

Question No. 1

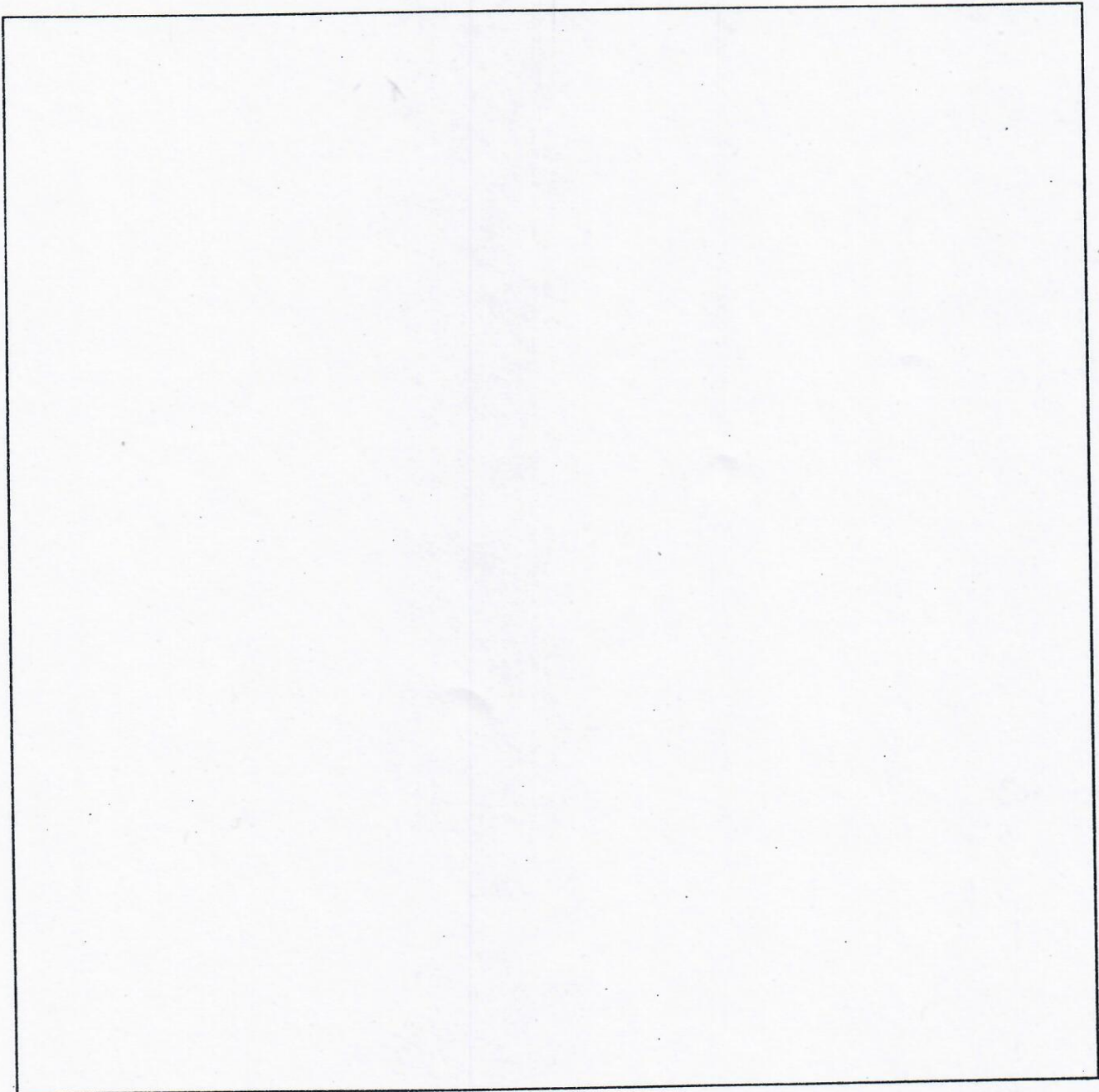
(Marks: 30)

Draw a poster in the box given below on any *ONE* of the following themes:

- Where there is a will there is a way.
- Better late than never.
- Every cloud has a silver lining.

Write the theme chosen in the space below:

