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**Directions (1-10): Identify the best way to improve the bold part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no improvement'.**

**Q1.** Supreme Court has asked Environment and Transport Ministries to **come at** a consensus in 6 weeks.

- (a) arrive at
- (b) bring in
- (c) approach to
- (d) No improvement

**Q2.** If only I had known about your arrival, I **may have** come to the airport to receive you.

- (a) would
- (b) have had
- (c) would have
- (d) No improvement

**Q3.** The amount I had asked was given to me in a bundle of **two hundred rupees notes** by the bank manager.

- (a) two hundreds rupee notes
- (b) two hundred rupee note
- (c) two hundred rupee notes
- (d) No improvement

**Q4.** Radhika's summers were spent in a variety of exotic **locals**.

- (a) areas
- (b) locales
- (c) spots
- (d) No improvement

**Q5.** Through the FIR, he sought protection under Whistleblowers Protection Act **beside** investigation against the officer for allegedly threatening him.

- (a) and
- (b) for
- (c) besides
- (d) No improvement

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**Q6.** What would the kids **doing** out in the scorching sun?

- (a) be doing
- (b) be have doing
- (c) had been done
- (d) No improvement

**Q7.** The fact that Rahul **can't be able to** speak is known only to very few people.

- (a) is not able to
- (b) couldn't be able to
- (c) can't be
- (d) No improvement

**Q8.** The professor asked them **to stop code** as soon as he longs the bell.

- (a) to have stopped coding
- (b) to stop coding
- (c) to stop coded
- (d) No improvement

**Q9.** Rohit bats very well, **isn't it?**

- (a) hasn't he
- (b) doesn't he
- (c) haven't it
- (d) No improvement

**Q10.** A question that **admits for** two possible answers is often asked in many competitive exams.

- (a) admits to
- (b) admits of
- (c) admits from
- (d) No improvement

**Directions (11-19):** A sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct Speech.

**Q11.** Vineet asked me, "What time will the sun set tomorrow?"

- (a) Vineet asked me what time does the sun set the next day.
- (b) Vineet asked me what time the sun would set tomorrow.
- (c) Vineet asked me what time the sun would set the next day.
- (d) Vineet asked me what time would the sun set the next day.

**Q12.** "Mahender, where have you been all these days?" asked the HR.

- (a) The HR asked Mahender where he had been all those days.
- (b) The HR asked Mahender where he has been all those days.
- (c) The HR asked Mahender where had he been all these days.
- (d) The HR asked to Mahender where was he all those days.

**Q13.** “Have you finished your tax filing, Tara?” said her brother.

- (a) Tara’s brother asked Tara if you have finished your tax filing.
- (b) Tara’s brother said to Tara if she had finished her tax filing.
- (c) Tara’s brother asked her if she had finished her tax filing.
- (d) Tara’s brother asked Tara if she has finished her tax filing.

**Q14.** Grandpa says, “I go for farm’s inspection every morning.”

- (a) Grandpa says that he goes for farm’s inspection every morning.
- (b) Grandpa said that he used to go for farm’s inspection every morning
- (c) Grandpa said that he goes for farm’s inspection every morning.
- (d) Grandpa says he went for farm’s inspection every morning.

**Q15.** The manager said, “Why didn’t you attend the annual board meeting, Anup?”

- (a) The manager asked Anup why hadn’t he attended the annual board meeting.
- (b) The manager asked to Anup why he hadn’t attended the annual board meeting.
- (c) The manager asked Anup why didn’t he attend the annual board meeting.
- (d) The manager asked Anup why he hadn’t attended the annual board meeting.

**Q16.** I said to him, “Where have you lost the phone I brought for you yesterday?”

- (a) I asked him where he had lost the phone I had brought him yesterday.
- (b) I asked him where he had lost the phone I have brought for him the previous day.
- (c) I asked him where he had lost the phone I had brought for him the previous day.
- (d) I asked him where had he lost the phone I had brought him the previous day.

**Q17.** Lokesh said to me, “Can you give me your library pass?”

- (a) Lokesh asked me can I give him my library pass.
- (b) Lokesh asked me if I can give me your library pass.
- (c) Lokesh asked me if I could give him my library pass.
- (d) Lokesh asked me if I gave him my library pass.

**Q18.** “We order transfer of the case to a competent CBI court in Chandigarh,” Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna said.

- (a) Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna said that they ordered transfer of the case to a competent CBI court in Chandigarh.
- (b) Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna said that they had ordered transfer of the case to a competent CBI court in Chandigarh.
- (c) Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna ordered that they ordered transfer of the case to a competent CBI court in Chandigarh.
- (d) Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna said that they did ordered transfer of the case to a competent CBI court in Chandigarh.

**Q19.** “This is a security requirement based on inputs about possible trafficking of people and movement of extremists,” an official said.

(a) An official said that this is a security requirement based on inputs about trafficking of people and movement of extremists.

(b) An official said that that is a security requirement based on inputs about trafficking of people and movement of extremists.

(c) An official said that is a security requirement based on inputs about trafficking of people and movement of extremists.

(d) An official said that this was a security requirement based on inputs about trafficking of people and movement of extremists.

**Directions (20-24):** In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

**Q20.** His ..... gambling will ruin him.

(a) passion in

(b) passion for

(c) passion with

(d) passion of

**Q21.** The Opposition had alleged large-scale \_\_\_\_\_ and attacks by the BJP during the polling.

(a) rig

(b) rigged

(c) rigging

(d) rigger

**Q22.** The gate \_\_\_\_\_ by the watchman on duty.

(a) opened

(b) was opened

(c) were opened

(d) was opening

**Q23.** I must..... my deficiency in English.

(a) make out

(b) make beyond

(c) make after

(d) make up

**Q24.** The rescue team had to \_\_\_\_\_ the godown through the rear windows.

(a) Break down

(b) break out

(c) break in

(d) break into



**Directions (25-29): Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.**

**Q25.** (P) The Supreme Court on Tuesday took note of the Election Commission of India quickly changing tack on April 15 to pass a flurry.

(Q) The EC orders came shortly after the poll body invited the court's wrath for describing itself as "toothless" in the face of hate.

(R) "Seems you have got your powers now," Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi said, addressing the commission on Tuesday.

(S) Of restraining orders against leading politicians for their communally provocative and divisive speeches.

(a) SQRP

(b) PSQR

(c) RPSQ

(d) PRSQ

**Q26.** (S) In a reconfigured workspace people were forced to sit closer to co-workers with whom they were not naturally inclined to have any interactions.

(R) Reconfiguring their work spaces can push people out of their comfort zones, placing them in a situation.

(P) Where they have to learn from those beyond their regular circle of colleagues, and thereby helping them generate more innovative ideas.

(Q) That's the key finding of a recent study by Carnegie Mellon University. The study showed that.

(a) SQRP

(b) PSQR

(c) RPSQ

(d) RPQS

**Q27.** (P) With Jet Airways suspending international operations till April 22 and drastically curtailing domestic flights,

(Q) Airfares have shot up 28% overall when compared to this time last year as passengers are left to making last-minute changes.

(R) Air France and KLM have both operated additional flights to Mumbai owing to demand on April 14 and 15 respectively to accommodate passengers.

(S) Besides, there are 10 international routes where Jet Airways had monopoly by being the only Indian carrier to operate these sectors.

(a) SQRP

(b) PSQR

(c) RPSQ

(d) PQRS



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**Q28.** (R) Addressing a press conference at the Congress headquarters, former Law Minister Kapil Sibal played a video clip.

(S) The Congress on Tuesday alleged that government officials and BJP leaders were involved in a money laundering scam.

(Q) That exchanged demonetised currency notes past the deadline set by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a commission of 40%.

(P) Of a sting operation in which, he claimed, a government official said BJP's top leadership was involved.

(a) SQRP

(b) PSQR

(c) RPSQ

(d) PQRS

**Q29.** (P) The perspective did not always carry the mark of the sacred, but combined folklore and propaganda in interesting ways.

(Q) While iconography has a sense of tradition, modern society looks at its icons differently.

(R) Icons have always been a part of memory and heritage, carrying the seal of the sacred.

(S) Classical iconography was, in fact, the study of religious icons, an exploration of symbols and their meaning.

(a) QRPS

(b) SRPQ

(c) QPSR

(d) RSQP

**Directions (30-34):** In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

**Q30.** Did they pay the clerks their salary on the first day of the month?

(a) Were the clerks paid their salary on the first day of the month?

