

SSC Stenographer 2015



Question Paper & Answer Key

Part - I : General Intelligence & Reasoning

Directions: In the following Nine questions, select the related word/letters/numbers from the given alternatives.

1. Optimist : Cheerful :: Pessimist : ___?

- A. Petty
- B. Helpful
- C. Gloomy
- D. Mean

2. GHJM : QRTW :: CDFI : ___?

- A. XYZQ
- B. GHIJ
- C. NOPR
- D. MNPS

3. CIQY : DJRZ :: AGOW : ___?

- A. BHPU
- B. BJRZ
- C. BJPX
- D. BHPX

4. CAFD : IGLJ :: OMRP : ___?

- A. UTSR
- B. PONM
- C. ZYXW
- D. USXV

5. 8 : 64 :: 27 : ___?

- A. 212
- B. 125
- C. 64
- D. 81

6. 4 : 20 :: 6 : ___?

- A. 8
- B. 42
- C. 36
- D. 12

7. $27 : 9 :: 64 : \underline{\quad ?}$

- A. 16
- B. 20
- C. 8
- D. 12

8. Yard : Inch :: Quart ?

- A. Milk
- B. Liquid
- C. Gallon
- D. Ounce

9. Pesticide : Crop :: Antiseptic : ?

- A. Bandage
- B. Bleeding
- C. Wound
- D. Clothing

Directions : In the following Seven Questions, find the odd word/letters/number pair from the given alternatives.

10.

- A. Beak
- B. Rudder
- C. Wing
- D. Fin

11.

- A. LCUF
- B. JHMX
- C. AKWE
- D. PNTD

12.

- A. 99,99
- B. 36,63
- C. 28,82
- D. 24,44

13.

- A. RQOP
- B. IJSO
- C. CBUV
- D. YXTU

14.

- A. 79,63
- B. 167,150
- C. 84,67
- D. 112,95

15.

- A. Tent
- B. Inn
- C. Mansion
- D. Lodge

16.

- A. Square
- B. Triangle
- C. Sphere
- D. Circle

17. In the following questions, number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters skipped in between adjacent letters of the series starting from behind increased by one. Which of the following observes the rule?

- A. OIGDC
- B. **OMKIG**
- C. ONLKJ
- D. OMJFA

18. Arrange the following words according to the dictionary order:

- a. extol
- b. extinct
- c. extra
- d. extort

- A. d, c, a, b
- B. a, d, b, c
- C. a, b, c, d
- D. **b, a, d, c**

19. Which number is wrong in the given series?

225, 169, 144, 100, 64, 48

- A. 64
- B. 48
- C. 225
- D. 144

20. Which will appear fourth in the dictionary?

- A. deterioration
- B. determination
- C. degrade
- D. density

Directions: In the following Two questions, which one set of letters when sequentially placed at the gaps in the given letters series shall complete it?

21. bb_aab_caab_ca_

- A. cbba
- B. acab
- C. abbc
- D. bcab

22. _cdb_ddb_db_c_d

- A. bbcbb
- B. ccbcc
- C. bbbcc
- D. ccdbc

23. If the following words are arranged in a dictionary order, which will be 3rd word?

Amphibian, Amorphous, Ambiguous, Ambidextrous, Ambivalent

- A. Ambiguous
- B. Ambivalent
- C. Amphibian
- D. Amorphous

Directions: In the following Four questions, a series is given with one (or more) term missing. Choose the correct alternative from the given ones that will complete the series :

24. 720, 180, 176, 44, 40, 10, ?, ?

- A. 6,4

- B. 8,6
- C. 6,2
- D. 4,2

25. 5, 10, 20, 40, 80, ?

