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Reasoning Aptitude

Directions [1-4]: Answer the following question based on the information given below.

Nine persons- Nia, Jim, Kia, Lin, Om, Tina, Riya, Hank, and Paras, work in a company. They are from three different countries, USA, Korea, and Nepal such that at least two persons and at most four persons are from each country.

Nia and Om are from same country but not Nepal. Tina is from Nepal. Only one more person is from the same country as Riya. Riya is not from Nepal. Kia is not from Korea. Lin and Kia are from same country. The number of persons from USA is not four. Hank is not from Korea. Jim and Paras are from the same country.

1. _____ is from the same country as Paras.
(A) Nia (B) Tina
(C) Hank (D) Riya
(E) More than one option is correct
2. _____ and _____ are from USA.
(A) Paras, Om (B) Lin, Kia
(C) Riya, Hank (D) Kia, Hank
(E) Nia, Om
3. Four of the following five pairs are alike in certain manner and one is different. Choose the one which is different.
(A) Riya, Nia (B) Hank, Lin
(C) Kia, Paras (D) Jim, Ria
(E) Nia, Paras
4. Om and _____ are from _____.
(A) Jim, USA (B) Hank, Korea
(C) Tina, Nepal (D) Jim, Korea
(E) More than one option is correct
5. Japan, USA, China, Russia, Nepal, India and Africa host a meeting in seven different months (Starting from January), but not necessarily in the same order. Russia hosts the meeting in the month which has 30 days. Two countries host the meeting between Russia and Africa. Japan hosts the meeting immediately after Africa. One country hosts the meeting between USA and Nepal. China hosts the meeting immediately before India. India does not host the meeting in July month. Then, which of the following country hosts the meeting in July month?
(A) Africa (B) Nepal
(C) the USA (D) Either (B) or (C)
(E) Either (A) or (B)

Directions [6-7]: Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Eight members A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are there in a family of 3 generations. There are only 3 married couples in the family and no single person in the family is a parent.

F is brother-in-law of B, who is son of G. H is brother-in-law of E. D is mother of G. A is father of H. E is father-in-law of C.

6. How is G related to father of H?
(A) Mother (B) Sister-in-law
(C) Daughter-in-law (D) Daughter
(E) None of the above
7. How many female members are there in the family?
(A) Three (B) Four
(C) Five (D) Either 'A' or 'B'
(E) Either 'B' or 'C'

Directions [8-10]: Ram started from Junction and walked 5m towards east then he turns left and walked 4m. Now, he turns right and walked 3m to reach his Home. Again, he turns right and walked 8m. He turns left and walked 7m and again, he turns left and walked 4m to reach the Shop. Now, he turns right and walked 6m then he turns left and walked 4m. Finally, he turns right and walked 3m to reach his Office.

8. What is the distance between Home and Office?
(A) 15m (B) 16m
(C) 17m (D) 18m
(E) 19m
9. What is the direction of junction with respect to the Shop?
(A) South-east (B) North-west
(C) North-east (D) West
(E) East
10. What is the shortest distance between Home and Shop? (appx)
(A) 6m (B) 7m
(C) 8m (D) 9m
(E) 10m

Directions (11-15): The codes of some statements are coded as follows in a certain code language:

'lot stronger than rocks' is coded as 'az gt jq fu'
'rocks and black silt' is coded as 'cx mn jq lo'
'more black than night' is coded as 'ev gt by lo'
'more important and stronger' is coded as 'ri az by cx'

Answer the following questions based on the information given above.

11. The code for the words 'more silt' is:
(A) jq gt (B) by jq
(C) gt mn (D) mn by
(E) cx ev
12. _____ is coded as 'lo'. Fill in the blanks.
(A) lot (B) and
(C) more (D) black
(E) than
13. Which of the following words are coded as 'ev ri'?
(A) important night (B) black night
(C) more important (D) stronger rocks
(E) more rocks
14. Which of the following word/words does not have a vowel in its code?
I. rocks II. silt
III. night

