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## SBI PO Pre

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## Reasoning Aptitude

- In the question below, there are four statements followed by three conclusions I, II, and III. You have to take the four given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically **doesn't follow** from the four statements disregarding commonly known facts.  
**Statements:** Some Point is Poll.  
All Poll is Part.  
No Part is Picture.  
Only a few Picture is Paint.  
**Conclusion:** I. Some Poll being Picture is a possibility.  
II. Some Point is Picture.  
III. Some Picture is not Paint  
(A) Only conclusions I and III  
(B) Only conclusions I and II  
(C) Only conclusion III  
(D) Only conclusion II  
(E) Only conclusions II and III
- In the question below there are three statements followed by three conclusions I, II and III. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the three statements disregarding commonly known facts.  
**Statements:** Only a few Rock is Band.  
20% Rap is Rock.  
Only Band is Jazz.  
**Conclusion:** I. All Band being Rock is a possibility.  
II. Some Rap is not Band.  
III. All Rap being Band is a possibility.  
(A) Only conclusion III follows  
(B) Only conclusions I and II follow  
(C) Only conclusion I follows  
(D) Only conclusions II and III follow  
(E) None of the above conclusions follow
- Which of the following set of symbols should be placed in the blanks respectively in the given expression in order to make the expressions  $T \leq R$  and  $O > N$  definitely true?  
 $O\_M\_R\_U\_N\_P\_T$   
(A)  $>, =, =, >, =, \leq$  (B)  $=, >, \geq, =, \leq, =$   
(C)  $=, \geq, =, =, >, =$  (D) None of these  
(E) All of the above
- If it is possible to make a five-letter meaningful English word from letter 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of the word 'EXHIBITION' from the left end, then what will be the 4<sup>th</sup> letter of the word so formed from the left end? If no such word can be formed, the mark the answer 'A' and if more than one word can be formed then mark the answer 'Y'.  
(A) X (B) B  
(C) A (D) E  
(E) Y
- The question given below consists of two statements numbered I and II given below it. You have to decide whether the data provided in the statements are sufficient to answer the question. Read all the statements and answer the question.

Seven persons- A, B, C, D, E, F, and G, work in a school on different designations among- Clerk, Librarian, Assistant Teacher (AT), Head Teacher (HT), Vice Principal (VP), Principal, Director. The designations are in order of precedence, such that Director is the senior most designation whereas Clerk is the junior most designation. Who is the Librarian?

**Statement I:** A is the Vice-Principal. G and E are senior to A. F is three designation junior to E. B is immediate senior to D but he is not Assistant Teacher (AT).

**Statement II:** B is junior to the Assistant Teacher (AT). Only three persons are designated between B and E. G is immediate senior to E. F is senior to D but junior to C and A.

- (A) Data given in both statement I and II together are not sufficient to answer the question.  
(B) Data given in both statement I and II together are necessary to answer the question.  
(C) Data given in statement I alone is sufficient to answer the question.  
(D) Data given in statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question.  
(E) None of the above

**Directions [06-10]:** Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Eight persons M, N, O, P, Q, R, S and T work in the same company and joined in different years on 1<sup>st</sup> April of different years among 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2012, however not necessarily in the same order. The total work experience of each person is calculated with respect to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024.

The total work experience of P is a prime number. Only one person is joined between P and N. T joined three years after O. T has more experience than N. The difference between the work experience of R and M is 4 years. The difference between the work experience of P and M is half of the difference between the work experience of R and S. The difference between work experience of M and S is not more than 5 years.

- Who among the following joined in 2006?  
(A) M (B) T  
(C) S (D) R  
(E) Q
- The difference between the work experience of T and N is same as the difference between \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.  
(A) M, P (B) Q, O  
(C) O, T (D) N, R  
(E) R, M
- \_\_\_\_ has 20 years of experience.  
(A) M (B) S  
(C) N (D) R  
(E) cannot be determined
- Who among the following joined before S?  
(A) O (B) T  
(C) P (D) All of the above  
(E) None of these

10. \_\_\_\_\_ joined 5 years before \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Q, S (B) S, Q  
(C) S, M (D) Q, N  
(E) P, N

**Directions [11-13]:** Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Two siblings, Amit and Jaya who study in the same school, take two different paths from same home to reach same school.

Amit walks 11m towards west direction from his home and reaches point K, then he takes a right turn and walks 15m till point L. Then, he takes a right turn and walks 19m till he reaches his school.

Jaya walks 18m towards east direction from her home till point N. Then she takes a left turn and walks 22m till point O. Then, she turns left and walks 10m till point M. Finally, she takes a left turn and reaches her school.

11. What is the shortest distance between home and the school?  
(A) 25m (B) 17m  
(C) 19m (D) 13m  
(E) None of the above
12. If a person is at point M and he wants to reach to Amit's home in minimum time by travelling via the shortest path among the paths covered by Amit and Jaya, then what is the total distance covered by the person?  
(A) 50m (B) 52m  
(C) 54m (D) 48m  
(E) None of the above
13. Which of the following point is towards the northeast of the school?  
(A) O (B) N  
(C) K (D) Both 'A' and 'B'  
(E) None of the above

**Directions [14-15]:** Answer the questions based on the information given below.

There are seven persons J, K, L, M, N, O and P in a family of two generations. No single person in the family is a parent.