Theme Chosen: _____

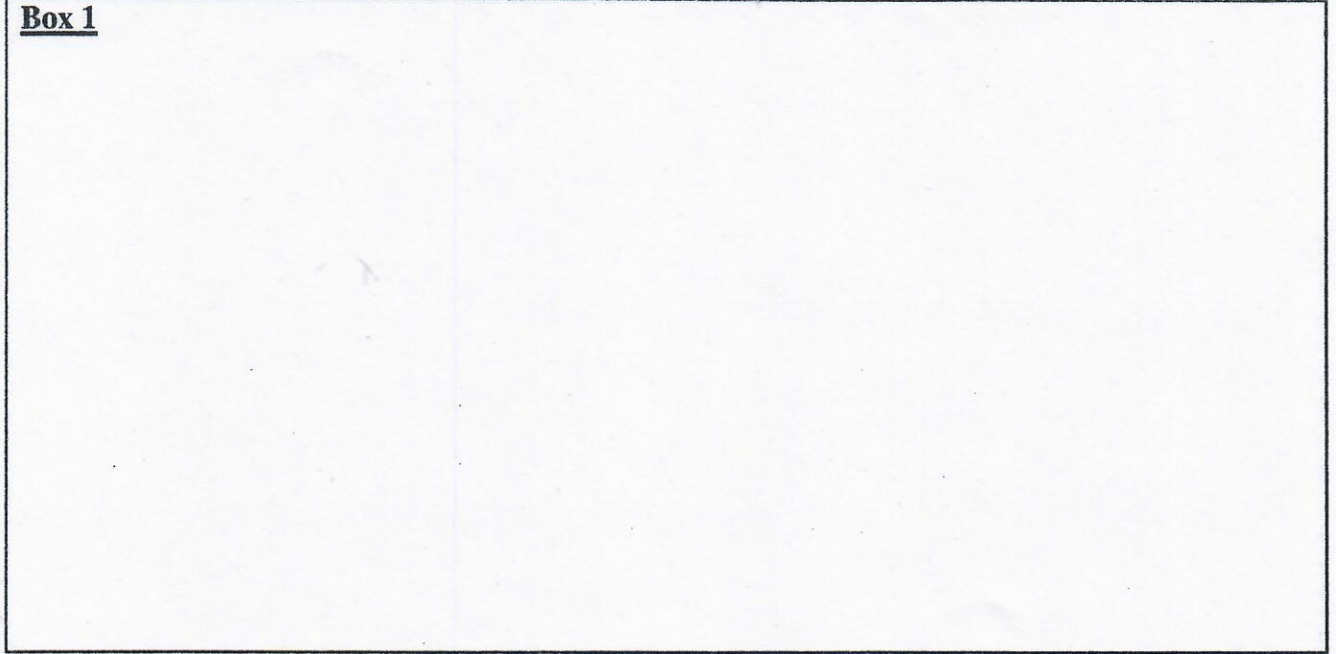


Question No. 2

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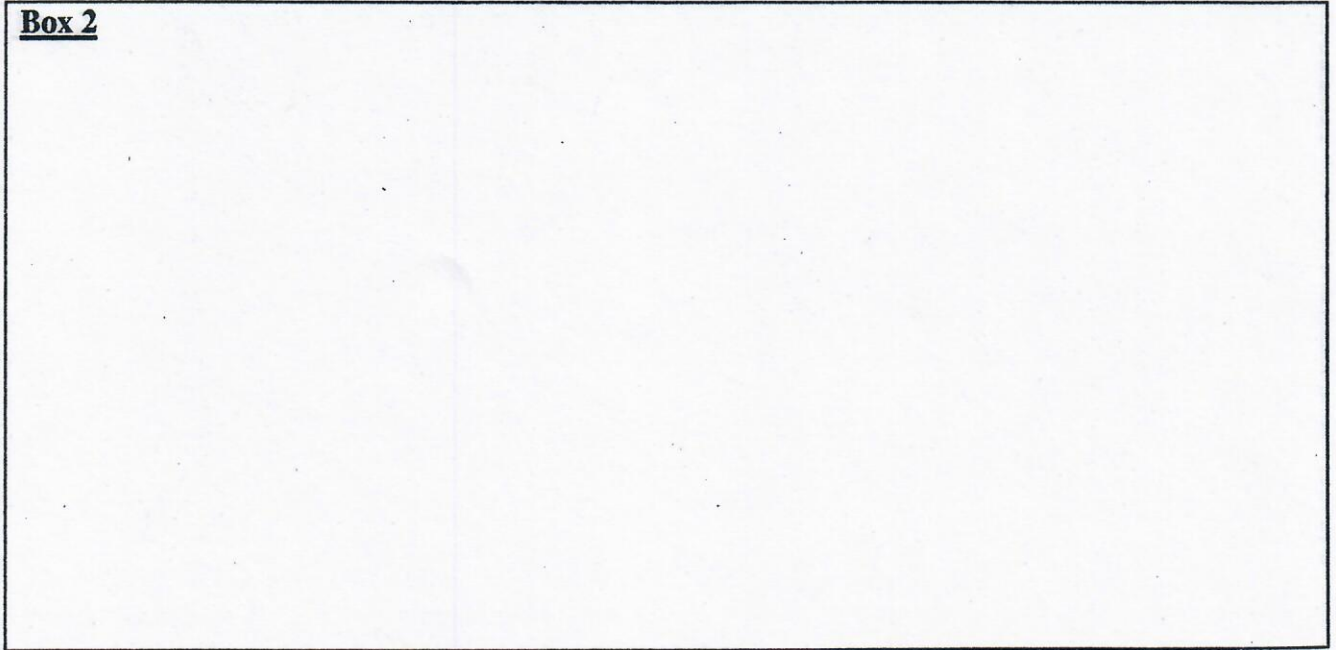
Draw any English or Hindi alphabet in Box 1. In Boxes 2 to 4, add or remove lines of the chosen alphabet to change it into a product or a picture.
Write an appropriate caption below each box.

Box 1



Caption: _____

Box 2



Caption: _____

Box 3

Caption: _____

Box 4

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Question No. 3

(Marks: 30)

Create a poster containing a Mascot for any *ONE* of the following campaigns:

- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- Make in India
- Food Security

Write the option chosen in the space below. Narrate the concept briefly in the opposite page.