(b) Are the clerks paid their salary on the first day of the month?

(c) Was the clerk paid his salary on the first day of the month?

(d) Were the clerks being paid their salary.

**Q31.** Should you have interrupted me while I was speaking?

(a) Should I have been interrupted while I was speaking?

(b) Should I be interrupted while I am speaking?

(c) Should I have been interrupted by them while I was speaking?

(d) Should I not be interrupted while I am speaking?

**Q32.** These things have been left here by an unknown customer.

(a) An unknown customer leaves these things here.

(b) An unknown customer has left these things here.

(c) An unknown customer have left these things here.

(d) An unknown customer has been left these things here.

**Q33.** Where were they playing the cricket match?

- (a) Where was the cricket match played?
- (b) Where has the cricket match been played?
- (c) Where will the cricket match be played?
- (d) Where was the cricket match being played?

**Q34.** The university is consulting civil experts to work out the modalities.

- (a) Civil experts have been consulted by the University to work out the modalities.
- (b) Civil experts are being consulted by the University to work out the modalities.
- (c) Civil experts is being consulted to work out the modalities by the University.
- (d) Civil experts has being consulted to work out the modalities by the University.

**Directions (35-39):** Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

India-Africa engagement is getting stronger with the active involvement of political and business leaders of both sides. This was reflected in deliberations at the annual meeting of the African Development Bank (AfDB) recently. The AfDB's decision to hold its meeting here in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, demonstrated its confidence in recent achievements and future prospects of the Indian economy. It also confirmed Africa's growing interest in connecting more extensively with India Inc. AfDB president Akinwumi Adesina called India "a developing beacon for the rest of the world", adding that the time was right for India and Africa to forge "winning partnerships".

This conference came against the backdrop of the historic third India-Africa Forum Summit in October 2015 when all 54 African nations had sent their representatives, 41 of them at the level of head of state or government. African governments have also been appreciative of Indian leaders' unprecedented readiness to visit Africa. In the past two years, the President, the Vice President and the Prime Minister have visited 16 African countries in the east, west, north and south. "After assuming office in 2014, I have made Africa a top priority for India's foreign and economic policy," Mr. Modi said at the AfDB meet.

What attracted the attention of media, diplomatic and strategic communities was the release by Mr. Modi of a vision document on the "Asia Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC)". This study was jointly produced by three research institutions of India and Japan — Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi; the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta, and the Institute of Developing Economies Japan External Trade Organisation (IDE-JETRO), Japan — in consultation with other Asian and African think tanks. It envisages closer engagement between India and Africa for "sustainable and innovative development", and will be anchored to four pillars: development and cooperation projects; quality infrastructure and institutional connectivity; enhancing capacities and skills; and people-to-people partnership. The AAGC will accord priority to development projects in health and pharmaceuticals, agriculture and agro-processing, disaster management, and skill enhancement. It will have special focus on the following geographies: Africa, India and South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia and Oceania. This study indicates a preference for turning the 21st century into an Asian-African century, and not just an Asian century.

**Q35.** How did Akinwumi Adesina view India as?

- (a) developing region
- (b) developing giant
- (c) developing nation
- (d) developing beacon

**Q36.** Why African government also been appreciative of Indian leaders?

- (a) because Indian leaders welcome them
- (b) because Indian leaders financially assist them
- (c) because of the readiness of the Indian leaders to visit Africa
- (d) None of the above factors

**Q37.** Select the antonym of “**unprecedented**”

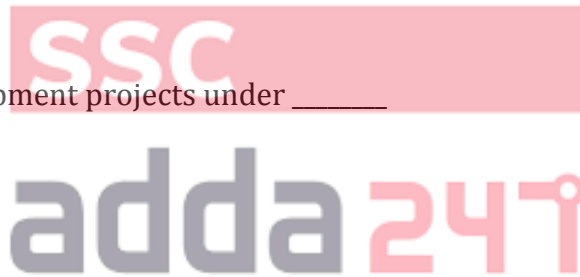
- (a) striking
- (b) normal
- (c) atypical
- (d) novel

**Q38.** India and Africa’s engagement for sustainable and innovative development will focus on

- (i) development and cooperation projects
  - (ii) quality infrastructure, institutional connectivity and enhancing capacities and skills
  - (iii) people to people partnership
  - (iv) all of the above
- (a) only I
  - (b) only II
  - (c) I and III
  - (d) IV

**Q39.** The AAGC will not prioritize the development projects under \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) health and pharmaceuticals
  - (ii) agriculture and agro-processing
  - (iii) disaster management
  - (iv) information technology
- (a) only I
  - (b) II and III
  - (c) III and IV
  - (d) only IV



**Directions (40-44):** Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to fill the space provided out of the four alternatives.

The Turkish press has over the past few weeks made public the (1)\_\_\_\_\_ details of the murder. It is clear that the Turkish political elite is (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the embarrassment this case has caused the Saudi regime. Ankara has (3)\_\_\_\_\_ an uneasy relationship with Riyadh for several years. But the rise of Saudi Arabia’s reckless Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman, who has (4)\_\_\_\_\_ flaunted Saudi power, has increased Turkey’s anxiety that the Saudis intend to dominate the Arab world to the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ not only of Iran but of Turkey as well.

**Q40.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.1.

- (a) murderous
- (b) goriest
- (c) charming
- (d) imbrued



**Q41.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.2.

- (a) relishing
- (b) entertaining
- (c) preferring
- (d) liking

**Q42.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.3.

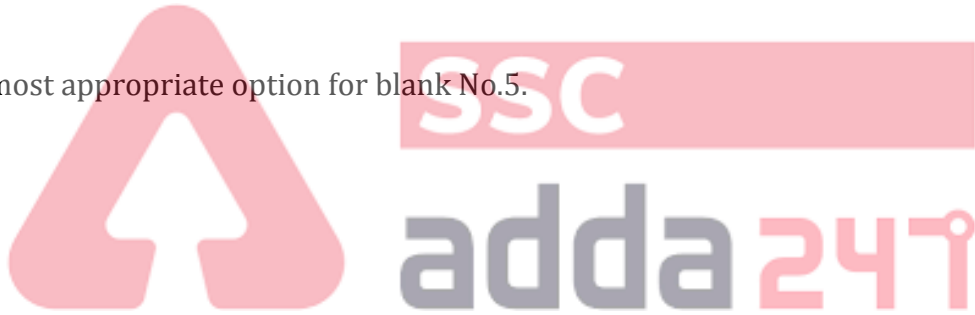
- (a) has
- (b) have
- (c) had
- (d) none of these

**Q43.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.4.

- (a) publically
- (b) wiling
- (c) brazenly
- (d) forthrightly

**Q44.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.5.

- (a) boycott
- (b) inclusion
- (c) acceptance
- (d) exclusion



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

- (a) caterwaol
- (b) vocabulery
- (c) questionnaire
- (d) indoctrinate

**Q46.** Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) multitudinus
- (b) multitodinous
- (c) multitudinous
- (d) multitudenous

**Q47.** Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) quintesimal
- (b) quintissintial
- (c) quintessential
- (d) quintessintial

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**Directions (48-51): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.**

**Q48.** The scientific study of the punishment of criminals and of prison management

- (a) Criminology
- (b) Penology
- (c) Numerology
- (d) Phenomenology

**Q49.** A place that is extremely beautiful and where everything seems perfect

- (a) Shangria
- (b) Utopia
- (c) Rendezvous
- (d) Shawnee

**Q50.** Person who knows or can speak many languages

- (a) Sinister
- (b) Juvenile
- (c) Polyglot
- (d) Sprout

**Q51.** A speech made by a speaker for the first time in a particular gathering

- (a) Composer
- (b) Uno speak
- (c) Primary speak
- (d) Maiden speech



**Directions (52-56): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow by selecting the most appropriate option.**

Africa was once filled with an abundance of wild animals. But that is changing fast. One of these animals, the black rhinoceros, lives on the plains of Africa. It has very poor eyesight and a very bad temper. Even though the black rhino is powerful, and can be dangerous, its strength can't always help it to escape hunters. Some people think that the rhino's horn has magical powers, and many hunters kill rhinos for their valuable horns. This has caused the black rhino to be placed on the endangered species list. The elephant seems to represent all that is strong and wild in Africa. It once had no natural enemies, but is now endangered - killed for its ivory tusks. Wherever people are careless about the land, there are endangered species.