P is the mother-in-law of N. L is the son of M. L is not married to N. J is the niece of K, who is the brother-in-law of P. K is unmarried. O is married but not to N.

14. How is O related to the sibling of K?  
(A) Daughter (B) Sister-in-law  
(C) Sister (D) Daughter-in-law  
(E) Cannot be determined
15. Which among the following option(s) is/are definitely true?  
(A) O is the sister-in-law of J  
(B) L is the son of P  
(C) N is the son of M  
(D) Both 'A' and 'B'  
(E) All of the above

**Directions [16-20]:** Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Nine persons M, N, O, P, Q, R, S and T sit in a linear row and face towards north direction. The distance between two adjacent persons is same. The distance between the persons, who sit at two extreme ends is 136m. Each of them has different pet animals among Parrot, Rabbit, Swan, Horse, Goat, Cow, Dog, Cat and Camel.

T sits fifth to the left of M, who has Camel. Distance between M and R is 51m. Distance between R and the one, who has Cat is 102m. Distance between N and the one, who has Swan is 68m. N sits adjacent to both Q and U. Q doesn't have Cat. U sits immediate left of the one, who has Dog. O, who has Cow, sits immediate left of the one, who has Parrot. S sits adjacent to the one, who has Goat. Q doesn't have Rabbit.

16. \_\_\_\_\_ sits third to the left of the one, who sits immediate right of the one, who has \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) N, Dog (B) S, Cow  
(C) Q, Camel (D) P, Goat  
(E) None of the above
17. What is the distance between U and the one, who has Cow?  
(A) 68m (B) 102m  
(C) 51m (D) 85m  
(E) None of the above
18. The number of persons, who sit to the left of N is same as the number of persons, who sit between \_\_\_\_\_ and the one, who has Camel.  
(A) U (B) O  
(C) R (D) Q  
(E) None of the above
19. The distance between N and the one, who has \_\_\_\_\_ is 34m.  
(A) Parrot (B) Goat  
(C) Camel (D) Rabbit  
(E) Swan
20. Which among the following pair of persons has maximum distance in between them?  
(A) T and M (B) R and S  
(C) N and R (D) S and Q  
(E) U and O

**Directions [21-25]:** Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Six persons I, J, K, L, M and N live on six different floors of a building such that bottommost floor is numbered as 1, the floor immediately above it is numbered as 2 and so on. Each of them works in six different companies among Infosys, Accenture, IBM, TATA, META, and Apple.

I, who doesn't work in TATA, lives on an even numbered floor. The one, who works in Apple, lives two floors above I. M, who works in Infosys, lives below I. The one, who works in TATA, lives two floors above M. The one, who works in Accenture, lives one floor below L. Only two persons live between the one, who works in Accenture and the one, who works in META. N lives two floors above the one, who works in META. J does not work in TATA. The one, who works in IBM, doesn't live on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ lives two floors below \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) M, N  
 (B) K, the one, who works in Accenture  
 (C) K, N  
 (D) K, the one, who works in Apple  
 (E) L, the one, who in META
22. \_\_\_\_\_ works in TATA and lives on \_\_\_\_\_ floor.  
 (A) N, 3<sup>rd</sup> (B) K, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 (C) N, 5<sup>th</sup> (D) L, 5<sup>th</sup>  
 (E) N, 4<sup>th</sup>
23. How many persons live below the one, who works in Accenture?  
 (A) Three (B) Two  
 (C) Four (D) None  
 (E) Cannot be determined
24. Who among the following lives on an even numbered floor below the one, who works in IBM?  
 (A) J (B) M  
 (C) N (D) All of the above  
 (E) Both 'A' and 'B'
25. In which among the following company does I works in?  
 (A) IBM (B) Accenture  
 (C) META (D) Either 'A' or 'B'  
 (E) None of the above

**Directions [26-30]:** Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Around a circular table, there are ten seats at equal distance from each other. Only eight persons M, N, O, P, Q, R, S and T sit around the circular table and two seats are vacant. All the persons face towards the centre. No two adjacent seats are vacant.

**Note:** If a person sits immediate/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> to the left or right of another person, then there may be one/two/three seats between their seats.

Q's seat is third to the right of S's seat. Q sits adjacent to a vacant seat. M and Q sit on adjacent seats. T sits third to the right of M. No vacant seat is adjacent to T's seat. R sits immediate left of P. There are only three seats between R and N, when counted from the right of R. Only three persons sit between O and P, when counted from the left of P.