(The design carries 25 marks out of 30)

Campaign Chosen: _____



Add a tagline here: _____

A large rectangular area containing 20 horizontal dotted lines, intended for writing or drawing.

Directions (Questions 1-5): Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

1. Don't take hasty decisions.
(1) tardy (2) quick (3) prompt (4) dull-witted
2. The Police prevents crime.
(1) obstructs (2) restricts (3) interrupts (4) stops
3. She is a very sensible person.
(1) rational (2) cunning (3) educated (4) sensitive
4. I am on the horns of dilemma these days.
(1) confusion (2) clear
(3) difficult situation (4) favourable situation
5. The ministers found out that they do not have ample time to go there.
(1) some (2) enough (3) much (4) abundant

Directions (Questions 6-10): Choose the word which is closest to the opposite in meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

6. Honesty attracts me the most.
(1) affects (2) withstand (3) repels (4) entice
7. The principal rejected the application.
(1) allowed (2) reviewed (3) accepted (4) refused
8. The Ganga is a pious river.
(1) impure (2) terrible (3) common (4) pure
9. The road was wide.
(1) short (2) narrow (3) broad (4) lengthy
10. Bravery is a good quality.
(1) Audacity (2) Fearful (3) Heroism (4) Cowardice

Directions (Questions 11-15): Choose the option which best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom/phrase in the sentence.

11. Peter was put in cold storage in the party.
(1) punished (2) ignored (3) jail (4) attended
12. I have to do this work by hook or by crook.
(1) any how (2) urgently (3) quickly (4) repeatedly
13. Ravish showed crocodile tears at the death of his employee.
(1) sadness (2) fake mourning (3) grief (4) sympathy
14. Life is not a bed of roses.
(1) comfort (2) difficulty (3) perfect (4) relaxed
15. The President did away with the unpopular act.
(1) retain (2) abolish (3) distribute (4) consider

Directions (Questions 16-20): In each of these questions, choose the one word which can be substituted for the given sentence/words.

16. A book or work of art whose creator is not known.
(1) Unknown (2) Unanimous (3) Unidentified (4) Anonymous
17. A man of bad reputation.
(1) Notorious (2) Famous (3) Well known (4) Inconspicuous
18. One who looks at the bright side of things.
(1) Idiosyncratic (2) Optimist (3) Eccentric (4) Freak
19. One who knows many languages.
(1) Bi-lingual (2) Decoder (3) Linguist (4) Cryptologist
20. Happening at the same time.
(1) Simultaneous (2) Co-happening (3) Coexistent (4) Identical

Directions (Questions 21-25): Fill in the blanks.

21. The accused _____ to the judge for mercy.
(1) ask (2) applied (3) ordained (4) appealed
22. His logic _____ everyone including the experts.
(1) surprised (2) teased (3) mocked (4) confounded

23. You must _____ your career with all seriousness.
 (1) flee (2) pursue (3) perplex (4) serve
24. I request you to _____ your crime.
 (1) reject (2) condemn (3) confess (4) declare
25. The reward is a _____ of her service to mankind.
 (1) moments (2) memorial (3) recognition (4) witness

Directions (Questions 26-30): Choose the option that is the plural form of the given word.

26. Spy
 (1) Spy (2) Spies (3) Spys (4) Spyies
27. Lesson
 (1) Lesson (2) Lessons (3) Lessions (4) Lessonis
28. Remorse
 (1) Remorse (2) Remorsees (3) Remorses (4) Remorsefulness
29. Hero
 (1) Heros (2) Heroes (3) Herois (4) Heroys
30. Series
 (1) Series (2) Serieys (3) Seriys (4) Seriis

Directions (Questions 31-35): In each of these questions, a word has been spelt in four different ways, one of which is correct. Choose the correctly spelt word.

31. (1) sedate (2) sedote (3) scedate (4) seedate
32. (1) terrer (2) teror (3) terror (4) teeror
33. (1) favourite (2) favouret (3) favorete (4) favouriet
34. (1) jovial (2) joveal (3) joviell (4) joivel
35. (1) accomodate (2) accomodate (3) accommodate (4) accomodat

Directions (Questions 36-65): Study the passages below and answer the questions that follow each passage.

Passage-I

Arrogance backed by ignorance and false pride can lead to avoidable complications and unpleasant situations in life. Unfortunately the collective Indian psychology is not to readily accept our shortcomings but rather to counter-attack when these are mentioned. We, therefore, easily take offence at any criticism whether it is from our own people or from outsiders, regardless of whether it is constructive or otherwise. There is no doubt that we have inherited a unique culture and many things about our country are outstanding. But how long shall we continue to delude ourselves and do nothing to change and improve? This excessively defensive attitude is counterproductive and equivalent to self deception. Sixty seven years as a free and democratic country should be enough time to develop a mature response to criticism.