- (A) All of I, II and III (B) Only I
(C) Only II (D) Only I and III
(E) Only I and II
15. What is the code for 'stronger'?
- (A) jq (B) fu
(C) az (D) cx
(E) gt
16. 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:** All Lamp are Post.
No Post is Lit.
Only a few Lit are Bright.
- Conclusions:** I. No Lamp is Lit.
II. Few Bright are not Post.
III. All Post are Bright.
- (A) Only conclusions I and II follow
(B) Only conclusions I and III follow
(C) Only conclusions II and III follow
(D) Only conclusion II follows
(E) All the conclusions follow
17. Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. Assuming that the information given in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
- Statement:** Only a few Caps is Jacket
Some Jacket is Shirt
No Shirt is Yellow
- Conclusion:** I. All Yellow can be Caps
II. Some Jackets is Yellow
- (A) Only Conclusion I follows
(B) Only Conclusion II follows
(C) Neither Conclusion I nor II follows
(D) Either Conclusion I or II follows
(E) Both Conclusion I and II follow
18. In the questions given 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. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.
- Statements:** Only a few Arts are Paints
All Colours are Draws
Few Colours are Paints
- Conclusion:** I. Some Draws are Paints
II. Few Arts can be Colours
III. All Arts can be Paints
- (A) Only conclusions I and III follow
(B) Only conclusion II follows
(C) Only conclusions II and III follow
(D) Only conclusions I and II follow
(E) All the conclusions follow
19. In the question, assuming the given statements to be true, find which of the following conclusion(s) among

the three conclusions is/are true and then give your answer accordingly.

Statements: $R > T = O \geq N$; $G \leq H = I < R$; $T \geq D = Q > A$

Conclusions: I. $R > A$ II. $N > G$

III. $Q < T$

- (A) Only conclusion I is true.
(B) Only conclusions I and II are true.
(C) Only conclusions I and III are true.
(D) Only conclusions II and III are true.
(E) All the conclusions are true

20. In the question, relations between different elements is given in the statements which are followed by two conclusions I and II give your answer

Statements: $D < E$, $F < D$, $E < G$, $G \leq H$

Conclusions: I. $E < H$ II. $E > F$

- (A) if only conclusion I is true
(B) if only conclusion II is true
(C) if either conclusion I or conclusion II is true
(D) if neither conclusion I nor conclusion II is true
(E) if both conclusions I and II are true

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

Eight persons H, I, J, K, L, M, N and O sit around a circular table and faces away from the centre of the table but not necessarily in the same order. All the persons work in different companies i.e., Jio, Airtel, Mi, Moto, Idea, Kia, Tata and Hero.

I sits 3rd to the left of H, who works in Airtel. J sits adjacent to H. K, who works in Tata sits 3rd to the right of J. Two persons sit between M and N, who works in Hero (from either side). The one, who works in Kia sits immediate right of N. M sits adjacent to J. One person sits between the one, who works in Kia and the one, who works in Jio. O sits 2nd to the right the one, who works in Moto. O doesn't work in Idea.

21. Who works in Moto?
- (A) J (B) M
(C) O (D) L
(E) I
22. How many persons sit between the one, who works in Mi and the one, who works in Kia, when counted from the right of the one, who works in Kia?
- (A) Five (B) Two
(C) Three (D) Four
(E) One
23. I works in ____.
- (A) Moto (B) Idea
(C) Mi (D) Jio
(E) None of the above
24. Find the odd pair out.
- (A) N, K (B) L, I
(C) K, O (D) M, J
(E) I, N
25. Who sits 5th to the right of the one, who works in Mi?
- (A) N (B) K
(C) M (D) I
(E) L

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

Nine boxes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I are kept one above the other but not necessarily in the same order. The bottommost box is numbered as 1st and the topmost box is numbered as 9th. Each of these boxes have different items i.e., Bags, Belts, Copies, Glues, Watches, Soaps, Lights, Bottles and Colours. No two boxes, whose initials are consecutive letters as per English alphabetical order are kept adjacent to each other. Also, no two boxes, whose initials are vowels are kept adjacent to each other. C is kept three boxes above B, which has Colours in it. One box is kept between C and A. B is kept at prime numbered position. D, which has bags, is kept three boxes above H, which has Soaps. As many boxes are below I as above the box, which has Bottles. G is kept above F. Three boxes are kept between the box, which has Bottles and the box, which has Glues. The box, which has lights, is kept just above the box, which has Belts. Neither A nor F has Lights.