26. Who among the following persons sits on the seat, which is third to the right of T's seat?  
 (A) S (B) M  
 (C) N (D) O  
 (E) None of the above
27. How many persons sit between R and Q, when counted from the left of Q?  
 (A) Five (B) Six  
 (C) Seven (D) Four  
 (E) None of the above
28. Four of the following five persons are related to one another in some way. Find the odd one out.  
 (A) N (B) Q  
 (C) S (D) T  
 (E) M

29. Who among the following persons sit between T and Q, when counted from the right of Q?  
 I) M II) O  
 III) P  
 (A) Only II (B) Only II and III  
 (C) Only I and III (D) Only III  
 (E) All I, II and III
30. \_\_\_\_\_ sits immediate left of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) M, Q (B) T, P  
 (C) N, S (D) O, S  
 (E) Q, O

### Quantitative Aptitude

31. A cuboidal tank of dimensions (32 × 22 × 28) metres was filled with water up to 40% of its total capacity. Water from the tank is poured into a cylindrical tank of radius 14 metres. Find the height up to which the cylindrical tank will get filled. (Use  $\pi = 22/7$ )  
 (A) 13.4 metres (B) 12.8 metres  
 (C) 11.2 metres (D) 11.8 metres  
 (E) None of these
32. The ratio of present month's incomes of Somesh and Ramesh is 7:5, respectively. The previous month's income to present month's income of Somesh is 13:14 and ratio of previous month's income to present month's income of Ramesh is 4:5. If the previous month's income of Somesh is ₹65000, then find the previous month's income of Ramesh.  
 (A) 32,000 (B) 45,000  
 (C) 60,000 (D) 40,000  
 (E) 50,000
33. A man reaches his destination 45 minutes late if he travels at 25 km/h while he reaches 15 minutes late if he travels at 40 km/h. Find the time taken (in minutes) by him to reach his destination if he travels at 50 km/h.  
 (A) 50 (B) 40  
 (C) 45 (D) 30  
 (E) None of these
34. In the question, two Quantities I and II are given. You have to solve both the Quantity to establish the correct relation between Quantity-I and Quantity-II and choose the correct option.  
 $2^{2x} + y = 1024$  and  $3^{2x} - 3y = 9$   
**Quantity-I:** Value of  $(x + y)$ .  
**Quantity-II:** Value of '3y'.  
 (A) Quantity-I > Quantity-II  
 (B) Quantity-I < Quantity-II  
 (C) Quantity-I ≤ Quantity-II  
 (D) Quantity-I = Quantity-II or No relation  
 (E) Quantity-I ≥ Quantity-II
35. In the questions, two equations I and II are given. You have to solve both the equations to establish the correct relation between x and y and choose the correct option.  
 I.  $x^2 + x - (12^2 + 2) = 0$   
 II.  $y^2 - (12 + 7)y + 88 = 0$   
 (A)  $x > y$  (B)  $x < y$   
 (C)  $x = y$  or the relationship cannot be established  
 (D)  $x \leq y$  (E)  $x \geq y$

36. In the questions, two equations I and II are given. You have to solve both the equations to establish the correct relation between  $x$  and  $y$  and choose the correct option.

I.  $5x^2 - 22x + 21 = 0$

II.  $4y^2 + 55y + 184 = 0$

- (A)  $x > y$  (B)  $x < y$   
(C)  $x = y$  or the relationship cannot be established  
(D)  $x \geq y$  (E)  $x \leq y$

37. The ratio of present ages of four persons 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' is 3:5:4:7, respectively. If the sum of their ages 5 years hence from now will be 96 years, then find the ratio of ages of 'A' and 'D' together 20 years hence from now to that of 'B' and 'C' together 8 years ago from now.

- (A) 9:5 (B) 4:1  
(C) 9:8 (D) 5:2  
(E) 7:3

38. The question consists of two statements numbered "I and II" given below it. You have to decide whether the data provided in the statements are sufficient to answer the question.

The respective investments of 'A', 'B' and 'C' are ₹(P + 50), ₹(2P + 90) and ₹(P + 60). If all of them invested for a period of one year, then find the investment of 'A'.

**Statement I:** Profit share of 'A' is one-fourth of the total profit.

**Statement II:** The sum of the total investments of 'A' and 'C' is ₹(P + 490).

- (A) The data in statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question.  
(B) The data in statement I alone are sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement II alone is not sufficient to answer the question.  
(C) The data either in statement I alone or in statement II alone is sufficient to answer the question.  
(D) The data given in both statements I and II together is not sufficient to answer the question.  
(E) The data in both statements I and II together is necessary to answer the question.

39. Vimal's income is 87.5% more than his expenditure. The ratio of Vimal's savings to Kamal's savings is 7:3. If Kamal spends 60% of his income and his income is ₹81,000 then, find the sum of expenditure of both Vimal and Kamal.