36. According to the paragraph, when it comes to criticism, most Indians are
(1) thick skinned. (2) thin skinned.
(3) not much bothered about it. (4) ignorant about it.
37. As per the paragraph, Indian culture is
(1) not worth remembering and cherishing. (2) nothing to be proud of.
(3) peculiar and excellent. (4) None of these
38. Our attitude to reject all kinds of criticism is
(1) needed for the country in the long run. (2) not at all desirable.
(3) a positive induration for the nation. (4) something we should feel great about.
39. Which of the following statements is 'not true'?
(1) Indians are needed to be much more tolerant.
(2) We have had enough time to develop an attitude to absorb criticism.
(3) We generally do not criticize those who are critical of us.
(4) All these

Passage-II

Nobody has done a great favour by bringing to the fore, the issue of inequality. It is indeed sad that the leaders who are talking of inclusive growth are yet to bring out an accurate estimate of inequality by putting together information on income distribution. But what is of greater concern is that instead of improving people's ability to earn more income, governments at the Centre and states give more priority to stop-gap solutions like reservation and subsidies. The best way to reduce inequalities is not by raising taxes which hurt investments but by improving people's access to quality health and education. However, political parties ignore this and focus on divisive issues that favour particular segments or pitch one section of people against another. It is high time political parties focused more on raising people's income rather than doling out subsidies that make people dependent on the bureaucracy and political class.

40. We notice that our politicians and bureaucrats often bring out such policies which make
- (1) people extremely satisfied and happy.
 - (2) people more prosperous.
 - (3) people more dependent on them.
 - (4) barely any changes in the lives of the people.
41. According to the paragraph, to remove inequalities in the society, the government should
- (1) increase reservations.
 - (2) decrease subsidies.
 - (3) increase subsidies considerably.
 - (4) not take any actions presently.
42. Increasing of taxes will
- (1) encourage investment.
 - (2) discourage investment.
 - (3) make hardly any impact on economy.
 - (4) make no difference on investment.
43. Which of the following statements is not true?
- (1) Politicians do not make requisite effort to reveal correct data on inequalities.
 - (2) Government usually takes ad-hoc measures to remove inequalities.
 - (3) We must initiate actions so that people can earn more money.
 - (4) Improving quality of education will not make much of a difference to reduce inequalities.

Passage-III

Newspapers sell because of news and editorial coverage but it gets more revenue from advertisements. News costs money, while advertisements fetch money. The economics of modern newspapers is such that it cannot run by just selling news; it has to depend on advertisements. The economics of newspaper publishing requires both subscribers who can afford to buy newspapers and businessmen who can afford to advertise in it. The growth of the press depends on both. Therefore, in newspaper management neither aspect can be neglected. Co-ordination among the various departments — editorial, circulation, advertising and production — is very essential for effective and better management. The head of various departments must be part of the management of a newspaper. They must be aware of the management. They cannot afford to remain cut off from the mainstream of management function. In addition, each department should keep the other department managers informed of those of its activities that will be useful to them. This is a vital aspect of newspaper management.

44. As per the paragraph, the growth of a newspaper depends upon
- (1) advertisers.
 - (2) large scale subscribers.
 - (3) the editorial and comprehensive news coverage.
 - (4) subscribers and advertisers.

45. In the paragraph, the word 'vital' as used in the context means
 (1) healthy. (2) lively. (3) primary. (4) important.
46. Which of the following aspects have been emphasized in the paragraph?
 (1) How to sell newspapers?
 (2) Tremendous growth of the press.
 (3) The economics of newspaper publishing.
 (4) None of these
47. Which of the following statements is 'not true'?
 (1) Getting advertisements is the most important activity in newspaper publishing.
 (2) All managers must be familiar with activities of other departments also.
 (3) Editorials and news coverage help in selling newspapers.
 (4) All these

Passage-IV

How deep racial prejudice runs in India is evident from the attacks on our own citizens from northeast. Politicians merely empathizing with northerners will not serve any purpose. We must embark upon a nationwide programme aimed at changing mindsets of our people. Our children have been brought up on a staple diet of cultural superiority. From childhood they have been brainwashed into believing that their culture, language, religion, physical attributes, colour, food, literature are superior to those of others. This faulty upbringing is the root cause of all our prejudices and intolerance. It is high time that central and state governments realized that continued attacks on our own people from northeast will weaken our nation.

48. As per the paragraph, we are living in a/an
 (1) egalitarian society. (2) prejudiced society.
 (3) evolved society. (4) None of these
49. Our cultural background makes us feel that we are
 (1) inferior to others. (2) as good as other people around us.
 (3) superior to others. (4) quite different and have our own identity.
50. Steps taken by our politicians to remove cultural gaps amongst people are
 (1) more than needed. (2) just about adequate.
 (3) quite insufficient. (4) really not required.
51. Which of the following statements is not true?
 (1) Some people are biased against people from north east.
 (2) Our politicians just do lip-service.
 (3) We must remove inferiority complex.
 (4) All these

Passage-V

It is true that India needs a strong helping hand to transform itself into a globally competitive manufacturing economy. But Japanese assistance can be of help only if we are able to set our own house in order. Our poor governance capabilities have been a big burden on our companies. The absence of basic infrastructure like quality roads, water supply and power increases the cost of production. The inability to push through tax reforms like the goods and services tax only adds to our problems. How can we reasonably expect the Japanese to aid us to scale up our manufacturing sector in such a scenario? So it is essential that we take firm steps to reform our governance structure and improve capabilities before we seek assistance from others. That would boost our credentials as well as enthruse the Japanese into ratcheting up trade and investment between the two countries.