26. Which box has Lights?
(A) E (B) G
(C) I (D) C
(E) Cannot be determined
27. How many boxes are kept between the box, which has Glues and the box, which has Soaps?
(A) Three (B) Two
(C) Four (D) No box
(E) None of the above
28. _____ box is kept one box above the box, which has Copies.
(A) B (B) D
(C) No box (D) F
(E) Cannot be determined
29. Which of the following statement is/are definitely true?
I. E has Copies.
II. F has Belts.
III. H has Soaps.
(A) Only statements I and II are true
(B) Only statements I and III are true
(C) Only statements II and III are true
(D) Only statement II is true
(E) All statements are true
30. Find the odd one out.
(A) G
(B) The box, which has Bags
(C) A
(D) C
(E) The box, which has Glues

Quantitative Aptitude

31. In a 200-metre race, 'A' beats 'B' by 40 metres, and 'C' by 60 metres. If 'B' and 'C' compete in a 300-metre race, then by how much distance, will 'B' beat 'C'?
(A) 30 metres (B) 62.5 metres
(C) 37.5 metres (D) 60 metres
(E) 20 metres

32. The ratio of the lengths of the diagonals of a rhombus is 12:5. If the perimeter of the rhombus is 104cm, what is the length of the diagonal of a square whose area is same as that of the rhombus?
(A) $7\sqrt{17}$ (B) $8\sqrt{15}$
(C) $8\sqrt{18}$ (D) $5\sqrt{21}$
(E) $5\sqrt{26}$
33. What value should come in place of ?
 $35^{42} \times \frac{1}{1225^8} \times 35^{15} \times 1225^{-3} = 35^{\sqrt{?}}$
(A) 1225 (B) 1296
(C) 1369 (D) 1444
(E) 1521
34. What value should come in place of the question mark (?)
 $? + 931 \times 7/19 = 832\% \text{ of } 75 + 287$
(A) 568 (B) 489
(C) 367 (D) 623
(E) 711
35. In the following question, two equations I and II are given. Solve both the equations carefully and choose the correct option.
I. $x^2 - 2x - 195 = 0$ II. $y^2 + 27y + 162 = 0$
(A) $x > y$ (B) $x < y$
(C) $x \leq y$ (D) $x \geq y$
(E) $x = y$ or relation cannot be established
36. In the given question, 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. $(x^2/1024) = 0.0625$ II. $y^2 + 21y + 108 = 0$
(A) $x > y$ (B) $x < y$
(C) $x = y$ or the relationship cannot be established
(D) $x \geq y$ (E) $x \leq y$
37. In the following question, two equations are I and II are given. Solve both the equations carefully and choose the correct option.
I. $X^2 - 61X + 588 = 0$ II. $3Y^2 - 33Y + 90 = 0$
(A) $X < Y$
(B) $X = Y$ or relationship cannot be established
(C) $X \geq Y$ (D) $X \leq Y$
(E) $X > Y$
38. A dishonest shopkeeper uses false weight in such a way that he takes 100 grams extra for purchase of 500 grams and gives 100 grams less when a customer comes to purchase 1 kg, then what is the approximate percent profit earned by him?
(A) 16.67% (B) 33.33%
(C) 24.44% (D) 9.99%
(E) 66.67%

Direction: (39-40): 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.)

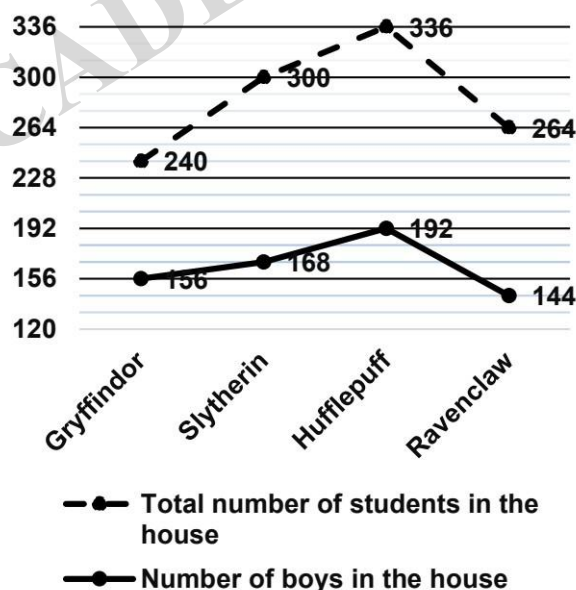
39. $41.91 \times 5.19 - \sqrt{?} = \sqrt{325.2} \times 9.98 + 4.89$
(A) 784 (B) 484
(C) 100 (D) 256
(E) 625