Grizzly bears like to wander great distances. Each bear needs upto 1,500 square miles of territory to call its homeland. Today, because forests have been cleared to make room for people, the grizzly's habitat is shrinking and the grizzly is disappearing. It joins other endangered North American animals, such as the red wolf and the American crocodile.

In South America, destruction of the rain forests threatens many animals. Unusual mammals, such as the howler monkey and the three-toed sloth, are endangered. Beautiful birds like the great green macaw and the golden parakeet are also becoming extinct. They're losing their homes in the rain forest, and thousands die when they are caught and shipped off to be sold as exotic pets.

The giant panda of Asia is a fascinating and unique animal. Yet there are only about 1,000 still living in the wild. The giant panda's diet consists mainly of the bamboo plant, so when the bamboo forests die, so does the panda. China is now making an effort to protect these special creatures from becoming extinct. Unfortunately, it is people who cause many of the problems that animals face. We alter and pollute their habitats. We hunt them for skins, tusks, furs, and horns. We destroy animals that get in the way of farming or building. And we remove them from their natural habitats and take them home as pets.

**Q52.** A suitable title for the passage is

- (a) Endangered Species of The World
- (b) The Price of Progress
- (c) Man Vs. Animals
- (d) Wild Life's Biggest Enemy - Man

**Q53.** The first paragraph has words like abundance, magical, dangerous, valuable therefore a teacher could aim to teach

- (a) adjectives
- (b) nouns
- (c) conversion of nouns into adjectives
- (d) spellings

**Q54.** Which of these can be used as an example of a complex sentence?

- (a) Africa was once filled within abundance of wild animals
- (b) Some people think that a rhino's horns have magical powers
- (c) Beautiful birds like the great green macaw and the golden parakeet are also becoming extinct.
- (d) And we remove them from their natural habitats and take them home as pets.

**Q55.** From the questions given here identify a global comprehension question based on the above passage.

- (a) How does the rhino escape from hunters, in spite of the fact that it has very poor eyesight?
- (b) Why is the grizzly's habitat shrinking?
- (c) Why have certain species of animals become endangered?
- (d) Which country is working towards protecting pandas?

**Q56.** Which of these questions is not a valid question?

- (a) Write a short note on the wild life of Africa and Asia.
- (b) For what are the rhinos hunted?
- (c) In South America the wild animals are not threatened because
- (d) What has been the biggest cause for certain animals becoming endangered?

**Q57. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

By tweeting a series of anti-national posts, he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) dug his own grave
- (b) caved in
- (c) went broke
- (d) weal and woe

**Q58. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**

The bank CEO explained that the moratorium was imposed on repayment for all borrowers.

- (a) The moratorium was imposed on repayment for all borrowers was explained by the bank CEO.
- (b) The bank CEO imposed the moratorium on repayment for all borrowers.
- (c) It was explained by the bank CEO that they imposed the moratorium on repayment for all borrowers.
- (d) The imposed moratorium on repayment for all borrowers was explained by the bank CEO.

**Q59. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**

Borrowers opting for the moratorium would have to incur a cost.

- (a) A cost would have been incurred by the borrowers opting for the moratorium.
- (b) A cost would have being incurred by the borrowers opting for the moratorium.
- (c) A cost would have to be incurred by the borrowers opting for the moratorium.
- (d) The moratorium would have been incurring a cost by the borrowers opting for it.

**Q60. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.**

“The financial package announced by the Centre to tackle the COVID-19 crisis is inadequate”, says Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan.

- (a) Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan says that the financial package which had been announced by the Centre to tackle the COVID-19 crisis was inadequate.
- (b) Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan says that the financial package announced by the Centre to tackle the COVID-19 crisis is inadequate.
- (c) Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan says that the financial package that had been announced by the Centre to tackle the COVID-19 crisis was inadequate.
- (d) Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan said that the financial package announced by the Centre to tackle the COVID-19 crisis was inadequate.

**Directions (61-65): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.**

The option of a moratorium on loan repayments announced by the Reserve Bank of India last month has mostly (1)\_\_\_\_\_ availed (2)\_\_\_\_\_ by micro, small and medium enterprises while salaried class borrowers have, till now, largely refrained (3)\_\_\_\_\_ it, bankers have said.

Last month, the RBI announced that banks and other financial institutions (4)\_\_\_\_\_ give an option to borrowers of term loans for (5)\_\_\_\_\_ payment of installments falling due between March 1 and May 31, 2020.

The move was aimed at addressing the liquidity crunch faced by businesses and individuals due to the economic lockdown imposed to help contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Q61. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 1**

- (a) being
- (b) be
- (c) none of these
- (d) been

**Q62. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 2**

- (a) on
- (b) of
- (c) in
- (d) no word required

**Q63. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 3**

- (a) to
- (b) from
- (c) by
- (d) with

**Q64. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 4**

- (a) will have
- (b) will
- (c) would
- (d) shall

**Q65. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5**

- (a) deferring
- (b) defying
- (c) denying
- (d) deriving



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**Q66. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.**

“The ceremony has just started”, he said to me.

- (a) He told me that the ceremony was just started.
- (b) He told me that the ceremony has been just started.
- (c) He told me that the ceremony had just started.
- (d) He said to me that the ceremony just started.

**Q67. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**

The extension of the lockdown has left hundreds of migrant workers from Odisha stranded in Mumbai.

- (a) Hundreds of migrant workers from Odisha has been stranded in Mumbai by the extension of the lockdown.
- (b) Hundreds of migrant workers from Mumbai have been left stranded in Odisha by the extension of the lockdown.
- (c) Hundreds of migrant workers from Odisha had been left stranded in Mumbai by the extension of the lockdown.
- (d) Hundreds of migrant workers from Odisha have been left stranded in Mumbai by the extension of the lockdown.

**Q68. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.**

This morning I said, "I will talk to you tomorrow."

- (a) This morning I said that I would talk to you tomorrow.
- (b) This morning I said that I would talk to you the next day.
- (c) That morning I said that I would talk to you tomorrow.
- (d) This morning I said that I will talk to you the next day.

**Q69. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. China faces a drawn-out struggle to revive an economy that suffered its biggest contraction.

Q. After factories, offices and shopping malls were closed to contain the outbreak, official data showed on Friday.

R. The world's second-largest economy shrank by 6.8% from a year earlier in the quarter ending in March.

S. Since possibly the mid-1960s after millions of people were told to stay home to fight the virus.

- (a) PQRS
- (b) SQRP
- (c) RSQP
- (d) PSRQ

**Q70. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

China, where the COVID-19 pandemic began in December, is the first major economy to start to recovered after the ruling Communist Party declared the virus under control.

- (a) China, where the COVID-19 pandemic began
- (b) is the first major economy to start
- (c) to recovered after the ruling Communist
- (d) Party declared the virus under control

**Q71. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. Pandemic unfolds, World Bank President David Malpass told reporters on a tele-briefing on Friday.

Q. Labour shortages are impacting logistics and loss of jobs.

R. Disruptions in domestic food supply chains are a pressing issue as the COVID-19.

S. And income has impacted people's ability to afford food, he said.

- (a) RPQS
- (b) QPSR
- (c) QSRP
- (d) SPQR

**Directions (72-76): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

A tsunami is a series of ocean waves that sends surges of water, sometimes reaching heights of over 100 feet (30.5 meters), onto land. These walls of water can cause widespread destruction when they crash ashore.

These awe-inspiring waves are typically caused by large, undersea earthquakes at tectonic plate boundaries. When the ocean floor at a plate boundary rises or falls suddenly, it displaces the water above it and launches the rolling waves that will become a tsunami.

Most tsunamis—about 80 percent—happen within the Pacific Ocean’s “Ring of Fire,” a geologically active area where tectonic shifts make volcanoes and earthquakes common.

Tsunamis may also be caused by underwater landslides or volcanic eruptions. They may even be launched, as they frequently were in Earth’s ancient past, by the impact of a large meteorite plunging into an ocean.

Tsunamis race across the sea at up to 500 miles (805 kilometers) an hour—about as fast as a jet airplane. At that pace, they can cross the entire expanse of the Pacific Ocean in less than a day. And their long wavelengths mean they lose very little energy along the way.

In deep ocean, tsunami waves may appear only a foot or so high. But as they approach shoreline and enter shallower water they slow down and begin to grow in energy and height. The tops of the waves move faster than their bottoms do, which causes them to rise precipitously.