- A. 150
- B. **160**
- C. 120
- D. 140

26. C4X, F9U, I16R, ?

- A. L27P
- B. **K25P**
- C. L25P
- D. L25U

27. 15, 21, 57, ?, 221

- A. 121
- B. 126
- C. 96
- D. **108**

28. From the given alternative words, select the word which can be formed using the letters of the given word.

Measurement

- A. Summit
- B. Assure
- C. **Master**
- D. Mantle

29. A's mother is sister of B and has a daughter C. How can A be related to B from among the following?

- A. Daughter
- B. Father
- C. **Niece**
- D. Uncle

30. X is elder than Z, Y is younger than Z, Z is elder than W, W is younger than X, who is eldest?

- A. W
- B. Z
- C. X
- D. Y

31. If Blue means Pink, Pink means Green, Green means Yellow, Yellow means Red and Red means White, then what is the colour of turmeric?

- A. Pink
- B. Yellow
- C. Red
- D. Green

32. Unscramble the following letters to frame a meaningful word, then find out the correct numerical position of the letters.

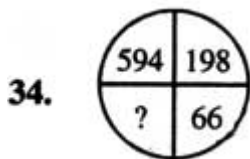
I N R D T P E E S
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

- A. 735124389
- B. 756432189
- C. 639185251
- D. 637914825

33. If DANGER is coded as 11-8-21-14-12-25, then how will be coded the word MACHINE?

- A. 10-21-15-14-26-17-18
- B. 20-8-10-16-17-22-13
- C. 20-10-8-12-15-16-7
- D. 20-8-10-15-16-21-12

Directions : In Four questions select the missing number from the given responses.

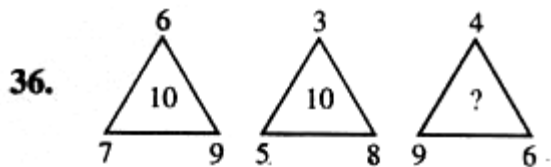


- A. 11
- B. 12
- C. 22
- D. 33

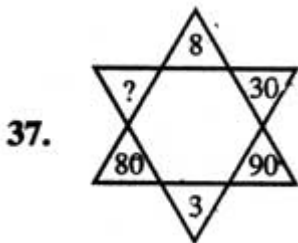
35.

2	7	14
3	4	5
75	165	<u> ?</u>

- A. 165
- B. 425
- C. 185
- D. 285



- A. 15
- B. 20
- C. 11
- D. 10



- A. 20
- B. 15
- C. 40
- D. 10

38. If '-' denotes '+'
 '+' denotes 'x'
 '÷' denotes '-'
 'x' denotes '÷'

then $27 \times 3 \div 6 + 9 - 8 = ?$

- A. 35
- B. 3.5
- C. 15
- D. 14.5

39. What will be the correct mathematical signs that can be inserted in the following?

$4_6_2_4_8 = 16$

- A. + ÷ - ×
- B. × + - +
- C. - × + ÷
- D. ÷ + × -

40. Rajan started from his house and went 2 km east, then he turned right and went 3 km, again turned right and covered 1 km and finally after turning right and going 1 km he reached point "K" In which direction was Rajan walking when he reached?

- A. South

- B. North
- C. West
- D. **East**

41. 4 Friends ABCD are sitting in a coffee shop. A and B are sitting face to face. D is not sitting next to A but can see the facial expression of A clearly. B is talking to C who is sitting opposite to him. Who are sitting together?

- A. D & C
- B. A & B
- C. **A & C**
- D. A & D

42. Three statements are given followed by three conclusions I, II and III. You have to consider the three statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which of the conclusions, If any, follow from the given statements.

Statements:-

1. Mary said 'Ann and I both have "cats"'
2. Ann said "I don't have a cat"
3. Mary always tells the truth, but Ann sometimes lies.

Conclusions:-

- I. Ann has a cat.
- II. Mary has a cat.
- III. Ann is lying.

- A. **I, II and III**
- B. I only
- C. II only
- D. I and II only

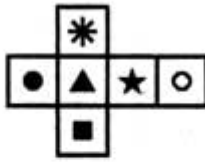
43. What do you infer from the following set of statements?

I have observed many plant roots.

All these plant roots were found to grow downward.

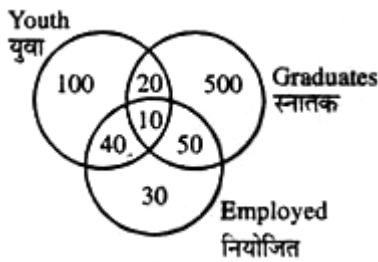
- A. A plant roots grows downward.
- B. **Most of the plant roots grow downward.**
- C. I am a botanist.
- D. Some plant roots grow downward.

