = 640 KW
The total consumption of all houses together from November to February = 750 KW
Required difference = $750 - 640 = 110$ KW
42. **Answer: (D)**
Required average = $985/5 = 197$ KW
43. **Answer: (E)**
The total consumption of units by house A and house C together in whole year = $640 + 620 = 1260$ KW
The total consumption of units by house B and house E together in whole year = $640 + 620 = 1260$ KW
Required difference = $1260 - 1260 = 0$ KW
44. **Answer: (E)**
Total units of electricity consumed by house C from March to June = 240 KW
We have given a: b: c: d = 2: 3: 4: 3
Sum of ratio = 12

Difference in ratio between the units of March and May = $4 - 2 = 2$
So, 12 units = 240 KW
2 units = 40 KW
Required difference = $40 \times 5 = \text{Rs. } 200$

45. **Answer: (B)**
The units of electricity consumed by houses C and D together from November to February is = $180 + 120 = 300$ KW
The units of electricity consumed by houses C and E together from March to June = $240 + 260 = 500$ KW
Difference = $500 - 300 = 200$ KW
Required percentage = $200 \times 100/500 = 40\%$
46. **Answer: (A)**
 $? = 125 \times 9 + 260 \times 3$
 $= 1125 + 780 = 1905$
47. **Answer: (A)**
 $? - 2\frac{1}{3} + 3\frac{2}{3} = 8 \times 5 \div 12$
 $? - \frac{7}{3} + \frac{11}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$
 $? + 4/3 = 10/3$
 $? = 2$
48. **Answer: (A)**
 $? = 432 \div 24 - 30$
 $= 18 - 30$
 $= -12$
49. **Answer: (B)**
 $\frac{\sqrt{49+8}}{30} = \frac{1}{?}$
 $\frac{7+8}{30} = \frac{1}{?}$
 $\frac{15}{30} = \frac{1}{?}$
 $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{?}$
 $? = 2$
50. **Answer: (D)**
 $? \times 8 = 293 - 22 \times 750/100$
 $= 293 - 165 = 128$
 $\Rightarrow ? = 16$
51. **Answer: (B)**
 $\frac{56\% \text{ of } 25}{70} = ?$
 $\frac{\frac{25}{100} \text{ of } 56}{70} = ?$
 $\frac{14}{70} = ?$
 $? = 1/5$
52. **Answer: (B)**
 $\sqrt{1 - \frac{24}{15} \text{ of } \frac{27}{45}} = ?$
 $\sqrt{1 - \frac{24}{25}} = ?$
 $\sqrt{\frac{1}{25}} = ?$
 $? = \frac{1}{5}$
53. **Answer: (E)**
Logic for the given series:
 $132 - 8 \times 1 = 124$
 $124 - 8 \times 2 = 108$
 $108 - 8 \times 3 = 84$
 $84 - 8 \times 4 = 52$
 $52 - 8 \times 5 = 12$
Hence, missing term = 108
54. **Answer: (D)**
The alternate numbers make one series.

40 - 8=32

32 - 8=24

24 - 8=16

45, 53, 61

Consider the second series. The difference between two consecutive numbers is 8.

45 + 8=53

53 + 8=61

Hence, option d.

55. **Answer: (A)**

The series follows the following pattern:

5×4 - 9 = 11

6×5 - 11 = 19

7×6 - 13 = 29

8×7 - 15 = 41

9×8 - 17 = 55

10×9 - 19 = 71

Hence, option a.