A tsunami’s trough, the low point beneath the wave’s crest, often reaches shore first. When it does, it produces a vacuum effect that sucks coastal water seaward and exposes harbor and sea floors. This retreating of sea water is an important warning sign of a tsunami, because the wave’s crest and its enormous volume of water typically hit shore five minutes or so later. Recognizing this phenomenon can save lives.

A tsunami is usually composed of a series of waves, called a wave train, so its destructive force may be compounded as successive waves reach shore. People experiencing a tsunami should remember that the danger may not have passed with the first wave and should await official word that it is safe to return to vulnerable locations.

Some tsunamis do not appear on shore as massive breaking waves but instead resemble a quickly surging tide that **inundates** coastal areas.

The best defense against any tsunami is early warning that allows people to seek higher ground. The Pacific Tsunami Warning System, a coalition of 26 nations headquartered in Hawaii, maintains a web of seismic equipment and water level gauges to identify tsunamis at sea. Similar systems are proposed to protect coastal areas worldwide.

**Q72.** Which among the following could cause a tsunami?

- I. Undersea earthquakes
  - II. Underwater volcanic eruptions
  - III. Underwater landslides
  - IV. Large meteorite plunging into an ocean
- (a) Only I  
(b) Only I & II  
(c) Only I, II & III  
(d) All of these

**Q73.** What is a “Ring of Fire”?

- (a) a geologically active area in the Indian Ocean where tectonic shifts make volcanoes and earthquakes common
- (b) a ring made by melting gold at a very high temperature
- (c) a geologically active area in the Pacific Ocean where the tsunami is formed
- (d) an area in the Amazon forest which is on fire

**Q74.** Which among the following statements is not correct?

- (a) Tsunamis' race across the sea could be as fast as a jet airplane
- (b) The height of a tsunami cannot be over 100 feet when it reaches the land
- (c) A tsunami can cause widespread destruction when it crashes ashore
- (d) A tsunami can cross the entire expanse of the Pacific Ocean in less than a day

**Q75.** What could be an early warning sign of a tsunami?

- (a) high tides
- (b) retreating of sea water
- (c) an earthquake near the coastal areas
- (d) change of colour of sea water

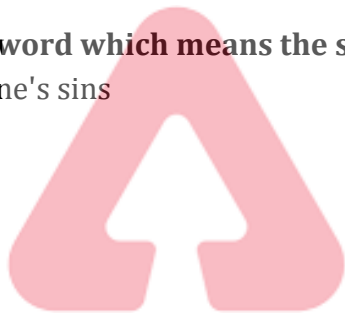
**Q76.** Select the most appropriate synonym of "Inundate"

- (a) Swamp
- (b) Empty
- (c) Diminish
- (d) Miniature

**Q77.** Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Atonement for one's sins

- (a) Elite
- (b) Ignoramus
- (c) Incendiary
- (d) Repentance



**Q78.** Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

The evils within us must be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) nipped in the bud
- (b) nabbed under the bus
- (c) nipped under the bridge
- (d) nabbed in the back

**Q79.** Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P. They travelled around 1,000 km in the Bay of Bengal, but ended up in the hands of waiting officials.

Q. In a fishing boat from Chennai to dodge the continuing lockdown and reach their homes.

R. On receiving information about this group, the administrations of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh were keeping track of its movement.

S. Twenty-seven migrant workers — 10 from Odisha and 17 from Andhra Pradesh — made a daring five-day sea journey.

- (a) RPQS
- (b) SQPR
- (c) RQPS
- (d) PQSR



**Q80. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**

Has someone taken the attendance?

- (a) Had the attendance been taken by someone?
- (b) Has the attendance been taken by someone?
- (c) Have the attendance being taken by someone?
- (d) The attendance had been taken by someone.

**Q81. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.**

My grandfather said, "Long may you live."

- (a) My grandfather promised that I might live long.
- (b) My grandfather prayed that my life may be long.
- (c) My grandfather prayed that my life might be long.
- (d) My grandfather wished that I should live long.

**Q82. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

The Delhi government will give 2,000 food coupons each to every MLA and MP in the city for distribution of ration to those who does not have any ID card, said Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

- (a) The Delhi government will give 2,000 food coupons
- (b) each to every MLA and MP in the city for
- (c) distribution of ration to those who does not
- (d) No error

**Q83. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**

Did the thunder frighten Raj?

- (a) Was Raj frightened by the thunder?
- (b) Was Raj frighten by the thunder?
- (c) Was Raj frightening by the thunder?
- (d) Was Raj being frighten by the thunder?

**Q84. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.**

"Please, take me to my room", said the girl.

- (a) The girl wanted to take them to her room.
- (b) The girl hoped that they took them to her room.
- (c) The girl requested them to take her to her room.
- (d) The girl prayed them to take her to the room.

**Q85. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

An associate professor of the Department of Medicine in AMU's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital has been suspended on negligence and misconduct.

- (a) An associate professor of the Department of Medicine
- (b) in AMU's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital
- (c) has been suspended on negligence and misconduct
- (d) No error

**Q86. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**

Not a single penny was given by him during such a difficult time.

- (a) He gave not a single penny during such a difficult time.
- (b) He had not given a single penny during such a difficult time.
- (c) During such a difficult time he not gave a single penny.
- (d) He did not give a single penny during such a difficult time.

**Q87. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. According to the data projections initially put together by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Mumbai's health infrastructure during this peak.

Q. Would have a staggering shortage of 13,636 ventilators and 4,83,000 isolation beds.

R. Will touch an estimated 42,604 by April 30 and spiral to 6,56,407 by May 15.

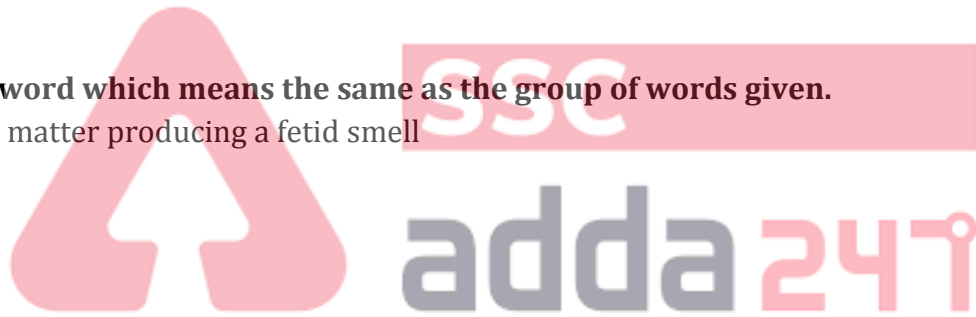
S. A five-member Central team has projected that the number of COVID-19 cases in Mumbai.

- (a) QRSP
- (b) SRPQ
- (c) SQPR
- (d) PQSR

**Q88. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

Decay of organic matter producing a fetid smell

- (a) Putrefy
- (b) Crisp
- (c) Neoteric
- (d) Virgin



**Q89. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Earlier, the tax laws in this country used to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) lost in the clouds
- (b) live-wire
- (c) mealy mouthed
- (d) mare's nest

**Q90. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. The team remained at the BSF headquarters in the city and was unable to move out till late in the afternoon.

Q. Of the members on Tuesday to take stock of the COVID-19 situation.

R. Almost 30 hours after an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) landed.

S. In Kolkata, the West Bengal government facilitated the visit.

- (a) RQSP
- (b) RSQP
- (c) PQSR
- (d) PRQS

**Directions (91-95): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

The Centre's last-minute reversal of its decision to allow e-commerce companies to resume deliveries of 'non-essential items', as part of an easing of the lockdown curbs, is welcome given that India is still not out of the woods in its pandemic fight. On Sunday, the Home Ministry directed States to ensure that the movement of vehicles used by e-commerce operators for transporting non-essentials be 'excluded' from the list of additional activities that would be allowed from April 20 to mitigate public hardship. While the Ministry gave no reason for its U-turn, it would appear wiser counsel prevailed after some Opposition parties and the retail trade had raised the issue of a lack of level-playing field for brick and mortar retailers. Also, though it is true that the online purchase of a product and its doorstep delivery by an e-commerce firm minimises human interaction to a negligible level unlike a purchase in a store, the fact that the lockdown is aimed at restricting movement to the barest minimum in order to break the chain of transmission necessitates limiting exemptions. And with non-essential items ranging from apparel to books to electronics and home appliances constituting the bulk of the listings on e-commerce sites, every additional product category would involve that many more people getting activated along the supply chain — from a producer or supplier to the transport operators and additional delivery persons.