40. $(? + 23.87 \times 34.98) \div \sqrt{145} = 89.98$
 (A) 440 (B) 240
 (C) 580 (D) 125
 (E) 700
41. What will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following series?
 41, 42, 83, 125, 208, 333, ?
 (A) 539 (B) 541
 (C) 527 (D) 543
 (E) 532
42. What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?
 14, 21, 30, ?, 54, 69
 (A) 41 (B) 43
 (C) 46 (D) 40
 (E) 38
43. Find the wrong term in the following series.
 880, 448, 232, 124, 70, 31
 (A) 31 (B) 124
 (C) 448 (D) 70
 (E) 232
44. Vaani borrowed ₹1500 at 4% rate of simple interest for 4 years after which she added some money to the amount received on simple interest and invested at 6% rate of simple interest for 6 years. If the amount received after 10 years is ₹4352, then find the amount added by Vaani.
 (A) ₹1854 (B) ₹1080
 (C) ₹1460 (D) ₹1750
 (E) ₹960
45. Three friends Mahesh, Rakesh and Alka enters into a partnership for three years by investing in a ratio of 2:3:5 respectively. After one year Rakesh invested ₹15000 more for two years. For the third year Alka too invested additional ₹15000. After three years, the profit was distributed proportional to their investment values in the ratio 2:5:6, find the amount invested (in ₹) by Alka in three years:
 (A) ₹40000 (B) ₹28000
 (C) ₹25000 (D) ₹30000
 (E) ₹38000
46. A person travels 180 km by train at 90 km/hr and then he takes bus and travel 250 km at 50 km/hr and then he started walking at 5 km/hr and covers 30 km. What is the average speed of the person throughout the journey?
 (A) 27 (5/13) km/hr (B) 35 (4/13) km/hr
 (C) 35 (5/13) km/hr (D) 36 (5/13) km/hr
 (E) 37 (4/13) km/hr
47. Two vessels 'A' and 'B' contains 600 litres, each of pure milk and pure water, respectively. 150 litres of milk is withdrawn from vessel 'A' and poured in vessel 'B'. Again, 150 litres of mixture is poured from vessel 'B' to vessel 'A'. Find the ratio of quantity of milk remaining in vessel 'A' to quantity of water remaining in vessel 'B'.
 (A) 11:9 (B) 3:2
 (C) 2:1 (D) 1:1
 (E) 7:3

48. Pipe 'A' alone can fill 6 buckets in 36 minutes. Pipe 'B' alone can fill 4 buckets in 32 minutes and pipe 'C' alone can fill 12 buckets in 48 minutes. If all three pipes together can fill 65% of a tank in 30 minutes, then find the capacity of the tank given that each bucket can hold 8 litres of water.
 (A) 240 litres (B) 200 litres
 (C) 300 litres (D) 360 litres
 (E) 400 litres
49. At present the age of 'B' is 20% more than the age of 'A'. 8 years ago from now, the ratio of ages of 'A' and 'B' was 4:5, respectively. 2 years hence from now, the age of 'C' will be 40% less than the age of 'B'. Find the present age of 'C'.
 (A) 34 years (B) 28 years
 (C) 22 years (D) 30 years
 (E) 18 years

Directions [50-54]: Answer the questions based on the information given below.

The line graph given below shows the total number of students (girls + boys) in four different houses namely Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw and number of boys in each of the given four house.



50. Find the ratio of total number of girls in Gryffindor and Slytherin together to total number of students in Slytherin.
 (A) 28:25 (B) 15:14
 (C) 18:25 (D) 17:13
 (E) None of these
51. Let number of boys in Hufflepuff be 'P%' more than number of girls in Ravenclaw. What is the value of '2.5P'?
 (A) 150 (B) 190
 (C) 160 (D) 180
 (E) 120

52. Find the difference between average number of boys in Gryffindor and Ravenclaw together and total number of students in Ravenclaw.
(A) 128 (B) 114
(C) 118 (D) 120
(E) 116
53. If total number of students in Hufflepuff is increased by 25% whereas number of girls in the same house is increased by 50%, then by how much percent did the number of boys will increase in the house?
(A) 6.25% (B) 7.75%
(C) 4.25% (D) 8.25%
(E) 4.5%
54. Find the average number of girls in Hufflepuff, Slytherin and Ravenclaw together.
(A) 118 (B) 136
(C) 124 (D) 120
(E) 132

Directions [55-60]: Answer the questions based on the information given below.