- (A) ₹81,000 (B) ₹54,000  
(C) ₹1,62,000 (D) ₹1,35,000  
(E) ₹1,08,000

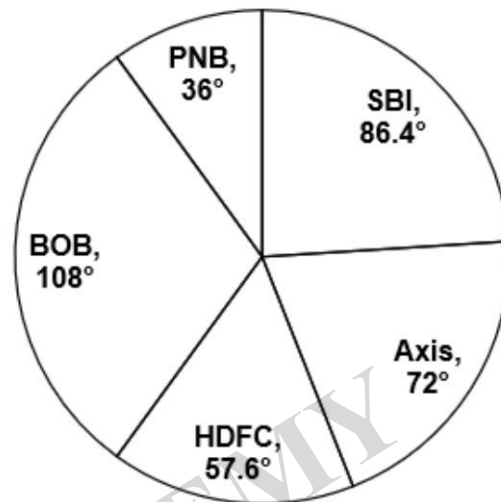
40. Mina bought a bicycle for ₹P and spent ₹1000 on its washing, ₹1500 on painting it and ₹500 on its packaging. After that she sold the bicycle at a profit of  $(50/7)\%$  for ₹7500. Find the value of  $(5P + 500)$ .

- (A) 20,500 (B) 25,000  
(C) 27,500 (D) 40,500  
(E) None of these

**Directions [41-45]:** Answer the questions based on the information given below.

PM launched Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY) in 2014. Pie chart given below shows the degree distribution of number of accounts opened under PMJDY in each of the given five banks out of total number of accounts opened under PMJDY in given five banks together.

**Note:** Difference between number of accounts opened under PMJDY in SBI and HDFC is 4,320.



41. Ratio of number of males to females who opened their account under PMJDY in SBI is '4:5'. Find the difference between number of males who opened their account under PMJDY in SBI and total number of accounts opened under PMJDY in PNB.

- (A) 360 (B) 540  
(C) 480 (D) 420  
(E) None of these

42. Find the average number of accounts opened under PMJDY in AXIS, HDFC and BOB together.

- (A) 10,880 (B) 12,320  
(C) 10,440 (D) 11,880  
(E) None of these

43. If 40% and 60% of the accounts opened under PMJDY in AXIS and HDFC, respectively, are of those whose age is less than 25 years, then find the sum of number of accounts opened under PMJDY in AXIS and HDFC of those whose age is less than 25 years.

- (A) 8,902 (B) 9,504  
(C) 9,224 (D) 9,408  
(E) None of these

44. If number of accounts opened under PMJDY in BOB is 40% of total number of accounts opened (including accounts opened under PMJDY) in BOB, then find the number of accounts opened (excluding accounts opened under PMJDY) in BOB.

- (A) 40,500 (B) 22,300  
(C) 42,200 (D) 24,300  
(E) 32,800

45. The following numbers form a series. Find the odd one out.

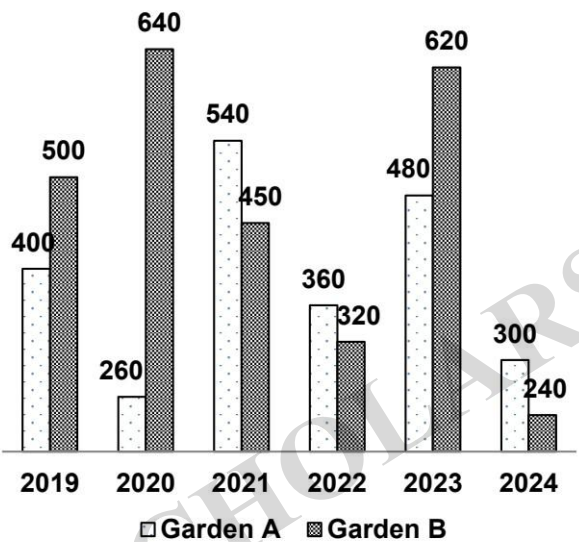
- 100, 172, 94, 164, 84, 156  
(A) 172 (B) 164  
(C) 94 (D) 84  
(E) 100

46. The following numbers form a series. Find the odd one out.  
34, 41, 46, 56, 67, 81  
(A) 81 (B) 46  
(C) 56 (D) 41  
(E) 67
47. The following numbers form a series. Find the odd one out.  
112, 134, 178, 244, 334, 442  
(A) 112 (B) 178  
(C) 244 (D) 334  
(E) 442

**Directions [48-53]:** Answer the questions based on the information given below.

The bar graph below shows the total number of flowers in two different gardens, namely 'A' and 'B', in six different years.

**Note -** For each year, in both gardens, there are only two types of flowers i.e. yellow flowers and red flowers.



The table graph below shows the ratio of number red flowers to that of yellow flowers, in both given gardens for each of the given years.

| Year | Ratio of number of red flowers to yellow flowers garden A | Ratio of number of red flowers to yellow flowers garden B |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2019 | 5:3                                                       | 4:1                                                       |
| 2020 | 7:6                                                       | 7:9                                                       |
| 2021 | 1:2                                                       | 3:2                                                       |
| 2022 | 7:2                                                       | 7:1                                                       |
| 2023 | 5:7                                                       | 1:1                                                       |
| 2024 | 18:7                                                      | 7:5                                                       |

48. If in another garden 'X' in the year 2023, total number of red flowers is 25% more than the total number of yellow flowers in garden 'B' in years 2019 and 2022 together, then number of red flowers in garden 'X' in 2023.