44. The following figure is folded to form a block. Which symbol will appear on the opposite of ▲?



- (A) ● (B) ★ **Answer: (A)**
 (C) ○ (D) ■

45. If the number indicates the number of persons, then how many youth graduates are there?



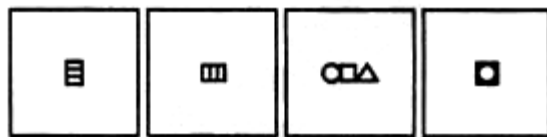
- A. **20**
 B. 30
 C. 40
 D. 50

46. Choose the correct figure to complete the matrix :

Question Figure:



Answer Figures:



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

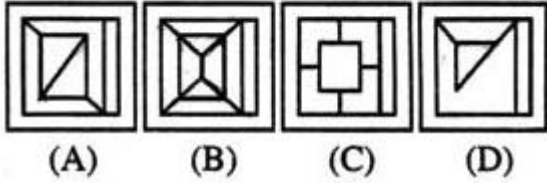
Answer: (B)

47. From the given answer figures, select the one in which the question figure is hidden / embedded.

Question Figure:



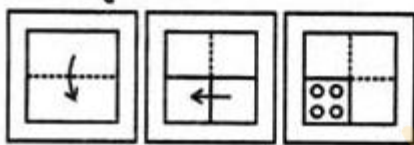
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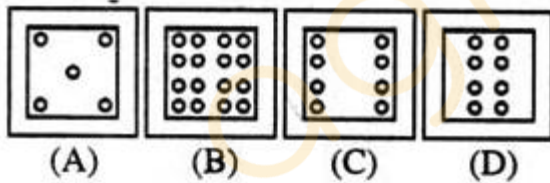
Answer: (B)

48. A piece of paper is folded and punched as shown below in the question figure. From the given answer figures, indicates how it will appear when opened.

Question Figures:



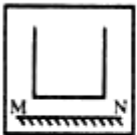
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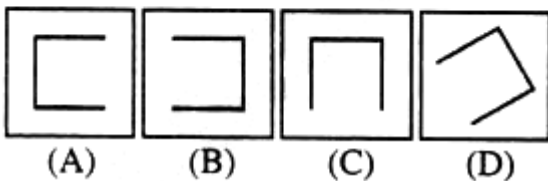
Answer: (B)

49. If a mirror is placed on the line MN, then which of the answer figures is the right image of the given figure?

Question Figure:



Answer Figures:



Answer: (C)

50. A word is represented by only one set of numbers as given in any one of the alternatives, The sets of numbers given in the alternatives are represented by two classes of alphabets as in two matrices are below. The columns and rows of Matrix I are numbered from 0 to 3 and that of Matrix II are numbered from 4 to 7. A letter from these matrices can be represented by 01 and 'R' can be represented by 44. Similarly, you have to identify the set for the word 'TALE'

Matrix/आव्यूह - I

	0	1	2	3
0	A	D	G	H
1	P	S	V	Z
2	C	F	I	M
3	T	L	E	Q

Matrix/आव्यूह - II

	4	5	6	7
4	R	U	B	O
5	N	W	J	X
6	T	K	S	G
7	I	H	A	F

- A. 64, 00, 31, 32
 B. 46, 13, 00, 23
 C. 00, 31, 64, 32
 D. 30, 76, 23, 32

Part – II : General Awareness

51. The largest proven oil reserve of the world lies in

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Venezuela
- D. Saudi Arabia

52. The book 'Gokhale, My Political Guru' was written by

- A. Shaikat Ali
- B. C.R Das
- C. M.A Jinnah
- D. **M.K Gandhi**

53. Who amongst the following is the author of the book 'Name Sake'?

- A. Kiran Desai
- B. Shobha De
- C. Vikram Seth
- D. **Jhumpa Lahiri**

54. National Science Day is observed on

- A. 14th March
- B. 2nd June
- C. 5th January
- D. **28th February**

55. Which was the first National News Agency of free India?

- A. **The Associated press of India**
- B. None of these The Indian Review
- C. The India Review
- D. The Free Press of India