To be sure, given the immense economic costs associated with the shutdown especially to individual livelihoods, it would seem a reasonable argument that as many sectors and jobs that can be allowed to reopen with stringent safeguards mandated ought to be permitted to do so in a phased manner. Clearly, that was the underlying rationale behind the Centre's April 15 missive. Among the sectors that can resume are agricultural and horticultural activities, banking, cargo transportation, construction, and manufacturing of specified goods including packaging material. Interestingly, while self-employed tradesmen such as electricians, plumbers and carpenters have been allowed to resume work, they would be unable to ply their trades if their customers are unable to furnish the relevant material at the work site because the shops and e-commerce firms selling these 'non-essential' goods are yet to resume operations. Lost here though is the very definition of what ought to be deemed essential. Is a packet of 'essential' cheese slices more vital than a 'non-essential' laptop for a person working from home or attending online classes? Also, as the lockdown extends to over a month, what might have been non-essential initially might turn essential later. Still, protecting lives must ultimately be prioritised over allowing commercial activity even when the line between 'essential' and 'non-essential' purchases remains a blur.

**Q91.** What decision was recently taken by the government regarding the deliveries of 'non-essential items'?

- (a) to allow e-commerce companies to resume deliveries of 'non-essential items'
- (b) to ban all the e-commerce companies providing 'non-essential items'
- (c) deliveries of 'non-essential items' to remain prohibited
- (d) instructing e-commerce companies to halt the deliveries of 'essential items'.

**Q92.** What does the phrase 'brick and mortar' mean in the given passage?

- (a) Building material consisting of bricks laid with mortar between them
- (b) a business operating conventionally
- (c) a business operating over the Internet
- (d) a failed business

**Q93.** What could be the possible reason(s) for the government to make a U-turn on its earlier decision?  
I. Pressure from Opposition parties  
II. Issue raised by retail traders  
III. As the number of product category increases, the number of people involved in supply chain increases which in turn could cause an easy transmission of the deadly virus  
(a) Only I  
(b) Only I and II  
(c) Only II and III  
(d) All of these

**Q94.** Which among the following could be an appropriate title for the given passage?  
(a) A hit on economy  
(b) Non-essentials can wait  
(c) E-commerce: providing essentials and non-essentials  
(d) Government making a U-turn

**Q95.** Select the appropriate antonym of 'Stringent'  
(a) Lenient  
(b) Extreme  
(c) Exacting  
(d) Rigid

**Q96.** Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.

My parents couldn't take me to the hospital and the doctor operated on me at home.

- (a) I couldn't be taken to the hospital and was operated on at home by the doctor.  
(b) I was not taken to the hospital and was operated on at home by the doctor.  
(c) I couldn't be taken to the hospital and had been operated on at home by the doctor.  
(d) I couldn't be taken to the hospital and was operated at home by the doctor.

**Q97.** Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.

A negative price implies that a seller would have to pay the buyer to hold the oil to be supplied.

- (a) A negative price implies that  
(b) a seller would have to pay the buyer  
(c) to hold the oil to be supplied  
(d) No error

**Q98.** Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.

The captain said to the army, "Fire".

- (a) The captain asked the army to fire.  
(b) The captain ordered the army to fire.  
(c) The captain advised the army to fire.  
(d) The captain told the army that they fire.



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**Q99. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Driving in a hilly terrain is \_\_\_\_\_ as long as the brakes are busted.

- (a) off hand
- (b) next to nothing
- (c) out of the question
- (d) part and parcel

**Q100. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

A funeral poem

- (a) Elegy
- (b) Pandemonium
- (c) Parody
- (d) Sonnet

**Q101. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

The District Collector is accused of \_\_\_\_\_ when the city was burning in the riot.

- (a) sitting in a stand
- (b) sitting on the fence
- (c) sitting on the shore
- (d) sitting on the chair

**Q102. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

Even as we are in the midst of the second phase of the national lockdown, there is no clarity on the time it will take to come out of the crisis, the extend of damage it will inflict, and the cost of relief and rehabilitation required.

- (a) Even as we are in the midst of the second phase of the national lockdown
- (b) there is no clarity on the time it will take to come out of the crisis
- (c) the extend of damage it will inflict
- (d) and the cost of relief and rehabilitation required

**Q103. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

Fear of Fire

- (a) Arsonphobia
- (b) Astraphobia
- (c) Astrophobia
- (d) Arrhenphobia

**Q104. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

A Turkey-Russia agreement of 2018 establish a demilitarised zone (DMZ) with terrorists, including the HTS, leaving this zone, while so-called moderate rebels had to withdraw heavy weaponry.

- (a) A Turkey-Russia agreement of 2018 establish
- (b) a demilitarised zone (DMZ) with terrorists, including the HTS
- (c) leaving this zone, while so-called moderate rebels
- (d) had to withdraw heavy weaponry

**Q105. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

The Europeans have neither the will nor the means to effect developments, and the United Nations is continuing the thus-far futile enterprise of persuading the Syrian multi-party talks in Geneva to arrive at a new constitution to be followed by free elections.

- (a) The Europeans have neither the will nor the means
- (b) to effect developments, and the United Nations is continuing
- (c) futile enterprise of persuading the Syrian multi-party talks
- (d) to arrive at a new constitution to be followed by free elections

**Q106. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**

I was constantly being asked for my bike.

- (a) He constantly asked me for my bike.
- (b) He constantly had been asking me for my bike.
- (c) I was constantly asking for my bike.
- (d) He was constantly asking me for my bike.

**Q107. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.**

The Student Union said, "Don't attend any lecture tomorrow".

- (a) The Student Union requested not to attend any lecture the next day.
- (b) The Student Union bade to attend any lecture tomorrow.
- (c) The Student Union ordered not to attend any lecture the next day.
- (d) The Student Union told not to attend any lecture tomorrow.

**Q108. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**

Who asked you to close the shop?

- (a) By whom were you asked to close the shop?
- (b) By whom you had been asked to close the shop?
- (c) By whom you were asked to close the shop?
- (d) By whom you asked to close the shop?

**Q109. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.**

She said, "Would you open the jar please"?

- (a) She asked me to open the jar.
- (b) She requested me to open the jar.
- (c) She asked me to open the jar please.
- (d) She requested me to please open the jar.

**Q110. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

The acute shortage of protective gear, testing kits, ventilators and hospital beds have been a major handicap and the immediate task of States is to ramp up their availability and supply.

- (a) The acute shortage of protective gear, testing kits, ventilators
- (b) hospital beds have been a major handicap and the immediate task
- (c) of States is to ramp up their availability and supply
- (d) No error

**Q111. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

While the requirement of States for immediate expenditures is large, they are severely crippled in their resources.

- (a) While the requirement of States
- (b) for immediate expenditures is large
- (c) they are severely crippled in their resources
- (d) No error

**Q112. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.**

The Principal said to the Sports captain, "I hope you will bring the trophy this year".

- (a) The Principal told the Sports captain that she hoped that he would bring the trophy this year.
- (b) The Principal prayed that the Sports captain would bring the trophy that year.
- (c) The Principal hoped that the Sports captain would bring the trophy that year.
- (d) The Principal wanted that the Sports captain brought the trophy that year.

**Q113. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**

The government has not approved the new testing kit for sale.

- (a) The new testing kit has **not** been approved for sale by the government.
- (b) The new testing kit was **not** approved for sale by the government.
- (c) The approval for the sale of new testing kit has not been done by the government.
- (d) The approval for the sale of new testing kit was not done by the government.

**Q114. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

Aside protecting lives and livelihoods, States will have to initiate and facilitate economic revival, and that too would require substantial additional spending.