52. According to the paragraph, to seek more help from Japan, we
- (1) should ask Japan to invest more money in India.
 - (2) must improve our relations with Japan.
 - (3) need to help ourselves to improve things.
 - (4) should not unnecessarily go after Japan.
53. Our basic problem pertains to
- (1) lack of resources.
 - (2) not having adequate money in the market.
 - (3) shortage of skilled manpower.
 - (4) poor governance issues.
54. To get increased assistance from Japan, which of the following is considered a major problem?
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| (1) Issues relating to taxation. | (2) Lack of required infrastructure. |
| (3) Apathy on the part of government. | (4) All these |
55. Which of the following statements is *not true*?
- (1) We need to continue with our present policies regarding taxation.
 - (2) It is not possible to seek more help from other countries.
 - (3) We cannot reduce cost of production to provide a boost to manufacturing sector.
 - (4) All these

Passage-VI

There is no doubt that manufacturing is an important vehicle for growth and employment. But we often tend to ignore a historic reason why India did not become a manufacturing giant despite the advantage of low labour costs. This is due to the babu culture inculcated by the British in our society. Bureaucrats drew up a maze of regulations to stifle entrepreneurship and innovations. They became

role models for our youth who yearn for their cushy jobs which involve minimal risks. The overwhelming preference of the youth for disciplines such as commerce, accountancy and management — which enable them to secure better paid desk jobs in air conditioned comfort — is an indicator of such thinking. Unless we change this babu mentality, it would be difficult to become a manufacturing power.

56. As per the paragraph, which of the following factors is primarily responsible for eroding enterprise in our country?
- (1) Financial constraints (2) Bureaucratic delays
(3) Bad climatic conditions (4) None of these
57. Indian youth prefers a job which
- (1) is comfortable. (2) involves least amount of risk.
(3) is well paid. (4) All these
58. Presently in India, labour costs to manufacture goods are
- (1) fairly high. (2) really exorbitant. (3) quite low. (4) almost negligible.
59. Which of the following statements is not true?
- (1) Indian youth generally prefers managerial jobs.
(2) Babu culture in India is a legacy of the British.
(3) Manufacturing sector is not so important for the growth of our economy.
(4) All these

Passage-VII

Engineers, scientists and academics do not prefer a political career as they have a sober and serious approach. So their low numbers in our Lok Sabha are not surprising. The sizeable number of lawyers in our Parliament is natural because they are not only proficient in arguing and debating but know well how to haggle and fix deals. Unfortunately no one seems to admit that politics is itself a whole time profession. Some professions are meant only to be professed while filling up forms for public purposes like housewife or homemaker. 'Househusbands' are non-existent in our male chauvinistic society. Our democratic system would have been healthier if Househusband could also be allowed as a career option.

60. According to the paragraph, politics
- (1) needs to be taken as a full time job. (2) does not consume much time to pursue.
(3) consumes most of time one has. (4) is not a good profession to adopt.

61. Most scientists possess
- (1) good debating skills. (2) ability to take things lightly.
 (3) capability to get along with people easily. (4) a responsible attitude.
62. In our present times, most husbands
- (1) would prefer to stay at homes. (2) like to be called 'Househusbands'.
 (3) would not like to do household work. (4) like to enjoy life and do nothing.
63. A large number of our Members of Parliament are lawyers because they
- (1) can easily resolve matters with a logical approach.
 (2) are extremely mature by nature.
 (3) can negotiate things with ease.
 (4) possess a scientific approach to deal with things.

Passage-VIII

A majority of Indians certainly want to see improvement in Indo-US ties. The new Indian government has already taken several steps in this direction, including relaxation of FDI norms in many key sectors which are of interest to the Americans. It has also promised more judicious use of retrospective taxation and made known its keenness to settle old cases. But it needs two to mend ties. It is not fair to expect India to unilaterally forget all past irritants. The US ought to take conciliatory steps and reduce the trust deficit. There is undoubtedly great scope for expanding mutual trade. Both countries face increasing risk from terrorism and would therefore be well advised to intensify efforts to jointly fight it instead of quibbling over petty issues.

64. The new government in India has
- (1) not taken any steps to improve Indo-US terms.
 (2) decided to ignore US owing to its recent attitude.
 (3) taken some steps to improve relations with The US.
 (4) already gone out of the way to appease USA.
65. Which of the following statements is not true?
- (1) India and the US should not fight terrorism together.
 (2) Most Indians want to improve their relations with The US.
 (3) In the recent past, trust between India and The US has declined.
 (4) The mutual trade between India and The US has substantial potential.