56. The original name of 'Mahabharat' is

- A. Rajtarangini
- B. Bharat Katha
- C. Kathasarirsagar
- D. **Jai Samhita**

57. Kudankulam Project is located in which state?

- A. Telangana
- B. Kerala

- C. Karnataka
- D. **Tamil Nadu**

58. Who was the first black actor to win Oscar?

- A. **Sidney Poitiers**
- B. Morgan Freeman
- C. Eddie Murphy
- D. Wesley Snipes

59. Which of the following is related to horticuture?

- A. Green revolution
- B. White revolution
- C. Operation flood
- D. **Golden revolution**

60. Who fixes the REPO rate of India?

- A. WTO - World Trade Organization
- B. SEBI - Securities and Exchange Board of India
- C. **RBI - Reserve Bank of India**
- D. IMF – International Monetary Fund

61. An indirect instrument of monetary policy is

- A. **Open market operations**
- B. Statutory liquidity ratio
- C. Bank rate
- D. Cash Reserve ratio

62. The term 'politics' was first used by

- A. Plato
- B. John Locke
- C. **Aristotle**
- D. Socrates

63. One of the following is NOT a component of foreign exchange reserves in India

- A. Gold stock RBI
- B. SDR holdings of government
- C. **Foreign exchange assets of RBI**
- D. Foreign exchange assets of government

64. The market system in which there are only two buyers facing a large number of sellers is called

- A. monopsony
- B. duopsony

- C. duopoly
- D. oligopoly

65. Arrange the names of the President in the order they served.

- A. N.S. Reddy, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, R. Venkataraman, Gyani Zail Singh.
- B. R. Venkataraman, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma Gyani Zail Singh, N.S. Reddy
- C. N.S. Reddy, Gyani Zail Singh, R. Venkataraman, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma
- D. N.S. Reddy, R. Venkataraman, Gyani Zail Singh, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma

66. Who first gave the concept of 'Distributive justice' ?

- A. Machiavelli
- B. Locke
- C. Plato
- D. Aristotle

68. Sir Eyre Cote was associated with which of the following?

- A. Battle of Ambur
- B. Seize of Arcot
- C. Battle of Wandiwash
- D. Battle of Adyar

69. Bodo and Dogri were added in 8th Schedule by the following amendment:

- A. 91st Amendment
- B. 92nd Amendment
- C. 81st Amendment
- D. 85th Amendment

70. Who among the following was responsible for the founding of the Anglo-Muhammadan Oriental College?

- A. Muhammad Iqbal
- B. Altaf Hussain
- C. Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan
- D. Yusuf Ali

71. Which among the following is related to Sadr-us Sadr?

- A. Ecclesiastical matters
- B. Judicial administration
- C. Military administration
- D. Land Revenue

72. Which among the following inscription is known as Prayaga Prashasti?

- A. Hahigumpha Inscription

- B. Aihole Inscription
- C. Mehroli Inscription
- D. Allahabad Pillar Inscription

73. Which of the following pair is NOT correctly matched?

- A. Ibn Batuta - Morocco
- B. Nikitin - Samarkand
- C. Marco Polo - Italy
- D. Alberuni – Uzbekistan

74. The island of Honshu in Japan is famous for

- A. Oil
- B. Diamonds
- C. Coal
- D. Iron ore

75. 'Investing opportunities model' was proposed by

- A. Revenstein
- B. Davis
- C. E.S. Lee
- D. S.A. Stouffer

76. The book 'Problem of Human Geography' was written by

- A. Jean Brunches
- B. None of these
- C. Albert Demangeon
- D. De Mortonne

77. Philadelphia is famous for

- A. Locomotives
- B. Dairy industry
- C. Ship - building
- D. Silk textiles

78. Which blood vessels carry pure blood from the lungs to the heart?

- A. Cardiac artery
- B. Cardiac vein
- C. Pulmonary arteries
- D. Pulmonary veins