- (a) Aside protecting lives and livelihoods
- (b) States will have to initiate and facilitate
- (c) economic revival, and that too would
- (d) require substantial additional spending

**Directions (115-120): In the following questions, a sentence / a part of sentence is made bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is required, choose "No Improvement".**

**Q115.** You as well as your brother **was present** in the party yesterday.

- (a) was presented
- (b) were present
- (c) were presented
- (d) No improvement

**Q116.** The fact that he **can't be able to** sing is known only to very few people.

- (a) is not able to
- (b) couldn't be able to
- (c) can't able to
- (d) No improvement

**Q117.** The Principal has siphoned **off** more than ten lakh rupees over the last decade from management funds.

- (a) up
- (b) on
- (c) away
- (d) No improvement

**Q118.** This marriage is the best thing **which could happen** to either of us.

- (a) which can happen
- (b) that could happened
- (c) that could happen
- (d) No improvement

**Q119.** Due to an approaching western disturbance, one or two spells of light rain/drizzle **accompanied with** thunderstorm are likely between the night of January 1 and January 3.

- (a) accompanied in
- (b) accompanied for
- (c) accompany to
- (d) No improvement

**Q120.** The storage of e-cigarettes shall now be **punished with** imprisonment of up to six months or a fine of up to Rs.50,000 or both.

- (a) punishable of
- (b) punished to
- (c) punishable with
- (d) No improvement



**Q121.** Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Killing of one's own child

- (a) Foeticide
- (b) Filicide
- (c) Infanticide
- (d) Lupicide

**Q122.** Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P. The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the promulgation of an ordinance to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, making acts of violence against medical staff.

Q. The punishment for such attacks will be three months to five years and the fine ₹50,000 to ₹2 lakh.

R. A cognisable and non-bailable offence and to provide compensation for injury to healthcare personnel or for damage or loss to property.

S. The ordinance proposes that in cases of attacks on healthcare workers, the investigation will be completed within 30 days and the final decision arrived at within one year.

- (a) SRQP
- (b) PRSQ
- (c) SQPR
- (d) RPQS



**Q123. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

Giving undue favours to one's own kith and kin

- (a) Ableism
- (b) Iconoclast
- (c) Maiden
- (d) Nepotism

**Q124. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. To buy a 9.99% stake in the Mukesh Ambani-led Jio Platforms Limited.

Q. Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook Inc. on Wednesday announced that it had agreed.

R. At an enterprise value of ₹4.62 lakh crore.

S. For ₹43,574 crore, valuing the subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL).

- (a) PRQS
- (b) SPRQ
- (c) QPSR
- (d) RSPQ

**Q125. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

An old unmarried woman

- (a) Masochist
- (b) Septuagenarian
- (c) Sniper
- (d) Spinster

**Q126. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. Modifying the rates of tax on diesel and petrol.

Q. The State's Finance (Taxation) Department issued a notification.

R. Despite global crude oil prices hitting rock bottom.

S. A litre of fuel went up by almost ₹6 in Assam from Wednesday.

- (a) SRQP
- (b) RQSP
- (c) SQRP
- (d) PRQS

**Q127. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

Q. The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a ₹15,000-crore investment package for the COVID-19.

S. Emergency response and health system preparedness, the government said in a statement.

R. Post facto approval was given to the package at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister.

P. Narendra Modi, said Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar at a press conference.

- (a) SRQP
- (b) QSRP
- (c) RSPQ
- (d) QPRS

**Q128. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given**

One who does not care for literature or art

- (a) Dictator
- (b) Hypocrite
- (c) Philistine
- (d) Primitive

**Q129. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. The steps announced by the Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India.

Q. Stays alive to the other side of the lockdown, so that limited resources.

R. Could be saved for the rebuilding phase.

S. So far were only meant to “cushion the blow” so that the economy.

- (a) SRQP
- (b) SPRQ
- (c) PRQS
- (d) PSQR

**Q130. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

R. A day after The Hindu reported on a Central report projecting a spike.

P. Of 6.5 lakh cases in Mumbai by May 15, Mr. Thackeray ordered.

S. Converting the tertiary care GT Hospital and multi-speciality St. George Hospital.

Q. Into COVID-19 facilities on the lines of Nair Hospital.

- (a) PQSR
- (b) SRPQ
- (c) RPSQ
- (d) SQPR

**Q131. Select the antonym of MUDDLE**

- (a) Refuse
- (b) Order
- (c) Refute
- (d) Spoil

**Q132. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. To 83 on Wednesday as Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik administered.

Q. Four new COVID-19 cases were detected in Odisha, taking the State’s total number.

R. With a commitment to protect villages from the virus.

S. An oath for sarpanchs to discharge their duties.

- (a) QRSP
- (b) SRPQ
- (c) SPRQ
- (d) QPSR

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**Q133.** Select the antonym of **EVASIVE**

- (a) Frank
- (b) Abusive
- (c) Opaque
- (d) Slippery

**Q134.** Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P. Exactly a month after Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. shut down production and office operations.

Q. To resume operations in a single shift with restricted number of staff and vehicles.

R. The company's spokesperson, however, said the decision to resume production had not been taken yet.

S. Across Haryana on March 22, its Manesar plant has been given permission.

- (a) RPQS
- (b) PSQR
- (c) SQPR
- (d) RSQP

**Q135.** Select the antonym of **Imbecile**

- (a) Fool
- (b) Sane
- (c) Senile
- (d) Unsound

**Q136.** Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P. Bihar's more than 45,000 litchi farmers in a bind as they stare.

Q. At imminent losses amounting to almost ₹1,000 crore this year.

R. The prolonged lockdown to contain the COVID-19 pandemic has put.

S. Bihar, especially Muzaffarpur district, accounts for almost 40% of the total litchi production in the country.

- (a) PQRS
- (b) RQPS
- (c) RPQS
- (d) QPRS

**Q137.** Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P. Arrivals of wheat, mustard and other major rabi crops.

Q. At markets during the first two weeks of April were more.

R. Than 90% lower than during the corresponding period.

S. Last year, according to an analysis by research and ratings agency CRISIL.

- (a) PQRS
- (b) PRQS
- (c) QPSR
- (d) QRSP

**Directions (138-142): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

The catastrophic monsoon floods in Kerala and parts of Karnataka have revived the debate on whether political expediency trumped science. Seven years ago, the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel issued recommendations for the preservation of the fragile western peninsular region. Madhav Gadgil, who chaired the Union Environment Ministry's WGEEP, has said the recent havoc in Kerala is a consequence of short-sighted policymaking, and warned that Goa may also be in the line of nature's fury. The State governments that are mainly responsible for the Western Ghats — Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Goa and Maharashtra — must go back to the drawing table with the reports of both the Gadgil Committee and the Kasturirangan Committee, which was set up to examine the WGEEP report. The task before them is to initiate correctives to environmental policy decisions. This is not going to be easy, given the need to balance human development pressures with stronger protection of the Western Ghats ecology. The issue of allowing extractive industries such as quarrying and mining to operate is arguably the most contentious. A way out could be to create the regulatory framework that was proposed by the Gadgil panel, in the form of an apex Western Ghats Ecology Authority and the State-level units, under the Environment (Protection) Act, and to adopt the zoning system that it proposed. This can keep incompatible activities out of the Ecologically Sensitive Zones (ESZs).

At issue in the Western Ghats — spread over 1,29,037 sq km according to the WGEEP estimate and 1,64,280 sq km as per the Kasturirangan panel — is the calculation of what constitutes the sensitive core and what activities can be carried out there. The entire system is globally acknowledged as a biodiversity hotspot. But population estimates for the sensitive zones vary greatly, based on interpretations of the ESZs. In Kerala, for instance, one expert assessment says 39 lakh households are in the ESZs outlined by the WGEEP, but the figure drops sharply to four lakh households for a smaller area of zones identified by the Kasturirangan panel. The goal has to be sustainable development for the Ghats as a whole. The role of big hydroelectric dams, built during an era of rising power demand and deficits, must now be considered afresh and proposals for new ones dropped. Other low-impact forms of green energy led by solar power are available. A **moratorium** on quarrying and mining in the identified sensitive zones, in Kerala and also other States, is necessary to assess their environmental impact. Kerala's Finance Minister, Thomas Isaac, has acknowledged the need to review decisions affecting the environment, in the wake of the floods. Public consultation on the expert reports that includes people's representatives will find greater **resonance** now, and help chart a sustainable path ahead.

**Q138. Which among the following has been attributed by the experts as a reason of the recent floods in Kerala and Karnataka?**

- (a) The states do not have proper system in place of drainage and that is why the rain water always overflows in these two states.
- (b) The states have no idea how to manage any kind of natural calamity and that is why they cannot tackle any situation however small it may be.
- (c) The states should be entrusted with the responsibility of protection of environment in the areas within their jurisdiction.
- (d) The political decision making strategy has always taken the upper hand as compared to the real interests of the environment.