- (A) None of these (B) 125  
(C) 225 (D) 175  
(E) 150

49. Find the ratio of number of yellow flowers in garden 'A' in 2024 and number of red flowers in garden 'B' in 2024, respectively.  
(A) None of these (B) 2:3  
(C) 4:7 (D) 3:5  
(E) 1:2
50. Find the difference between the total number of flowers in garden 'A' and that in garden 'B', in all six given years.  
(A) 520 (B) 390  
(C) 500 (D) 430  
(E) 480
51. Number of yellow flowers in garden 'B' in 2021 is how much percent of number of yellow flowers in garden 'A' in 2020.  
(A) 45% (B) 140%  
(C) 80% (D) 150%  
(E) 120%
52. Find the difference between the total number of red flowers in both gardens in 2023 and number of yellow flowers in garden 'B' in 2019.  
(A) 410 (B) 330  
(C) 440 (D) 350  
(E) None of these
53. Find the total number of red flowers in both gardens in the years 2022 and 2024 together.  
(A) 240 (B) 400  
(C) 560 (D) 360  
(E) 300
54. Find the difference between the compound interests earned on ₹25000 for 1.5 years at 4% p.a. when compounded yearly and when compounded half yearly.  
(A) ₹20.60 (B) ₹14.20  
(C) ₹16.80 (D) ₹10.20  
(E) ₹24.80
55. Ankit hired 30 men to complete a work in 20 days but after 10 days he realized that only one fourth work was completed. If 'n' be the more number of men required to complete the work on time, then how many prime numbers are there which are less than or equal to '(n/2)' ?  
(A) 10 (B) 9  
(C) 12 (D) 15  
(E) 8
56. A vessel 'P' contains alcohol and water in the ratio 3:5, respectively. Another vessel 'Q' contains water and alcohol in the ratio of 2:9 respectively. In what ratio 'P' and 'Q' must be mixed so that the ratio of alcohol and water in the resultant mixture becomes 8:3, respectively?  
(A) 11:32 (B) 9:29  
(C) 8:31 (D) 7:30  
(E) None of these

57. A boat covers certain distance along the stream in 72 minutes and takes 3 hours to cover the same distance against the stream. Speed of stream is 15 km/h. If speed of the boat in still water had been 20% less then find the time taken (in minutes) by boat to cover 236.5 km in downstream.  
(A) 300 (B) 360  
(C) 270 (D) 330  
(E) 290
58. What approximate value will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following question? (Note: You are not expected to calculate the exact value.)  
 $(9.8 + 7.45 + 6.99 + 10.78) \div (2.07 + 3.15 + 2.15) = ?$   
 $\div 18.86$   
(A) 60 (B) 75  
(C) 85 (D) 95  
(E) 88
59. What approximate value will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following question? (Note: You are not expected to calculate the exact value.)  
 $1587.9 + 9650.98 + 10612.8 = ?^3 - 2536.67$   
(A) 59 (B) 29  
(C) 19 (D) 33  
(E) 49
60. What approximate value will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following question? (Note: You are not expected to calculate the exact value.)  
 $\sqrt{1025} - 30.21\% \text{ of } 449.89 = ? - 22.01 \times 5.99$   
(A) 109 (B) 86  
(C) 9 (D) 29  
(E) 56

### English Language

**Directions [61-65]:** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out and replaced by a blank represented by a letter. First read the passage and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks as per the questions given.

In a letter to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on February 3, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said that 97 fishermen and 216 fishing boats were still under the (A) \_\_\_\_\_ of Sri Lanka. Unlike in the past, when they were quickly released, recent years have seen rising (B) \_\_\_\_\_ for violations of the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) and unlawful fishing.

While Tamil Nadu and Puducherry fishermen often cross the IMBL, their counterparts in Sri Lanka's Tamil-speaking Northern Province, who are still recovering from the civil war, (C) \_\_\_\_\_ their fishing methods, particularly ecologically destructive bottom trawling.

Northern Sri Lankan fishermen are seeking a sustainable solution that protects their waters from over-exploitative fishing. Indian fishermen have repeatedly sought a fresh round of talks with their Sri Lankan counterparts, with the last such meeting having taken place in November 2016. The issue was also raised in the most recent Joint Working Group meeting in Colombo last October. However, the Anura Kumara Disanayake-led Sri Lankan government appears (D) \_\_\_\_\_ to negotiate.

New Delhi and Colombo must recognise that a fresh approach is required to break the (E) \_\_\_\_\_ rather than continuing with a business-as-usual mindset. Unlike the cases of Indian fishermen detained in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar, the arrests in Sri Lanka are significantly higher.