56. **Answer: (C)**

The pattern is as follows:

8 + 20 × 1 = 28

28 + 20 × 2 = 68

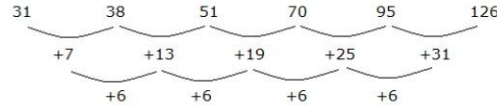
68 + 20 × 3 = 128

128 + 20 × 4 = 208

208 + 20 × 5 = 308

57. **Answer: (C)**

Logic for the given series:



Hence, wrong term = 36

58. **Answer: (D)**

The pattern is as follows:

(18 - 4) × 2 = 28

(28 - 4) × 2 = 48

(48 - 4) × 2 = 88

(88 - 4) × 2 = 168

(168 - 4) × 2 = 328

(328 - 4) × 2 = 648

59. **Answer: (A)**

I:

$x^2 - 10x = 39$

$x^2 - 10x - 39 = 0$

$(x - 13)(x + 3) = 0$

$x = -3$ and 13

II:

$y^2 + 26y + 69 = 0$

$(y + 3)(y + 23) = 0$

$y = -23$ and -3

Value of 'x'	Relationship	Value of 'y'
-3	>	-23
-3	=	-3
13	>	-23
13	>	-3

Hence, $x \geq y$.

60. **Answer: (C)**

I:

$(x - 5)^2 = 49$

$(x - 5) = \pm 7$

$x = -2$ and 12

II:

$y^2 + 7y + 10 = 0$

$(y + 5)(y + 2) = 0$

$y = -5$ and -2

Value of 'x'	Relationship	Value of 'y'
-2	>	-5
-2	=	-2
12	>	-5
12	>	-2

Hence, $x \geq y$.

61. **Answer: (D)**

Let the number = n

Then, $(100 - 45)\%$ of $(100 + 20)\%$ of n = 231

$(55/100) \times (120/100) \times n = 231$

$(11/20) \times (6/5) \times n = 231$

$n = 231 \times (5/6) \times (20/11)$

$n = 350$

62. **Answer: (C)**

Cost of 1 kg of oranges = Rs.31.25

Cost of 800 grams of oranges = $31.25 \times (800/1000)$ = Rs.25

He sold 800 grams oranges at the cost of 1 kg of oranges.

Selling price of 800 grams of oranges = Rs.30

Profit amount = $30 - 25 = \text{Rs.}5$

Profit percent = $(5/25) \times 100 = 20\%$

63. **Answer: (C)**

Anjali alone can complete the whole work in $= 1/(1/12 - 1/24) = 24$ days

Manisha alone can complete the whole work in $= 1/(1/12 - 1/16) = 48$ days

So, Pooja alone can complete the whole work in $= 1/(1/16 - 1/24) = 48$ days

Thus, ratio of efficiency of Anjali, Manisha and Pooja = $1/24 : 1/48 : 1/48 = 2 : 1 : 1$

Hence, share of Anjali and Manisha together = $(2 + 1)/(2 + 1 + 1) \times 1200 = \text{Rs. } 900$

64. **Answer: (C)**

Area of rectangular field = $3456/2.4 = 1440$ sq m

Let length of field = $8X$ m

And width of field = $5X$ m

ATQ,

$40X^2 = 1440$

$X^2 = 36$

$X = 6$

Length of rectangular field = $8 \times 6 = 48$ m.

65. **Answer: (D)**

$(M_1 \times D_1 \times H_1) / W_1 = (M_2 \times D_2 \times H_2) / W_2$

$(20 \times 20 \times 9) / 100 = (15 \times D_2 \times 6) / 150$

Therefore $D_2 = 60$ days.

66. **Answer: (A)**

Perimeter of the square = $4 \times \text{side} = 150$ cm

So, Side = $150/4 = 37.5$ cm

Breadth of the rectangle = $(3/5)$ of side of the square = $(3/5) \times 37.5 = 22.5$ cm

So, length of the rectangle = $540/22.5 = 24$ cm

So, perimeter of the rectangle = $2(\text{Length} + \text{Breadth}) = 2 \times (24 + 22.5) = 93$ cm

67. **Answer: (C)**

C.P. = approximately Rs. 4199.97 = Rs. 4200

M.P. = $1.125 \times 4200 = 4725$

After discount, S.P. = 4200

Hence, there was no loss no profit incurred.