79. 40° N latitude acts as demarcation line between

- A. North and South Korea

- B. USA and Canada
- C. North and South Vietnam
- D. Egypt and Sudan

80. August Weismann proposed

- A. Modern synthetic theory
- B. Germ plasm theory
- C. Natural selection theory
- D. Inheritance of acquired character

81. Which of the following breeds of chicken belongs to Mediterranean class?

- A. Leghorn
- B. Sustra lorp
- C. Brahma
- D. Sussex

82. Lakes which contain high concentration of humic acid in water is

- A. Desert salt lakes
- B. Volcanic lakes
- C. Dystrophic lakes
- D. Deep ancient lakes

83. Kala-azar is transmitted by _____.

- A. Black flies
- B. Mites
- C. Sand fly
- D. Tsetse fly

84. Bernoulli's theorem is a statement of the conservation of

- A. Linear momentum
- B. Pressure
- C. Mass
- D. Energy

85. Fibrinogen is converted into fibrin by

- A. thrombokinase
- B. thromboplastin
- C. thrombin
- D. prothrombin

86. Among the following quantities which one has dimensions different from the remaining three?

- A. Product of voltage and charge per unit volume
- B. Angular momentum per unit mass
- C. Energy per unit volume
- D. Force per unit area

87. Which of the following units used to measure the speed of a computer?

- A. BAUD
- B. Byte
- C. SYPS
- D. MIPS

88. When the velocity of a body is doubled

- A. its momentum is doubled.
- B. its acceleration is doubled
- C. its K.E is doubled
- D. its P.E is doubled

89. A bag is dropped from an aeroplane flying horizontally at a constant speed. Neglecting air resistance, where will the aeroplane be when the bag reaches the ground?

- A. Behind the bag
- B. Data is not sufficient
- C. Directly above the bag
- D. Ahead of the bag

90. DHCP is mainly used to

- A. Converting IP address to domain
- B. Multicasting
- C. Provide IP address automatically
- D. Routing

91. Match each element on the right with its property on the left.

Property	Element
(a) A dark red liquid	(i) Neon
(b) A metal used in jewellery	(ii) Bromine
(c) A totally inert gas	(iii) Sodium
(d) A reactive metal that explodes in water	(iv) Gold
	(v) Nitrogen

- | | a | b | c | d |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| (A) | (iii) | (ii) | (v) | (iv) |
| (B) | (i) | (ii) | (iii) | (iv) |
| (C) | (i) | (iii) | (iv) | (v) |
| (D) | (ii) | (iv) | (i) | (iii) |

Answer: (B)

92. The antacid marketed as milk of magnesia has as main ingredient:

- A. $Mg(OH)_2$
- B. $MgCl_2$
- C. $MgCO_3$
- D. $MgSO_4$

93. The chemical name of quick lime is

- A. Calcium chloride
- B. Calcium carbonate
- C. Calcium hydroxide
- D. Calcium oxide

94. Which of the following are used to prepare the main storage (starch) form of food in plants?

- A. Carbon dioxide and nitrogen
- B. Carbon dioxide and water
- C. Carbon dioxide and oxygen
- D. Water and oxygen

95. Presence of excess fluorine in water causes

- A. Tooth Decay
- B. Respiratory disease
- C. Fluorosis

D. Dental Cavity

96. Which one among the following books is centered around 'environment'?

A. Here I Stand

B. And Then One Day

C. The Late, Great Planet Earth

D. Silent Spring

97. An international movement with its motto to save the world by involving itself with environmental problems is

A. Clean En

B. Eco-friend

C. Green-field

D. Green-peace

98. The first person ever to reach the South Pole was

A. Magellan

B. Amerigo Vespucci

C. Amundsen

D. Peary

99. It is reported that there is an ongoing decrease in the PH value of ocean water because of global warming. It happens due to

A. Larger uptake of atmospheric

B. Lesser uptake of atmospheric nitrogen by ocean water.

C. Larger uptake of CO_2 by ocean water

D. Lesser uptake of CO_2 by ocean water

100. The largest tea growing country in the world is

A. India

B. Brazil

C. Sri Lanka

D. China

Part – III : English Language & Comprehension

Direction : In the following Five questions, out of four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