61. (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) detention  
(A) capture (D) seizure  
(C) custody  
(E) No Improvement
62. (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) convictions  
(A) penalties (D) punishments  
(C) sanctions  
(E) No Improvement
63. (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) condemn  
(A) support (D) tolerate  
(C) approve  
(E) No Improvement
64. (D) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) willing  
(A) hesitant (D) eager  
(C) determined  
(E) No Improvement
65. (E) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) negotiation  
(A) conflict (D) argument  
(C) deadlock  
(E) No Improvement

**Directions [66-70]:** In the following passage, some of the words have been highlighted in bold. First read the passage and try to understand what it is about. Then replace the highlighted words with the correct option in order to make grammatical and contextual sense. In case the highlighted word is correct as it is, mark 'No Improvement' as the right answer.

Insularity often stems from contempt, and the kind now being exhibited by U.S. President Donald Trump and his administration is no exception. Withdrawing from international commitments has become a defining feature of Mr. Trump's foreign policy, and the latest decision to freeze foreign assistance adds to the list of drastic moves, following the withdrawal from WHO and the Paris Accord. This decision will (i) **destruct** established global aid structures and have dire consequences for the millions who rely on U.S. assistance for survival. While the full impact is yet to unfold, it is clear to those in the development sector that a (ii) **downfall** of negative repercussions is imminent. On his first day in office, Mr. Trump imposed a 90-day freeze on foreign assistance, citing inefficiencies and ideological opposition to USAID. His administration argues that USAID misallocates funds and operates at odds with his policies. Elon Musk, head of the Department of Government Efficiency, went so far as to label USAID a viper's nest of radical-left Marxists who hate America. The official USAID website has been stripped of its content, but (iii) **declare** that all personnel would be placed on administrative leave, with only a few exceptions for mission-critical staff. The administration also ordered the (iv) **sluggish** repatriation of overseas USAID personnel within 30

days. Meanwhile, the government's move to limit funding has created (v) **anarchy** within various humanitarian programs that depend on U.S. support.

66. (i)  
(A) disrupt (B) dismantle  
(C) destroy (D) weaken  
(E) No improvement
67. (ii)  
(A) cascade (B) series  
(C) chain (D) wave  
(E) No improvement
68. (iii)  
(A) declared (B) stated  
(C) announced (D) was declared  
(E) No improvement
69. (iv)  
(A) rapid (B) immediate  
(C) expeditious (D) urgent  
(E) No improvement
70. (v)  
(A) instability (B) disorder  
(C) uncertainty (D) crisis  
(E) No improvement
71. In the questions given below four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. Find the correct combination of the words that will need to be interchanged to make the sentence meaningful. If the sentence is correct as it is then select option (e) as your choice.  
Just like a boat, a seaglider (A) **surface** floats, then as it picks up (B) **speed** it foils - (C) **gliding** over the (D) **initially** of the water using wing-like structures called hydrofoils.  
(A) A-B (B) A-D  
(C) B-C (D) B-D  
(E) No interchange required
72. In the following question, a sentence is given with the phrase or idiom highlighted in bold. Identify the option that contains a word similar to the phrase contextually and can replace it. If all the options fit in the sentence grammatically and contextually, mark 'All' as the right answer.  
My husband and I were working for **longer than usual** periods of time to buy our dream house.  
(A) impractical (B) extensive  
(C) intense (D) extended  
(E) All are correct
73. In the question below, a sentence is given, four words have been highlighted in bold. Find out if the words are appropriate (grammatically and contextually) . Only one word will be inappropriate, mark that as your answer. If all are appropriate, mark "All are correct".  
The dollar has **surged** against a **number** of foreign currencies, **introducing** the Japanese yen, thanks to high interest rates **offered** by the Federal Reserve.  
(A) surged (B) number  
(C) introducing (D) offered  
(E) All are correct

74. In the question below, a sentence is given, four words have been highlighted in bold. Find out if the words are appropriate (grammatically and contextually) . Only one word will be inappropriate, mark that as your answer. If all are appropriate, mark "All are correct".  
**Although** North Korea has long **immersed** itself from the **rest** of the world, it has **frequently** participated in international sporting competitions.  
(A) although (B) immersed  
(C) rest (D) frequently  
(E) All are correct
75. In the given question, a sentence has been broken into four parts and the parts are jumbled. Choose the option which provides the correct way to re-arrange the parts to form a grammatically and contextually meaningful sentence. If all the parts are correctly placed, mark E as your answer.  
sweetness costs \$395.99 at Melissa's Produce, (A) / the Ruby Glow pineapple, bred for (B) / a California-based seller of specialty fruit and veggies (C) / its distinctive red exterior and its (D)  
(A) BADC (B) BDAC  
(C) CBDA (D) DABC  
(E) No rearrangement required
76. In the question given below, a sentence is given with one blank, followed by five options, each having a word which may or may not fit in the blank. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct word that fits in the blank.  
Boasting 51,000 statues carved into 252 caves, China's Yungang Buddhist Grottoes is irrefutably a \_\_\_\_\_ attraction.  
(A) spectacular (B) marvel  
(C) miracle (D) prudent  
(E) rancid
77. In the question given below, a sentence is given with one blank, followed by five options, each having a word which may or may not fit in the blank. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct word that fits in the blank.  
Elon Musk's brain implant startup Neuralink is \_\_\_\_\_ applications for a second human trial participant to test its device.  
(A) possessing (B) accepting  
(C) locking (D) settling  
(E) building
78. In the question given below, a sentence is given with one blank, followed by five options, each having a word which may or may not fit in the blank. From the given options, choose the one that gives the correct word that fits in the blank.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ between both companies are reportedly advancing, with both parties working towards finalising the terms of the agreement.  
(A) penalty (B) adherence  
(C) appreciation (D) discussions  
(E) awareness
79. In the following question, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If the sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