68. **Answer: (B)**

$63.78 \div 16.22 = ? \div 9.81$

By taking approximate values, we get

$64 \div 16 = ? \div 10$

$4 = ? \div 10$

$? = 40$

69. **Answer: (B)**

$$\sqrt{143 + 159.9 + ?} = 33.9 \times 8.11$$

By taking approximate values, we get

$$\sqrt{144 + 160 + ?} = 34 \times 8$$

$$12 + 160 + ? = 272$$

$$172 + ? = 272$$

$$? = 100$$

70. **Answer: (D)**

$$?\% \text{ of } 420 = 572 - 100\% \text{ of } 320$$

$$?\% \text{ of } 420 = 572 - 100 \times 320/100 = 572 - 320$$

$$= 252$$

$$? = 252 \times 100/420 = 60$$

English Language

71. **Answer: (B)**

Let us see the choices one by one.

Sentence (a) – The sentence is divided into 2 statements: 'I went to the restaurant' + 'placed order for a soup'. Thus a coordinating conjunction like 'and' (indicating continuation of the same idea) is best suited to replace 'by' and join the two statements into one coherent sentence.

Sentence (b) – This sentence has no errors.

Sentence (c) – The word 'for' is used to talk about a period of time, while 'since' is used to refer to a specific point of time. In this sentence a person is talking about doing a particular task every day since a specified year. Thus, 'for' must be replaced with 'since'.

Sentence (d) – When a verb follows the auxiliary verb 'has' it must be changed to its past participle form, and thus 'make' must be changed to 'made'.

Hence, the correct answer is option b).

72. **Answer: (E)**

The sentence talks about how the subjects escaped a landslide because of a warning from a person. The parts of the sentence are grammatically and contextually correct.

Hence, the correct answer is option (e).

73. **Answer: (B)**

The error is in part D of the sentence. The preposition 'on' is incorrectly used in the sentence and renders the sentence meaningless. 'On' is used to show that something is in a position above something else and touching it, or that something is moving into such a position. 'On' must be replaced by 'with'. The phrase 'engaging with the world' means dealing with or interacting with the world. Hence, b) is the correct answer, which indicates part D has an error.

74. **Answer: (B)**

Part C has an error. The possessive adjective 'his' is used for persons of the male gender and not for entities like organizations, so 'his' must be replaced by 'its' [used for things] in order to rectify the error. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

The correct sentence would be – Zomato is giving exciting offers to **its** customers during this festive season.

75. **Answer: (C)**

The third position requires a noun as it is followed by a preposition 'of'. From the given option only 'writing' can act as a noun. The first position requires an adjective to qualify the noun 'universal declaration'. The aptest choice among the given options is 'celebrated' (renowned) and the remaining word 'manifested' (presented) is placed

in the second position to depict the action by the United Nations.

Hence, the correct order is – CAB.

The correct sentence – When the **celebrated** Universal Declaration of Human Rights was **manifested** by the United Nations, the newly freed India was in the midst of **writing** its Constitution for the future.

Hence option (c) is correct

76. **Answer: (D)**

A is correct at its place (past participle form of verb preceded by 'is' as 'is' takes either present or past participle and here no present participle is available). But C needs to be interchanged with B because it is illogical to say 'to leave undesirable release' as the word 'release' itself means the action of leaving something. The apt phrase would be 'to leave undesirable effects'. Similarly, 'due to the release of radioactive substances' is also meaningful to describe the cause of those effects. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

The correct sentence – Nuclear pollution is **known** to leave undesirable **effects** on the environment due to the **release** of radioactive substances and radiation.

77. **Answer: (A)**

Part C has to come first because it talks about the subject of the sentence which is 'infants' and what they do. It is followed by the pair DB which mentions the way how infants played. Part A has to be the last part which mentions the condition that leads to the condition in which infants played for more time and in more creative ways. So, the final order of the parts of the sentence is **CDBA**.

The rearranged sentence is: Infants played longer and in more creative ways when they had fewer toys.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

78. **Answer: (E)**

The correct order is DCBA. 'D' starts the sentence by "In order to fulfill", 'C' says 'what needs to be fulfilled (the requirements of algorithms)', 'BA' as a pair provides suggestion how to fulfil the requirement.

Correct sentence is In order to fulfill the requirements of algorithms, we need clear standards for data collection and analysis.