66. Three years ago, A was thrice as old as B. Five years later, A will be twice as old as B. The difference in their present ages is
 (1) 12 years. (2) 18 years. (3) 16 years. (4) 14 years.
67. Sum of ages of Shekhar and his wife is 63 years. After three years, their ages are in the ratio 12:11. What is the present age of Shekhar's wife?
 (1) 30 years (2) 31 years (3) 32 years (4) 33 years
68. A total of 72 toffees cannot be divided in which of the following ratio?
 (1) 2:4 (2) 2:5 (3) 2:7 (4) 1:2
69. Two numbers are in the ratio 4:3. If the difference between their squares is 63, then the greater number is _____.
 (1) 9 (2) 10 (3) 11 (4) 12
70. If a profit of 17% is made on a bicycle of ₹700 with ₹50 as overhead charges. Then selling price is
 (1) ₹899.50 (2) ₹877.00 (3) ₹877.50 (4) ₹899.00
71. A second hand car is bought for ₹2,15,000 and ₹23,000 are spent on its repair. What should be the selling price of car to get a profit of 12%?
 (1) ₹2,66,400 (2) ₹2,65,560 (3) ₹2,65,400 (4) ₹2,66,560
72. A's salary is 5% above B's. How much percent is B's salary below A's?
 (1) $3\frac{16}{21}\%$ (2) $5\frac{4}{43}\%$ (3) $2\frac{4}{43}\%$ (4) $4\frac{16}{21}\%$
73. If the price of wheat is raised by 20%, find by how much percent a house must reduce its consumption so as not to increase the expenditure?
 (1) $16\frac{1}{5}\%$ (2) $16\frac{2}{3}\%$ (3) $17\frac{2}{3}\%$ (4) $18\frac{2}{5}\%$
74. The average number of goals scored by a player in 10 matches is 3. If the average for first five matches is 2, then the average for last five matches is _____.
 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) 5
75. The average of seven consecutive integers is 7. Then the average of their squares is _____.
 (1) 53 (2) 68 (3) 42 (4) 35

76. If $(27)^{-7/3} / 3^{-5/2} = 3^k$, then $k =$
 (1) $-19/2$ (2) $9/2$ (3) $-9/2$ (4) $19/2$
77. A, B and C invested in the ratio 1:3:4. The profit earned by B is ₹10000 more than A. C invested ₹50000 more than B. What is the percentage of profit to investment?
 (1) 8% (2) 9% (3) 10% (4) 11%
78. Speed of a boat in still water is 30 km/h and speed of river is 10 km/h. What is the average speed of the boat if it starts from point I and visits point II and comes back?
 (1) $40/3$ km/h (2) $80/3$ km/h (3) 20 km/h (4) 35 km/h
79. Ram finishes $\frac{1}{4}$ of a work in 5 days and Shyam finishes $1/3$ of it in 12 days. In how many days, they together can finish the work?
 (1) $100/7$ (2) $90/7$ (3) $80/7$ (4) $60/7$
80. Five men can do a work in 10 days. 3 men and 6 women can do it in 8 days. 4 women can do it in _____ days.
 (1) $200/13$ (2) $300/13$ (3) $150/13$ (4) $400/13$
81. A car starts with a speed of 10 km/h and makes its speed increased by 10 km/h after every hour. What is the distance covered by the car in 10 hours?
 (1) 500 km (2) 550 km (3) 450 km (4) 600 km
82. Speed of a car on smooth road and rough road is 50 km/h and 40 km/h respectively. If the ratio of length of rough road to smooth road is 4:5 and total time of journey is 5 hours, what is the length of the smooth road?
 (1) 100 km (2) 120 km (3) 125 km (4) 150 km
83. A train crosses a pole in 1 min. and a station of length 150 m in 1.5 min. What is the length of the train?
 (1) 150 m (2) 200 m (3) 250 m (4) 300 m
84. Vikas took a loan for 6 years at 5% p.a. simple interest. If the total interest paid was ₹1230, the principal was _____.
 (1) ₹4,100 (2) ₹5,000 (3) ₹5,300 (4) ₹4,920
85. A sum is double in 7 years at simple interest. The number of years it would be triple in
 (1) 9 years. (2) 10 years. (3) 12.5 years. (4) 14 years.

86. A man has 4 different T-shirts, 5 different jeans and 2 pairs of different shoes. In how many different ways he can be dressed?
 (1) 20 (2) 40 (3) 60 (4) 80
87. If a coin is tossed and if head turns up then a dice is rolled, what is the probability of getting 4 ?
 (1) $1/2$ (2) $1/6$ (3) $1/12$ (4) $1/8$
88. What will be the remainder when 17^{200} is divided by 18?
 (1) 17 (2) 16 (3) 1 (4) 2
89. Find the greatest number which on dividing 1657 and 2037 leaves remainders 6 and 5 respectively.
 (1) 127 (2) 129 (3) 131 (4) 125
90. The least perfect square number divisible by 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 is _____.
 (1) 900 (2) 1200 (3) 2500 (4) 3600

Directions (Questions 91-93): In each of these questions, find out the relationship between the first two words and choose the word from the given alternatives, which bears the same relationship to the third word, as the first two bear.

91. Anaemia : Blood :: Anarchy : '?'
 (1) Lawlessness (2) Government (3) Monarchy (4) Disorder
92. Cattle : Herd :: Sheep : '?'
 (1) Flock (2) Swarm (3) Shoal (4) Mob
93. Menu : Food :: Catalogue : '?'
 (1) Rack (2) Newspaper (3) Library (4) Books

Directions (Questions 94-98): Complete the series by replacing the '?'

94. 1, 6, 15, '?', 45, 66, 91
 (1) 25 (2) 26 (3) 27 (4) 28
95. 2, 5, 9, 19, 37, '?'
 (1) 73 (2) 75 (3) 76 (4) 78

96. 4, 8, 28, 80, 244, '?'
 (1) 278 (2) 428 (3) 628 (4) 728
97. R, U, X, A, D, '?'
 (1) F (2) G (3) H (4) I
98. T, R, P, N, L, '?', '?'
 (1) J, G (2) K, I (3) K, H (4) J, H

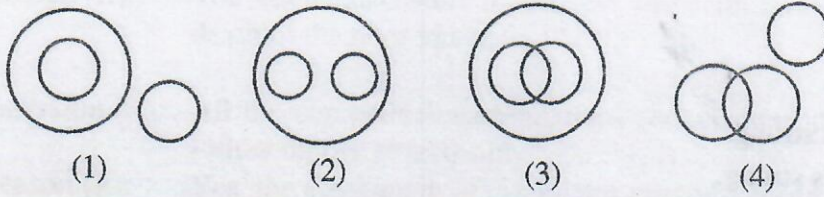
Directions (Questions 99-101): Find the odd one out.