The 27-year-old Paul has (A) / transitioned from YouTube (B) / to professional boxing and has (C) / win nine of his 10 fights. (D) / No error (E)

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

80. In the following question, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If the sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

He was working as a security guard (A) / at the Nova music festival when (B) / he was kidnapped (C) / and took into Gaza. (D) / No error (E)

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

81. In the question below, a sentence is given, divided into parts, one of which may contain a grammatical error. From the options, choose the part that contains the error, and mark that as your answer.

Microsoft and LinkedIn speak exclusive (A) / about what artificial intelligence means (B) / for your job and how it is (C) / impacting the way we work now. (D) / No error (E)

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

82. In the question given below, a sentence is given with one blank, followed by three options, each having a word which may or may not fit in the blank. From the given options, choose the correct combination of fillers.

McDonalds faced a financial \_\_\_\_\_ when its major investors pulled out unexpectedly.

- I. crisis II. immunity  
III. hardship  
(A) Only I and II (B) Only II and III  
(C) Only III (D) Only I and III  
(E) All I, II, and III

83. In the question below, a sentence is given, four words have been highlighted in bold. Find out if the words are contextually appropriate and correctly spelled. Only one word will be inappropriate or incorrectly spelled, mark that as your answer. If all are appropriate and correctly spelled, mark "All are correct".

The economy has stayed **remarkably resilient**, even after an **aggressive** battle against inflation that **brought** rates to their highest level in decades.

- (A) remarkably (B) resilient  
(C) aggressive (D) brought  
(E) All are correct

84. In the question below, a sentence is given, four words have been highlighted in bold. Find out if the words are contextually appropriate and correctly spelled. Only one word will be inappropriate or incorrectly spelled, mark that as your answer. If all are appropriate and correctly spelled, mark "All are correct".

Several areas of the city **remained** under water after heavy rain **lashed** the city, causing **widespread** damage and **disrupting** normal life.

- (A) remained (B) lashed  
(C) widespread (D) disrupting  
(E) All are correct

85. In the question below, a sentence is given, four words have been highlighted in bold. Find out if the words are contextually appropriate and correctly spelled. Only one word will be inappropriate or incorrectly spelled, mark that as your answer. If all are appropriate and correctly spelled, mark "All are correct".

Chad is a **landlocked**, arid country of 18 million people in Central Africa and despite its **dearth** of natural **resources**, it is one of the world's **poorest** nations.

- (A) landlocked (B) dearth  
(C) resources (D) poorest  
(E) All are correct

86. In the following question, one part of the sentence may have an error. 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'.

- (A) Heat and drought have become  
(B) so severe that many  
(C) people who rely on agriculture  
(D) have packed up and left it.  
(E) No error

87. In the following question, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If the sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

- (A) A 36-year-old man was airlifted to  
(B) a hospital after sustaining  
(C) multiple injury in a grizzly bear  
(D) attack in British Columbia.  
(E) No error

**Directions [88-92]:** In the question given below, a set of sentences is given, which when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Arrange the sentences in the correct sequence, and answer the questions that follow.

**P.** These filters could remove plastic contamination from drinking water, and prevent microplastic pollution in industrial and domestic wastewater from reaching rivers and oceans.

**Q.** Plastic is a remarkably versatile and durable material, which has made it indispensable in almost every area of modern life.

**R.** Innovative new filters built from naturally occurring ingredients can capture micro- and nanoplastics in all their diverse forms.

**S.** Now, scientists are working on biological solutions to address the plastic pollution crisis at every stage of the life cycle of plastic.

**T.** But these same properties have created a brewing environmental catastrophe.

88. Which of the following will be the FIFTH (LAST) sentence after rearrangement?  
(A) T (B) Q  
(C) R (D) P  
(E) S
89. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?  
(A) R (B) P  
(C) Q (D) T  
(E) S
90. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?  
(A) T (B) S  
(C) Q (D) R  
(E) P
91. Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?  
(A) P (B) R  
(C) Q (D) T  
(E) S
92. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?  
(A) P (B) R  
(C) Q (D) T  
(E) S

**Directions [93-100]:** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Apple's Worldwide Developer Conference (WWDC) is just days away, and as usual, the technorati are buzzing about what might be unveiled at the company's annual technology event: An updated iPhone operating system with a heavy AI focus? New Mac hardware? A "One More Thing" wildcard? Naturally, Apple has locked down the details of the revelations it plans on releasing. But the sense among many observers is that whatever they are, they should better be good. Because since the beginning of the year, there have been signs that the fruit factory's future prospects could be souring.