Hence, the answer is option e).

79. **Answer: (E)**

A base form of verb would fit in the blank because the infinitive marker 'to' precedes the blank and 'to' is usually followed by base form of verb. 'Given', a past participle and 'allocates', a third person present are eliminated. 'Portion' as a verb means to divide, but 'divide' is irrelevant to the context of the sentence as the culinary creations already belong to different countries. So, 'share' is apt to use.

Hence, option (e) is correct.

80. **Answer: (C)**

The sentence here suggests that due to non – payment of the taxes, there has been a reduction in taxes on individual basis. Option (d) and (e) can be eliminated straightforwardly as the form of these adjectives should be gradual or continuous for being suitable in the sentence to qualify the noun 'reduction'. From option (b), intermittent reduction in taxes refers to irregular reduction but then, tax

inclusion does not make any sense here. Now, out of options (a) and (c), endless and continuous both are alright but tax evasion makes the sentence clearer and logical. Evasion refers to avoid or dodge which is apt here. Hence, option (c) is correct.

81. **Answer: (B)**

The blank is preceded by the indefinite article 'an' which indicates it must be followed by a noun or a noun phrase. Further, this noun/noun phrase must be singular. According to this, option e) is negated because 'excavate' is a verb and options c) and d) are negated because these are plural noun phrases. The sentence talks about the Venezuelan government preventing the "terrorist mercenaries" from Colombia from being successful in their ventures. 'Excursion' is a short journey usually made for pleasure, often by a group of people; while 'incursion' is a sudden attack on or act of going into a place, especially across a border. Option a) does not fit into the context of the sentence. Option b) is a better choice for the blank because it tells us that an invasion by the sea was prevented by the Venezuelan government. Hence, b) is the correct answer.

82. **Answer: (E)**

The blank requires an auxiliary verb in the plural form to relate the subject 'Pyramids' and their uniqueness which is 'wonder of the world'. 'Was' and 'is' are singular verbs and so they are negated. 'Have' and 'had' both means 'possess, own, or hold' which is irrelevant to the context of the given sentence and so they are also negated. Option (e) 'are' is the plural auxiliary verb that matches the context of the sentence and aptly connects the subject and the compliment about the subject given in the sentence.

The complete sentence is: The Pyramids of Egypt **are** one of the seven wonders of the world. Hence, the correct answer is option (e).

83. **Answer: (E)**

Option (e) is an incorrect statement as per the second sentence of the fourth paragraph. It's the bullies (who cause harm) who end up outnumbering the upstanders, not viceversa. For rest of the options, refer to the very first paragraph of the passage which describes who upstanders are and what exactly they do.

Hence, option (e) is correct.

84. **Answer: (B)**

Refer to the second paragraph of the passage that talks about "I" statements which are used against biases only.

Hence, option (b) is correct.

85. **Answer: (A)**

'AbAnswer' means 'release from guilt' and 'forgiveness' means 'act of forgiving or being forgiven' so these two are synonyms of each other. Rest of the words mean opposite of 'abAnswer.'

Hence, option (a) is correct.

86. **Answer: (C)**

Option (c) is an incorrect statement and an exact opposite of statements made in options (a), (d) and (e) because the entire passage is about motivating people to stand against injustice. For option (b), refer to the second last paragraph of the passage. Hence, option (c) is correct.

87. **Answer: (A)**

Refer to the third paragraph of the passage that talks about "It" statements which are used against prejudices only.

Hence, option (a) is correct.

88. **Answer: (C)**

'Gaslighted' means 'manipulated someone by psychological means', so 'manipulated' is synonymous to the given word.

Baffled – to cause someone to be completely unable to understand or explain something.

Confused – (of a person) unable to think clearly; bewildered.

Abashed – embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed.

Perplexed – completely baffled; very puzzled.

Hence, option (c) is correct.

89. **Answer: (B)**

The passage does not talk about 'lynching.' Refer to the second paragraph which talks of biases, the third paragraph which talks of prejudices and the fourth paragraph which talks of bullying.