99. (1) BCD (2) KMN (3) QRS (4) GHI
100. (1) AUgPZ (2) MXiDV (3) KFeCO (4) YGLhT
101. (1) DXCLQZ (2) PFZUBM (3) XGKNTY (4) NWMBHJ

Directions (Questions 102-105): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

- (i) B and E are good in Dramatics and Computer Science.
 (ii) A and B are good in Computer Science and Physics.
 (iii) A, D and C are good in Physics and History.
 (iv) C and A are good in Physics and Mathematics.
 (v) D and E are good in History and Dramatics.
102. Who is good in Physics, History and Mathematics, but not in Computer Science?
 (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D
103. Who is good in Computer Science, History and Dramatics?
 (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) E
104. Who is good in History, Physics, Computer Science and Mathematics?
 (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D
105. Who is good in Physics, Dramatics and Computer Science?
 (1) A (2) B (3) D (4) E

Directions (Questions 106-110): Choose the Venn diagram which best illustrates the three given classes in each of the following questions.



106. Protons, Electrons, Atoms

107. Paper, Stationery, Ink

108. Dog, Animal, Pet

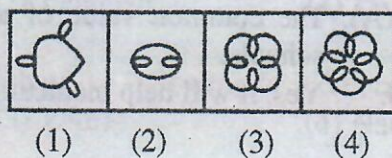
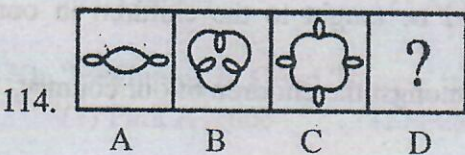
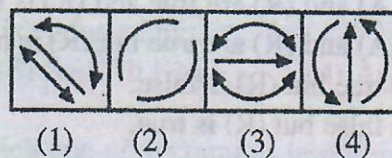
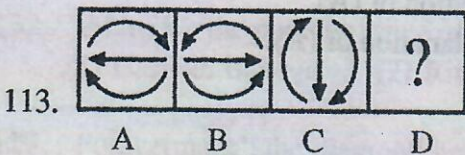
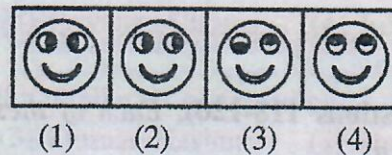
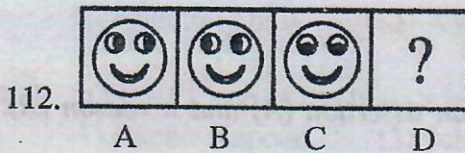
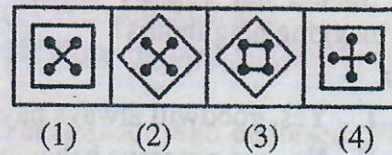
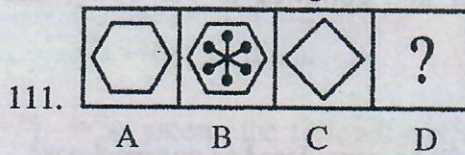
109. Atmosphere, Hydrogen, Oxygen

110. Wheat, Grains, Maize

Directions (Questions 111-114): Each of the following questions consists of two sets of figures. Figures A, B, C and D constitute the problem set while figures (1), (2), (3) and (4) constitute the answer set. There is a definite relationship between figures A and B. Establish a similar relationship between figures C and D by selecting a suitable figure from the answer set that would replace the question mark ? in Fig. (D).

Problem Figures

Answer Figures



Directions (Questions 115-117): Each of these questions has a statement followed by two arguments I and II. Decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which of the arguments is a 'weak' argument.

Mark the answer as

- (1) if only Argument I is strong.
- (2) if only Argument II is strong.
- (3) if neither Argument I nor II is strong.
- (4) if both Arguments I and II are strong.

115. **Statement :** Should there be a limited and judicious restriction on the freedom of press in our country?

Arguments:

- I. No, restrictions may lead to suppression of truth.
- II. Yes, press personnel have a tendency to lead public astray.

116. **Statement :** Should physical fitness be kept as the only criteria for recruitment in the defence forces?

Arguments:

- I. No, person's antecedents are very important for such sensitive jobs.
- II. No, other mental attributes are also very important.

117. **Statement :** Should our country extend generous behavior and goodwill to our erring and nagging neighbours?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, goodwill always pays dividend.
- II. No, our generous behaviour and goodwill will be considered as our weakness.

Directions (Questions 118-120): Each of these questions has an assertion (A) and a reason (R). Mark the answer as

- (1) if both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (2) if both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (3) if (A) is true but (R) is false.
- (4) if (A) is false but (R) is true.

118. **Assertion (A):** The common value of all religions should be taught to the children in our schools.