The table given below shows the ratio of number of gold coins found to number of silver coins found and difference between number of gold coins found and number of silver coins found, at five different locations namely 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'E'.

Location	Ratio of number of gold coins to number of silver coins found	Difference between number of gold coins and number of silver coins found
A	5:6	140
B	9:11	144
C	13:11	172
D	13:18	510
E	10:13	204

55. Find the difference between sum of number of gold coins found at location 'A' and 'B' together and number of silver coins found at location 'A'.
(A) 412 (B) 524
(C) 508 (D) 664
(E) 532
56. If the ratio of between number of gold coins found at location 'D' and number of silver coins found at location 'E' is (p:q), then find the value of (p + q), given that 'p' and 'q' are relatively prime.
(A) 7 (B) 5
(C) 13 (D) 3
(E) None of these
57. Average number of silver coins found at locations 'C' and 'D' together were:
(A) 1441 (B) 1248
(C) 1324 (D) 1391
(E) 1427
58. Number of bronze coins to number of silver coins found at location 'B' were in the ratio of 14:9. Find the sum of number of gold coins and number of bronze coins found at location 'B'.

- (A) 1880 (B) 1720
(C) 1764 (D) 1864
(E) 1650

59. If the difference between total (gold + silver) number of coins found at location 'C' and 'E' is '100d', then find the value of $\sqrt{(d^2 + 11)}$.
(A) 2 (B) 4
(C) 5 (D) 3
(E) 6
60. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true?
I. Highest number of silver coins were found at location 'D'.
II. Lowest number of gold coins were found at location 'E'.
(A) Only I (B) Only II
(C) Both I and II (D) Neither I or II
(E) None of these

English Language

Directions: (61-65): 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 Replacement' as the right answer.

It is now (A) **beginning** better accepted that India's engine of growth for the future will be (B) **move** by its entrepreneurial class and that the "organized sector", as generally defined, will be less of a contributor to future growth. This is (C) **coupled** with the fact that the country's other large employer, our government, has (D) **thrived** that privatization of assets is the way forward, as evidenced by recent news reports of public sector disinvestment of state-owned companies. Recently released report on startups in India (E) **vindicates** that more than 1,300 startups have been set up thus far in the current year and that their number has been growing at a healthy rate.

61. (A) Saving (B) Backing
(C) Becoming (D) Initiating
(E) No replacement
62. (B) Hidden (B) Forgiven
(A) Hidden (D) Revision
(C) Driven
(E) No replacement
63. (C) Debacle (B) Dwindled
(A) Debacle (D) Rattled
(C) Toppled
(E) No replacement
64. (D) Appeased (B) Realised
(A) Appeased (D) Emphasised
(C) Authorised
(E) No replacement
65. (E) Eliminates (B) Saturates
(A) Eliminates (D) Stimulates
(C) Indicates

(E) No replacement

66. In the following question, a sentence is given, divided into 5 parts. Part (E) is grammatically correct. Out of the other four parts, one part contains an error. Mark the option containing the part with the error. If none of the parts have errors, mark 'No error' as your answer. Chinese President Xi Jinping assures (A)/ U.S. President Donald Trump last Friday (B)/ that China was doing all it (C)/ can to contain a new coronavirus (D)/ **that has killed almost 640 people** (E).
- (A) A (B) B
(C) C (D) D
(E) No error

67. In the following question, a sentence is given, divided into 5 parts. Part (E) is grammatically correct. Out of the other four parts, one part contains an error. Mark the option containing the part with the error. If none of the parts have errors, mark 'No error' as your answer. India, the world's biggest buyer of edible oils, (A)/ last month imposed curbs on refined palm oil imports (B)/ and informally asked traders (C)/ to stop buying from Malaysia, (D)/ **the world's biggest producer and exporter of the commodity after Indonesia** (E).
- (A) A (B) B
(C) C (D) D
(E) No error

68. 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) India is set to giving the
(B) final approval to a \$2.6 billion deal for military helicopters
(C) from U.S. defence firm Lockheed Martin ahead
(D) of a visit by U.S. President Donald Trump this month.
(E) No error

69. 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) A suicide bomber killed five people
(B) for a military academy
(C) in the Afghan capital,
(D) Kabul, on Tuesday.
(E) No error

70. 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) The U.S. military on Monday
(B) disclosed a jump of more than 50% in case of
(C) traumatic brain injury stemming from
(D) Iran's missile attack on a base in Iraq last month.
(E) No error

71. 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.