The company's sales in China dropped dramatically earlier this year, as the iPhone was met with strong competition from local offerings like the Huawei Mate, forcing Apple to offer aggressive discounts there. In 2023, the International Trade Commission ruled that Apple stepped on medical equipment manufacturer Masimo's existing patents in building a pulse oximeter into its newest Apple Watches, leading the company to halt sales of those versions of its wearable in December, until the feature could be temporarily removed, pending appeal of the decision. And in March, the Justice Department filed a lawsuit against Apple, alleging that the company engages in a broad range of anticompetitive practices related to its dominance in the US smartphone market - litigation that threatens the very core of the company's business. Although, Apple denied the allegations.

Of course, by most measures, the gadget maker is still a massive global success. After tumbling earlier in the year, the company's stock now stands just short of its all-time high, bringing its valuation back to about \$3 trillion dollars (just six years after it became the

world's first trillion-dollar company). The iPhone, of course, commands a 17% share of the global smartphone market as measured by units sold, but has a staggering 43% of global smartphone revenues. And Apple's services business, mostly defined by sales of apps and content, continues to thrive, and is projected to make up a quarter of the company's total revenues by 2025. A tech company's success is not just measured by the products it has on the market in the present however, but its ability to innovate and stay ahead of the curve. That means Apple will be challenged to come up with some announcements that feel like they recapture some of the company's golden-age glory.

Early focus has been on what Apple is planning on doing with artificial intelligence. Some rumours suggest that Apple is partnering with OpenAI, which might be an unusual move in a number of respects - running counter to the company's preferences to keep its most vital technologies in house, while feeling at best like a catch-up move rather than a revolutionary breakthrough. Others have pointed to Apple's recent release of OpenELM, a set of four scaled-down open-source language models, as an indicator of the company going in a different direction: delivering efficient AI features "on handset" without the need to call on servers in the cloud.

93. "The iPhone, of course, commands a 17% share of the global smartphone market as measured by units sold, but has a staggering 43% of global smartphone revenues." Which of the following is correct, as per the information given in the line?  
(A) Apple dominates the global smartphone market and generates the maximum revenue.  
(B) The income generated by selling an iPhone is two-thirds of its manufacturing cost.  
(C) The revenue generated by Apple is much greater when compared to the number of smartphone units sold by it.  
(D) Other smartphone brands do not have a good share in the global smartphone market as Apple does.  
(E) Almost half of global smartphone revenues are generated by the sale of smartphones from Huawei Mate.
94. According to the passage, why might the partnership between Apple and OpenAI be an unusual move?  
(A) The brand is reluctant to catch-up with the latest technological advancements.  
(B) Apple prefers to develop and keep its most vital technologies in-house.  
(C) The partnership would represent a revolutionary breakthrough for the company.  
(D) Apple has always led in terms of innovation, so this partnership is unnecessary for the brand.  
(E) Apple is no longer interested in collaborating with other tech companies.
95. Despite all the challenges faced by the company, what contributes to the optimism regarding the progress of the company?  
(A) The prediction that services business of the company might make up a quarter of total revenues  
(B) The recent partnership between Apple and Open AI

- (C) Introduction of innovative AI features in upcoming iPhone models  
(D) Decrease in sales of other smartphones as compared to the sale of iPhones  
(E) The successful rebound of Apple in the Chinese market
96. Which of the following is not TRUE as per the information provided in the passage?  
(A) Apple has kept tight control over the details of its upcoming revelations for WWDC.  
(B) Apple is considered a massive global success by several measures.  
(C) Before facing its downfall earlier this year, the valuation of Apple was \$3 billion.  
(D) The success of a tech company greatly depends on its future plans for betterment.  
(E) WWDC is an event organised by Apple once every year.
97. Which of the following incidents have posed a threat to the future growth prospects of Apple, as mentioned in the passage?  
(A) Decrease in sales in China due to tough local competition  
(B) The patent ruling against Apple watches  
(C) The lawsuit imposed by the Justice Department
- (D) All A, B and C  
(E) Both A and B
98. As per the information provided, OpenELM is not \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) a set of scaled-down open-source language models  
(B) useful in eliminating the need to rely on servers in the cloud for AI operations  
(C) recently released by Apple  
(D) designed to be used in large-scale AI applications  
(E) helpful in delivering efficient AI features on handsets
99. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the highlighted word "**thrive**" as used in the passage?  
(A) hustle (B) pursue  
(C) dominate (D) flourish  
(E) establish
100. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to the highlighted word "**halt**" as used in the passage?  
(A) increase (B) undo  
(C) spoil (D) start  
(E) encourage

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