**Q139. According to the passage, the states affected by the floods should do which among the following to prevent such incidents in the future?**

- (a) The states should devote more funds towards the reduction of natural calamities in the states.
- (b) The states should put in place proper warning mechanism so that the government can get to know the possibility of any natural calamity beforehand.
- (c) The states should plan properly so that they can implement the recommendations of the expert panels regarding the preservation of the Western Ghats Area.
- (d) The states should not do anything at present and should only focus on the idea of going all out in disaster management operations.

**Q140. Which among the following is the main issue pointed out in the passage in the implementation of the expert panel reports in various states?**

- (a) There is no issue pertaining to the Western Ghat area but the main problem is that the governments do not have enough funds.
- (b) The reservoirs in the vicinity of the area will spell the doom for the area since they will exhaust the groundwater available in the area.
- (c) The area will be flooded since the policy makers are not bothered about the environment until it affects their vote base.
- (d) The balance between development and preservation should be there in order to develop the area properly.

**Q141. Which among the following should be the objective of all concerned regarding the development of the Western Ghats Area?**

- (a) The development plan should be well supported by money and also manpower by all the states.
- (b) The development plan must be drawn up correctly at the first place since it will help gain an upper hand in the whole process.
- (c) The states should take the development of the Western Ghats region seriously so that the area is actually preserved.
- (d) The Western Ghats Area should be preserved properly so that there is sustainable development of the area.

**Q142. Which among the following should be the course of action of the government in order to ensure that the Western Ghats Area is preserved properly?**

- I. There should be utilization of various clean sources of energy such as the solar power in the area
- II. There should not be any restriction in mining activities as well as quarrying activities in the area
- III. There should not be new construction of hydroelectric dams in the area from now onwards

- (a) Both I and II
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and III
- (d) Only I

**Directions (143-147): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

India's ambitious second lunar mission, Chandrayaan-2, suffered a temporary setback in the early hours of Monday, with the launch of the rocket being aborted 56 minutes before the scheduled lift-off.

The mission was aimed at putting a rover on the moon's South Pole, where no country has gone before.

The countdown was stopped at 'T Minus 56 minutes' after Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientists found a glitch in the launch vehicle system. ISRO had completed filling of liquid hydrogen in the cryogenic stage of the GSLV MK-III-M1, which is capable of carrying satellites of up to four tonnes, at 1.34 a.m. But 22 minutes later, the countdown clock stopped ticking at 56.24 minutes to launch.

"The launch is called off due to a snag. It is not possible to make the launch within the window. The launch schedule will be announced later," a mission control official said on the public address system at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre.

**Q143.** Why did scientists abort the mission?

- (a) they thought the weather was not good for the purpose.
- (b) there was a technical glitch in the server.
- (c) launch pad was not ready.
- (d) they found a glitch in the launch vehicle system.

**Q144.** What was the aim of the mission?

- (a) Putting a rover on the moon's North Pole.
- (b) Sending a man on the moon.
- (c) Putting a rover on the moon's South Pole.
- (d) Putting a rover on the moon's North and South Pole.

**Q145.** When was the countdown stopped at?

- (a) T Minus 56 minutes
- (b) T Minus 57 minutes
- (c) T Minus 58 minutes
- (d) T Minus 59 minutes

**Q146.** How many tonnes of satellites can be carried by the launch vehicle which was to be used?

- (a) 1.34
- (b) 4
- (c) 56.24
- (d) 22

**Q147.** Select the antonym of 'ambitious'

- (a) Aspiring
- (b) Modest
- (c) Eager
- (d) Assertive

**Directions (148-156):** In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

**Q148.** He said, "I will go to Mumbai someday next month."

- (a) He said that he would go to Mumbai someday the following month.
- (b) He says that he would go to Mumbai someday the following month.
- (c) He said that he will go to Mumbai someday the following month.
- (d) He says that he will go to Mumbai someday the following month.

**Q149.** The manager said, "I will not waste any further time and start the work today itself."

- (a) The manager said that he would not waste any further time and start the work today itself.
- (b) The manager said that he will not waste any further time and start the work that day itself.
- (c) The manager said that he will not waste any further time and start the work today itself.
- (d) The manager said that he would not waste any further time and start the work that day itself.

**Q150.** My neighbors said, "We will not be driving this car anymore as it has become unreliable."

- (a) My neighbors said that they would not be driving that car anymore as it had become unreliable.
- (b) My neighbors said that they would not be driving that car anymore as it has become unreliable.
- (c) My neighbors said that they will not be driving that car anymore as it had become unreliable.
- (d) My neighbors said that they will not be driving that car anymore as it has become unreliable.

**Q151.** My sister said to my mother, "When can I have dinner? I hardly have had anything to eat since noon today."

- (a) My sister asked my mother when she could have her dinner and said that she hardly has had anything to eat since noon that day.
- (b) My sister asked my mother when she can have her dinner and said that she hardly had had anything to eat since noon that day.
- (c) My sister asked my mother when she can have her dinner and said that she hardly has had anything to eat since noon that day.
- (d) My sister asked my mother when she could have her dinner and said that she hardly had had anything to eat since noon that day.

**Q152.** He said, "I started the job today."

- (a) He said that he has started the job today.
- (b) He said that he had started the job that day.
- (c) He said that he had had started the job that day.
- (d) He said that he has had started the job that day.

**Q153.** He said, "I had gone to my native place last month."

- (a) He said that he had gone to his native place the month before.
- (b) He said that he had gone to his native place last month.
- (c) He said that he has gone to his native place the month before.
- (d) He said that he has gone to his native place last month.

- Q154.** They said to me, "We will help your team if you sign on this document."  
(a) They said to me that they would help my team if I signed on that document.  
(b) They said to me that they will help my team if I signed on this document.  
(c) They said to me that they would be helping my team if I signed on that document.  
(d) They said to me that they will help my team if I sign on this document.

- Q155.** He said, "This man will be waiting for you here at the lobby."  
(a) He said this that man would be waiting for me there at the lobby.  
(b) He said that that man would be waiting for me there at the lobby.  
(c) He said that that man would be waiting for me here at the lobby.  
(d) He said this that man would be waiting for me here at the lobby.

- Q156.** She said, "I will have my report finished by tomorrow."  
(a) She said that she would have her report finished by tomorrow.  
(b) She said that she will have her report finished by the next day.  
(c) She said that she will have her report finished by tomorrow.  
(d) She said that she would have her report finished by the next day.

**Directions (157-161):** In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.

- Q157.** Does he race cars?  
(a) Is racing of the cars done by him?  
(b) Are cars raced by him?  
(c) Does he the racing of cars?  
(d) Are race cars done by him?

- Q158.** They play board games at the clubhouse.  
(a) Board games are played by them at the clubhouse.  
(b) Is playing of the games done by them at the clubhouse.  
(c) Clubhouse is the place where they play board games.  
(d) Board games were played by them at the clubhouse.

- Q159.** She does not sing classical songs.  
(a) Singing of classical songs is not done by her.  
(b) Classical songs are not sung by her.  
(c) She never does singing of classical songs.  
(d) Classical songs were not sang by her.

- Q160.** Do you speak Marathi?  
(a) Is speaking of Marathi done by you?  
(b) Do you yourself speak Marathi?  
(c) Is Marathi spoken by you?  
(d) Are Marathi ever spoken by yourself?



- Q161.** She is reading a novel.  
(a) She has had read a novel.  
(b) She reads a novel.  
(c) Reading of a novel is being done by herself.  
(d) A novel is being read by her.

**Directions (162-166):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

Earlier, replying to the discussion\_\_1\_\_the resolution, Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy said the Council had \_\_\_2\_\_\_its 'public utility' and spending even a single rupee on it from the treasury would be\_\_\_3\_\_\_of public money. The CM said the Assembly was under no obligation to accommodate the amendments to Bills proposed by the Council and that he said that the ruling party could wait to \_\_\_4\_\_\_a majority in the Council once the term of the present one expired but he made \_\_\_5\_\_\_his mind to get it scrapped in public interest.