Quad leaders will meet in Australia this May to reinforce the growing vitality of a platform that just a few years ago had been **brushed off** as a failure

- (A) improved (B) instituted
(C) dismissed (D) dismantled
(E) All are correct

72. In the following question, three sentences are given, revolving around the same theme or idea. Decide which of the sentences are grammatically and meaningfully correct and mark the answer accordingly.

I. Often, charcoal manufacturing in Africa is small-scale, emits more carbon dioxide than it needs to, and contributes in deforestation.

II. Mr. Duncan plans to expand, particularly into export markets, which he says tend to be less cost-sensitive and particularly value eco-friendly products.

III. According to the World Health Organisation, globally, around 2.4 billions people use inefficient stoves or polluting cooking methods, including kerosene and coal.

- (A) Only I and II (B) Only III
(C) Only II (D) Only II and III
(E) All I, II, and III

73. In the question given below, a sentence is given with two blanks, followed by five options, each having two words that may or may not fit in the blanks. From the given options, choose the one that has the correct pair of words to fit in the given blanks.

Shopping _____ never means sacrificing style and going out of your way to dress in a/an _____ fashion, but have to be sensible about what you pick.

- (A) Frugally, humdrum (B) Mundane, cheap
(C) Yields, enervated (D) Supportively, alluding
(E) Relevancy, trendy

74. In the following question, a sentence is given with four words marked as (A), (B), (C) and (D). Choose the option with pair(s) of the words that need to be interchanged to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If no change is required, mark 'No change required' as your answer.

They somehow **building** (A), even though the **survived** (B) was completely **destroyed** (C) due to the **earthquake** (D).

- (A) A-B (B) B-C and A-D
(C) B-D (D) A-D and B-C
(E) No change required

75. In the following question, a sentence is given with four words marked as (A), (B), (C), and (D). These words may or may not be placed at the right places. Four options with different arrangements of these words are given. Mark the option with the correct rearrangement as the answer. If no change is required, mark 'No rearrangement required' as your answer.

Research in Nigeria **improvement** (A) that giving parents greater **access** (B) to what their children