Reason (R): Yes, it will help inculcating moral values amongst the children of our country.

119. **Assertion (A):** Adulteration in food-stuffs and medicines be considered a very serious crime and laws be amended to severely punish the offenders.
Reason (R): The adulterated stuff may cause ill-health and sometimes even result in the death of the poor victims.
120. **Assertion (A):** All the competitive examinations for selecting the candidates for jobs should follow objective tests only.
Reason (R): Yes, the assessment of candidates through objective tests is quite reliable.
121. 'Ekaya', the traditional handloom Banarasi saris brand is associated with
 (1) Palak Shah. (2) Manish Arora.
 (3) Rohit Bal. (4) Sabyasachi Mukherjee.
122. 'Pond's' men face wash is being promoted by popular Indian filmstar.
 (1) Varun Dhawan. (2) Shah Rukh Khan. (3) Hrithik Roshan. (4) John Abraham.
123. 'Cherokee', the global fashion lifestyle brand belongs to
 (1) The USA. (2) The UK. (3) Singapore. (4) India.
124. 'Alrosa', one of the largest rough diamond supplying companies globally belongs to
 (1) South Africa. (2) Brazil. (3) Egypt. (4) Russia.
125. Who among the following fashion designers has won the prestigious Padma Shri award on India's 65th Republic Day?
 (1) Sabyasachi Mukherjee (2) Wendell Rodricks
 (3) Tarun Tahiliani (4) None of these
126. Who among the following is the Philips brand ambassador who endorsed 'Philips Kerashine' range?
 (1) Madhuri Dixit (2) Alia Bhatt (3) Priyanka Chopra (4) Juhi Chawla
127. 'YEPME', one of the India's biggest online fashion retailers is endorsed by
 (1) Ranbir Kapoor. (2) John Abraham. (3) Emraan Hashmi. (4) Shah Rukh Khan.
128. 'IMAGE', the popular range of eyewear in India is endorsed by
 (1) Harman Baweja. (2) Riteish Deshmukh. (3) Saif Ali Khan. (4) Arjun Kapoor.
129. 'Forevermark', the diamond brand belongs to which one of the famous jewellery brands?
 (1) Tanishq (2) Amrapali (3) Gitanjali (4) De Beers
130. "Beginning of Good Things" is the tagline of which of the following fashion brands?
 (1) Park Avenue (2) Peter England (3) Zodiac (4) Nautica

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7. Answers are to be marked on the Answer Sheet, which is provided separately.
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Directions (Questions 1-2): Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

1. He listened to my request with indifference.
(1) caution (2) displeasure (3) concern (4) disinterest
2. During his stay in Canada, he had quite a few frustrating experiences.
(1) disappointing (2) disenchanting (3) humiliating (4) repulsive

Directions (Questions 3-5): Choose the word which is closest to the opposite in meaning of the underlined word in the sentence.

3. Hydra is biologically believed to be immortal.
(1) undying (2) perishable (3) ancient (4) eternal
4. The Gupta rulers patronized all cultural activities and thus Gupta period was called the golden era in Indian History.
(1) criticised (2) rejected (3) opposed (4) spurned
5. This is a barbarous act.
(1) bad (2) good (3) civilized (4) exemplary.

Directions (Questions 6-10): Choose the option which best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom/phrase in the sentence.

6. His innings is a feather in his cap.
(1) fantastic (2) beautiful (3) superior (4) glorious
7. He has some rare coins in his collection.
(1) special (2) useful (3) uncommon (4) inexpensive
8. Einstein asked President Roosevelt to look into the matter.
(1) to investigate (2) to peep (3) to search (4) to observe
9. News of Sachin's century spread like wildfire.
(1) slowly (2) fast (3) here and there (4) yesterday
10. Amit produced his arguments in black and white.
(1) oral (2) coloured (3) written (4) readable

Directions (Questions 11-15): Fill in the blank.

11. Freedom and equality are the _____ rights of every human being.
(1) inalienable (2) inscrutable (3) incalculable (4) institutional
12. Pradeep's face spoke _____ of the happiness he was feeling.
(1) elegantly (2) tons (3) volumes (4) much
13. His speech was disappointing; it _____ all the major issues.
(1) projected (2) revealed (3) skirted (4) analysed
14. The defending champions _____ to victory in just thirty minutes.
(1) led (2) rucked (3) reached (4) cruised
15. In spite of our best efforts, we failed to _____ any new facts from him.
(1) elicit (2) evoke (3) eject (4) enlist

Directions (Questions 16-20): Choose the option that is the plural form of the given word.

16. Wish
(1) Wishes (2) Wish (3) Wishies (4) Wishes
17. Medium
(1) Media (2) Medium (3) Mediums (4) Medeums
18. Sheep
(1) Sheep (2) Sheeps (3) Sheepes (4) Sheepies
19. Advice
(1) Advices (2) Advice (3) Advicies (4) Advic's
20. Syllabus
(1) Syllabus (2) Syllabai (3) Syllabi (4) Syllaby

Directions (Questions 21-25): In each of these questions, a word has been spelt in four different ways, one of which is correct. Choose the correctly spelt word.

21. (1) dolorous (2) dolurous (3) doloreus (4) delorious
22. (1) nectar (2) nector (3) nactor (4) nactar