- Q162.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.1.  
(a) to  
(b) for  
(c) of  
(d) on

- Q163.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.2.  
(a) created  
(b) found  
(c) lost  
(d) made

- Q164.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.3.  
(a) gain  
(b) waste  
(c) embezzlement  
(d) upsurge

- Q165.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.4.  
(a) secure  
(b) measure  
(c) slide  
(d) lose

- Q166.** Select the most appropriate option for blank No.5.  
(a) under  
(b) up  
(c) for  
(d) within



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**Directions (167-172): Identify the best way to improve the bold part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no improvement'.**

**Q167.** When we bought the house, we could tell that **it was a large, new, compact, tinted house.**

- (a) it was a new, large and compact house
- (b) it was as new, large and as tinted
- (c) it was a new, large, compact and tinted house
- (d) No improvement

**Q168.** If they **were knowing** about the crabs, they would not have decided to picnic there.

- (a) had known
- (b) knew
- (c) did know
- (d) No improvement

**Q169.** **A shrewd man could only see through the trick.**

- (a) Only a shrewd man could see the trick through.
- (b) Only a shrewd man could see through the trick.
- (c) Through the trick a shrewd man could only see.
- (d) No improvement

**Q170.** If Indian people are united, this nation **can become source of** strength for the entire world.

- (a) could become a resource of
- (b) can become resourceful for
- (c) would be a source in
- (d) No improvement

**Q171.** How religious intolerance can blight social peace and harmony can be gauged from events **take place around** the globe.

- (a) taken place over
- (b) taking place around
- (c) took place around
- (d) No correction required

**Q172.** **Supposing if he fails** again, will he be able to hold his head high?

- (a) Suppose he fails
- (b) Suppose if he falls
- (c) Supposing he will fail
- (d) No improvement

**Directions (173-182): In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.**

**Q173.** The analysis was based on historical knowledge and extrapolation over fragmentary scraps of information.

- (a) The analysis was based on historical knowledge
- (b) and extrapolation over fragmentary
- (c) scraps of information.
- (d) No Error

**Q174.** Mahavira was an advocate of non-violence and vegetarianism, who revived and recognized the Jain doctrine and established rules for their monastic order.

- (a) Mahavira was an advocate of non-violence
- (b) who revived and recognized the Jain doctrine
- (c) established rules for their monastic order.
- (d) No Error

**Q175.** The modern office block sticks out like a sore thumb among the old buildings in the area.

- (a) The modern office block sticks out
- (b) like a sore thumb among
- (c) the old buildings in the area.
- (d) No Error

**Q176.** Britain has a dozen warships in the area, with a total of five thousand military personnels altogether.

- (a) Britain has a dozen warships
- (b) No Error
- (c) with a total of five thousand
- (d) military personnels altogether.

**Q177.** The plans have been under discussion for a year now but no decision has reached.

- (a) The plans have been under discussion
- (b) no decision has reached.
- (c) for a year now but
- (d) No Error

**Q178.** Inflation is considered to be undesirable because of its averse effects on income distribution.

- (a) Inflation is considered to be undesirable
- (b) income distribution.
- (c) because of its averse effects on
- (d) No Error

**Q179.** The followers of Hindu crafted a gigantic temple in which they could go inside and worshipped in the presence of God.

- (a) The followers of Hindu crafted a gigantic temple
- (b) in which they could go inside
- (c) and worshipped in the presence of God.
- (d) No Error

**Q180.** The passer-by told us where was the marriage hall and even led us to it.

- (a) where was the marriage hall and
- (b) The passer-by told us
- (c) even led us to it.
- (d) No Error

**Q181.** Because there have been threats made against the prince, a team of bodyguards accompany with him wherever he goes.

- (a) Because there have been threats made
- (b) against the prince, a team of bodyguards
- (c) No Error
- (d) accompany with him wherever he goes.

**Q182.** The power to distinguish between differences is the basis of science and art.

- (a) The power to distinguish between
- (b) No Error
- (c) of science and art.
- (d) differences is the basis

**Directions (183-187):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

Utter chaos (1)..... in the normally bustling tourist-pilgrim town of Puri (2)..... essential commodities, including candles, torches, biscuits and water bottles, vanished from the shelves. Desperate residents demanded restoration of electricity, but normalcy is (3) ..... for at least a week. A shortage of diesel required for running generators is adding to the crisis. The situation was (4)..... different in the capital Bhubaneswar, where water supplies (5)..... out in the absence of electricity. Hundreds of angry residents surrounded the offices of the water supply board and staged protests at the residences of MLAs and MPs

**Q183. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.1.**

- (a) forfeit
- (b) follow
- (c) surrounded
- (d) Prevailed

**Q184. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.2.**

- (a) since
- (b) due to
- (c) as
- (d) owing to

**Q185. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.3.**

- (a) believable
- (b) probably
- (c) unsure
- (d) unlikely

**Q186. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.4.**

- (a) neither
- (b) no
- (c) a
- (d) little

**Q187. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.5.**

- (a) petered
- (b) lack
- (c) enlarge
- (d) poured

**Directions (188-192): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.**

African elephants are listed as (1)\_\_\_\_\_ by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) while the Asian elephant is classed as endangered. One of the biggest threats to elephant populations is the ivory trade, as the animals are (2)\_\_\_\_\_ for their ivory tusks. Other threats to wild elephants include habitat destruction and (3)\_\_\_\_\_ with local people. Elephants are used as working animals in Asia. In the past, they were used in war; today, they are often controversially put on display in zoos, or (4)\_\_\_\_\_ for entertainment in circuses. Elephants are highly recognizable and (5)\_\_\_\_\_ in art, folklore, religion, literature, and popular culture.

**Q188. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.1.**

- (a) venal
- (b) rigorous
- (c) vulnerable
- (d) blemish

**Q189. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.2.**

- (a) received
- (b) vengeance
- (c) prisoned
- (d) poached

**Q190. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.3.**

- (a) amicability
- (b) conflicts
- (c) disbursement
- (d) brevity

**Q191. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.4.**

- (a) molycoddled
- (b) adulated
- (c) exploited
- (d) exhorted

**Q192. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.5.**

- (a) were featured
- (b) have to be featured
- (c) being featured
- (d) have been featured

**Q193. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**

**Cavort**

- (a) climb
- (b) crawl
- (c) jump
- (d) drag

**Q194. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**

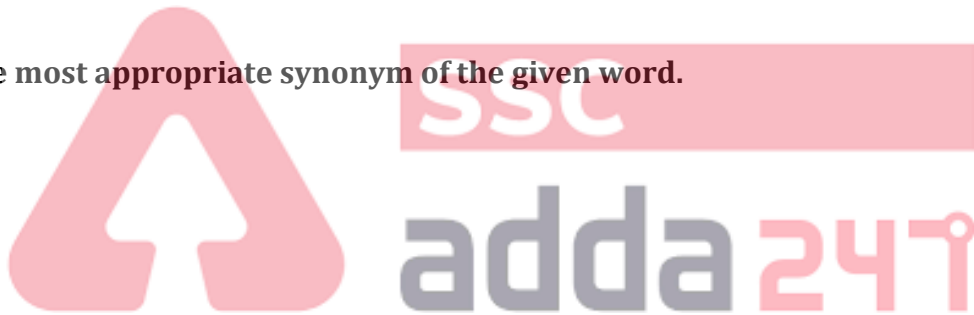
**Remiss**

- (a) Laughable
- (b) Lackadaisical
- (c) Absurd
- (d) Shameful

**Q195. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**

**Labile**

- (a) Equilibrium
- (b) Variable
- (c) Stable
- (d) Scarce



**Directions (196-200): Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

**Q196.** Your story is pretty \_\_\_\_\_, but I am beginning to believe it.

- (a) hush money
- (b) hard to swallow
- (c) hornet's nest
- (d) hole and corner

**Q197.** Now that my daughter is 18, she's \_\_\_\_\_ to take the driver's test.

- (a) a sore point
- (b) on the blink
- (c) pie in the sky
- (d) champing at the bit

**Q198.** Sources say, a national policy in this thrust sector is \_\_\_\_\_ by the present government.

- (a) a gala day
- (b) chewing the cud
- (c) on the anvil
- (d) kicking the bucket

**Q199.** Negotiations between management and the striking employees reached \_\_\_\_\_ when the labor union rejected the company's latest deal.

- (a) a pretty pass
- (b) a storm in a tea cup
- (c) off the cuff
- (d) bid fair

**Q200.** Annie did not retaliate and \_\_\_\_\_ when her friend called her by bad names.

- (a) called her shot
- (b) pocketed an insult
- (c) got the sack
- (d) called it a day



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