- were **learning (C)** led to a/an **found (D)** in their commitment to learning online.
(A) DABC **(B)** ACDB
(C) BDCA **(D)** DBCA
(E) No rearrangement required
76. In the question below, a sentence is given with four words highlighted in bold. One or more than one of these four words may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. If all the words are correctly spelt and appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark (E) as your answer.
 The **compassionate(A)** doctor **devoted (B)** her life to serving the needs of her patients, **tirelessly(C)** working long hours and **sacrificing(D)** her own needs for the sake of others.
(A) Only A **(B)** Both B and D
(C) Only C **(D)** Both A and D
(E) All are correct
77. Which of the phrases (a), (b), (c), (d) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold type to make the sentence grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) i.e. 'No correction required' as the answer.
 In addition to the way you're taking the drug with sugar, you can also simultaneously take a breath mint with the sub Oxone to try to **kill the taste**.
(A) kill off
(B) on the kill
(C) kill oneself
(D) kill two birds with a stone
(E) No correction required
78. In the following question, a sentence is given with a phrase highlighted in bold. Select the option given below that can replace the phrase in bold to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and mark that as your answer. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark 'No correction required', as the answer.
 Why does the government act as if our **farmers are inferior than rich?**
(A) farmers are fewer that the rich
(B) farmers are lower to rich
(C) farmers are lesser than rich
(D) farmers are inferior to the rich
(E) No correction required
79. In the question given below, a sentence is given with two blanks, followed by five options, each having two words that may or may not fit in the blanks. From the given options, choose the one that has the correct pair of words to fit in the given blanks.
 It was _____ by the French convention of 1886 as the seat of the overland trade _____ Tongking and Yunnan and opened two years later.
(A) Selected, between **(B)** Choosing, each other
(C) Getting, amongst **(D)** Heightened, among
(E) Yield, both
80. In the given question below, three statements are given which may or may not contain an error. Choose the one that is grammatically and meaningfully correct. If all the sentences are correct, choose 'All are correct' as your answer.
A. They sustained multiple injuries and were undergoing treatment at a hospital.
B. Our staff only enquired about the matter but the accused closed the door
C. The coach and owner of the team have devised a plan for the upcoming matches.
(A) Only A **(B)** Only C
(C) Both A and B **(D)** Both B and C
(E) All are correct
81. In the following question, a sentence is given which is divided into five parts. Part in bold is grammatically correct. Out of the other four parts, one part contains an error. Mark the option containing the part with the error. If none of the parts have error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
 Teenagers under the (A) / influence by the locally (B) / **produced khat narcotic** / plant were said to be responsible (C) / for much of the artillery fire.
(A) D **(B)** B
(C) A **(D)** C
(E) No error
82. In the following question, a sentence is given which is divided into five parts. Part in bold is grammatically correct. Out of the other four parts, one part contains an error. Mark the option containing the part with the error. If none of the parts has error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
 A heart will not be hurt (A)/ **for pursuing a dream because** / when you truly want something, (B)/ the whole universe conspires (C) / to helping you complete it. (D)
(A) A **(B)** D
(C) B **(D)** C
(E) No error
83. In the question below, a sentence is given with four words highlighted in bold. One or more than one of these four words may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. If all the words are correctly spelt and appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark (E) as your answer.
 The ambitious **entrepreneur (A)** poured all of her time, energy, and resources into **launching (B)** her startup, **determined (C)** to turn her vision into a **futile (D)** reality.
(A) Both A and C **(B)** Only A
(C) Only B **(D)** Both A and D
(E) All are correct
84. In the question below, a sentence is given with four words highlighted in bold. One of these four words may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. If all the words are correctly spelt and appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark 'All are correct' as your answer.

The **lieutenant** (A) led the troops into **battle** (B) with **unwavering** (C) courage and **determination** (D).

- (A) A (B) D
(C) C (D) B
(E) All are correct

85. In the question that follows, a word has been given which is used in three different sentences. Choose the sentence(s) in which **the word or other form(s) of the word is correctly used** and mark that as your answer.

ASCENT

I. Toasting their successful **ascent** to the summit, she lifts her flask in the air, and father waves his walking stick.

II. He traces his **ascent** from a Royal Norman family.

III. Though Arthur was initially shocked by his **ascent** to the presidency, he rose to the occasion.

- (A) Both I & III (B) All I, II, and III
(C) Only II (D) Both II & III
(E) Only III

Direction: (86-88): In the question given below, a sentence is given with one blank, followed by five/four 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.

86. Sometimes children are not able to _____ the social and structural features that relate to economic inequality.

- (A) rely (B) owe
(C) grasp (D) behave
(E) feeble

87. As a parent, you can _____ on the fact that counsellors specialising in child psychotherapy understand children's interests and concerns.

- (A) depending (B) count
(C) reliable (D) realisation
(E) inhabit

88. Emotional acceptance is an active process that involves turning towards one's emotions and deeply _____ with those emotions.

- (A) agree (B) condemning
(C) collaborate (D) interfere
(E) engaging

Directions [89-93]: In the question 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.

A. The United Nations sent a team including experts in oil spills and crisis management.

B. When the cargo ship MV Wakashio ran aground on a coral reef on the southeast tip of Mauritius last month, it unleashed a vast oil spill.

C. It is the first reported spill of a new type of low-sulphur fuel that has been introduced to reduce air pollution.

D. They've been working with communities, the private sector and the government to coordinate clean-up efforts.

E. The spill has left a 15-kilometre stretch of the coastline - an internationally recognized biodiversity hotspot - smeared with oil.