Hence, option (b) is correct.

90. **Answer: (B)**

Refer to the fourth paragraph of the passage which talks of 5D approach used to protect the victim of bullying and 'develop' is not one of the five Ds mentioned. In place of 'develop,' it is 'delegate.'

Hence, option (b) is correct.

91. **Answer: (D)**

The preposition 'throughout' (for a complete duration of a period) is incorrectly used in the context and should be replaced with 'through' (meaning, 'moving around or from one side to the other within) to rectify the sentence as the sentence talks about walking along a specific street, conveyed by 'through' (and not about the duration of a period, as conveyed by 'throughout'). Hence, (d) is the right answer.

92. **Answer: (D)**

In the given sentence, all the highlighted words are spelt correctly and appropriate in the context of the sentence. Hence, the answer is option d).

93. **Answer: (C)**

The usage of 'pick' makes the sentence incoherent and lends no meaning to the sentence; instead, 'resort' would be a suitable word in the given context. Hence, (c) is the right answer. Resort – turn to and adopt (a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one) so as to resolve a difficult situation.

94. **Answer: (D)**

'Acheive' is not a correct word in English.

Achieve – to bring to a successful end; accomplish. Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

95. **Answer: (D)**

The given sentence is a conditional sentence. The highlighted part of the sentence is incorrect. The sentence doesn't follow the correct syntax of the first conditional. The correct structure is: **if + present simple, will/can/must + V1**.

Therefore, according to the syntax, the correct phrase is 'will stop'.

Hence, option (d) is the correct answer.

The correct sentence is: If we host Asia Cup without their players, all corporate sponsorship **will stop**.

96. **Answer: (B)**
'B' talks about the benefits of meditation and the explanation continues in 'F'. So, B – F is a pair. No other phrases form a contextually correct pair. Hence, option (b) is the correct choice.
97. **Answer: (E)**
The correctly matched pairs are – AE, BF & CD.
AE – A talks about a person looking for a lock and grimacing (frowning); E tells us the reason why she was grimacing.
BF – B talks about mats and rugs; F continues the statement by saying that they change the appearance of the homes.
CD – C talks about a person being given a slot for an emergency appointment to a dentist and D talks about what was done in the appointment – reattaching the crown (covering for the upper part of a tooth).
Hence, the answer is option (e).
98. **Answer: (A)**
The usage of the plural verb 'were' is correct as it is used with the plural pronoun 'they'. There is always used an ' – ing' form of the verb with the helping verb 'were' in an active voice sentence. The given sentence has 'they' as the subject of the verb and 'beautiful sights and sounds of nature' as the object of the verb. The given sentence is in active voice as the subject is performing the action of enjoying the beautiful sights. 'Were + enjoying' is a construct for active voice, whereas 'were enjoyed' is the construct for passive voice. So, 'were enjoyed' ['enjoyed' is the – ed form of the verb] will be replaced by 'were enjoying' in order to make the

sentence grammatically correct. 'Was' being the singular verb cannot be used here. Hence, (a) is the correct answer.

99. **Answer: (A)**
A celebration (noun) is a joyful diversion. It is a joyful occasion for special festivities to mark some happy event. It has been used correctly in I and II. III talks about mental illness and its impact and it is in a negative tone. Here the word 'despondency' or something similar to it would have been correct. Despondency – low spirits from loss of hope or courage; dejection. Option A is the correct answer.
100. **Answer: (D)**
'Weather' is the state of the atmosphere in a particular place; 'whether' is conjunction mostly used to introduce a clause and express doubt or choice between alternatives.
The statement mentions two choices that we have. We admit the stated fact, or we do not admit it. So, to express the choice/doubt between these two alternatives, we shall use 'whether' instead of 'weather'. So, options b) and e) are incorrect.
The plural noun 'we' shall be followed by plural verb 'want' (third person plural). So, option c) is incorrect.
We shall replace the highlighted phrase with 'whether we want to'.
Hence, option d) is correct.
The corrected sentence is: We all yearn for everyone to like us, **whether** we want to admit it or not.

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