F. Mauritius is not geared up to deal with a catastrophe of this size, so other countries have sent experts to help.

89. Which of the following will be the SIXTH sentence after rearrangement?

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

90. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

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

91. Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

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

92. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

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

93. Which of the following will be the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?

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

Directions [94-100]: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A month has passed since the GDP data for the first quarter of India was released, allowing commentators sufficient time to analyse. With another quarter on the verge of completion, it is appropriate to look ahead and glean what the rest of the year holds for the economy. **Looking back**, the economy grew at 7.8 per cent in the first quarter of 2023-24, up from 6.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2022-23, amid a supportive base and robust domestic demand. Regardless of the debates, the country was the fastest-growing major economy in the world in that quarter. While we expect India to retain this tag, there are a few reasons why the pace of growth will moderate over the next few quarters. The first is the base effect. This will outweigh the healthy momentum in economic activity that has been visible in the first two months (July-August) of the second quarter. For instance, the year-on-year growth in the ICRA Business Activity Monitor, a composite index of high-frequency indicators, had risen from an average of 7.2 per cent in the first quarter to 8.1 per cent in July and further to a six-month high of 10.7 per cent in August. Early data in September

also suggests a continuation of these positive trends. It is expected India's GDP growth will print at around 7 per cent in the second quarter, exceeding the Monetary Policy Committee's (MPC) estimate of 6.5 per cent. In the assessment, the anticipated fall from 7.8 per cent in the first quarter is largely on account of the dissipation of the favourable base. However, these robust growth prints are unlikely to be sustained in the second half of the year. ICRA expects the GDP growth to slow down to around 4.5-5 per cent in the second half of the year, well below the MPC's estimates of 5.7-6 per cent.

In addition to a further normalisation of the base, this will be led by a multitude of factors, some of which are **exogenous**. The monsoon has been particularly erratic this year with temporal and spatial deviations manifesting into unevenness in kharif sowing across various crops, with critical lags in items such as pulses. Moreover, a dry August may impact yields and thereby, kharif output and farm incomes, and have consequences for food inflation.

94. According to the passage, how does an irregular monsoon season impact food inflation?
 (A) It can deter the farmers from buying new machinery.
 (B) Monsoon season always results in decreased consumer spending.
 (C) Economists predict that the imports may rise in the upcoming months.
 (D) A lack of rain may affect the kharif produce and farm incomes.
 (E) The inconsistent rainfall might lead to floods in some regions.
95. As per the passage, which among the following statements appropriately describes the reason behind slow GDP growth during the second half of the current year?
 (A) Normalisation of the base and a volatile monsoon season, among other factors.
 (B) A decrease in the purchasing power parity of India.
 (C) Geopolitical tensions with other economies of the world.
 (D) Lack of effective corporate governance.
 (E) Increased competitiveness of foreign goods.
96. As per the passage, what were the factors that led to positive economic growth from the fourth quarter of the year 2022-23 to the first quarter of the year 2023-24?

- (A) Low inflation throughout the quarter.
 (B) Decreasing number of MSMEs in the country.
 (C) A booming domestic demand and a favourable base.
 (D) Trade surplus with neighbouring nations.
 (E) Increasing digital transactions amid growing demand.

97. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Monetary Policy Committee as per the passage?
 I. The MPC has gauged India's GDP growth at 6.5% in the second quarter of the year 2023-24.
 II. Its prediction of the GDP growth during the second half of the current year aligns with the ICRA's prediction.
 III. It has been estimated that the GDP growth might range between 7 - 8.01% during the second half of the current year.
 (A) Only III (B) Both II and III
 (C) Only I (D) Both I and II
 (E) All I, II and III
98. Which of the following statements is/are true in the context of the given passage?
 I. The Indian economy was the fifth fastest-growing economy in the world in the first quarter of the year 2023-2024.
 II. The Indian economy progressed at 7.8% in the first quarter of the year 2023-24.
 III. According to ICRA Business Activity Monitor, the year-on-year growth was measured at 8.1% in the month of July.
 (A) Both II and III (B) Both I and III
 (C) Both I and II (D) Only I
 (E) All I, II and III
99. Select an appropriate antonym of the word '**exogenous**' that is emboldened in the passage?
 (A) Dissipation (B) Endogenous
 (C) Omnipotent (D) Extrinsic
 (E) Indigenous
100. Which of the following options represents the correct meaning of the phrase '**looking back**' that is emboldened in the passage?
 (A) Expecting or waiting for something to happen.
 (B) Thinking of or treating (someone or something) as unimportant.
 (C) Restraining from saying or doing something.
 (D) Carefully keeping watch over something.
 (E) Thinking of or remembering what has happened in the past.

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