101. Brutal

- A. Sympathetic
- B. Compassionate
- C. Humane
- D. **Savage**

102. Stroll

- A. **Walk**
- B. Jog
- C. Trot
- D. Gallop

103. Eternal

- A. Time being
- B. **Forever**
- C. Temporary
- D. Short term

104. Adversity

- A. Familiarity
- B. **Misery**
- C. Seniority
- D. Spirituality

105. Revel

- A. Reveal
- B. Revert
- C. **Make Merry**
- D. Glory

Direction: In the following Five Questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

106. Formal

- A. Heedful
- B. Plain
- C. Pitiabie

D. **Informal**

107. Thorough

A. Intensive

B. Utter

C. **Cursory**

D. Detailed

108. Nasty

A. Unpleasant

B. Beautiful

C. Ugly

D. **Pleasant**

109. Exaggerate

A. Abundance

B. Excerpt

C. Extravagant

D. **Understate**

110. Abrupt

A. **Spongy**

B. Smooth

C. Sudden

D. Crisp

Direction : In the following Five Questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

111. Who will believe, your cock and bull story?

A. **Absurd story**

B. Common story

C. Ambiguous story

D. Authentic story

112. For years I could not shake off the trauma of that day.

A. imagine

B. None of these

C. **forget**

D. remember

113. Sit on the fence.

- A. halting between two opinions
- B. to be defeated and dejected
- C. to be in a tricky situation
- D. to be relaxed and comfortable

114. The manager is not dismissed, but he is definitely under a cloud.

- A. under scrutiny
- B. warned severely
- C. under suspension
- D. under suspicion

115. Do not pull a long face.

- A. look dejected
- B. look happy
- C. look ugly
- D. look tired

Direction : In the following Five Questions, the 1st and the last part of the sentence / passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence / passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence / passage and find out which of the four combinations is correct and indicate it by blackening the appropriate circle [•] in the Answer Sheet.

116. 1. These
 P. about the heavenly
 Q. experiments by the scientists
 R. with amazing knowledge
 S. will supply us
 6. bodies

- A. PSQR
- B. PSRQ
- C. QSRP
- D. RQPS

117. 1. Over 67 years
 P. but the problems
 Q. have remained
 R. have passed
 S. of the common man
 6. as daunting as ever

- A. SRQP
- B. QSPR
- C. QPRS
- D. RPSQ

118. 1. The President

P. from Tokyo

Q. where he

R. had been meeting

S. came back

6. other world leaders.

A. QSPR

B. **SPQR**

C. PSQR

D. RPQS

119. 1. Men's

P. in the modern

Q. insatiable thirst for knowledge

R. the wonderful achievements of science

S. is at the root of

6. world.

A. **QSRP**

B. PQRS

C. SQRP

D. RSPQ

120. 1. Today

P. by the hunters for their

Q. are trapped or killed

R. millions of wild animals

S. each year

6. skin

A. SPRQ

B. **RQSP**

C. QPRS

D. PSQR

Directions: In the following Ten 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 and mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

121. Can she write the interesting story?

A. **Can an interesting story be written by her?**

B. Could an interesting story be written by her?

C. Can an interesting story be written for her?

D. Can an interesting story be written to her?

122. The poet, Blake, wrote many poems for children.

- A. Many are the poems written by children for the poet Blake.
- B. Children wrote many poems by the poet Blake.
- C. Many poems were written for children by the poet, Blake.
- D. Many poems were written by children for the poet, Blake.

123. Each person exhibited various facial expression.

- A. Various facial expressions were being exhibited by each person.
- B. Various facial expressions have been used by each person.
- C. Various facial expressions are exhibited by each person.
- D. Various facial expressions were exhibited by each person.

124. The girls ate a mango yesterday.

- A. A mango is being eaten by the girls yesterday.
- B. A mango has been eaten by the girls yesterday.
- C. A mango is eaten by the girls yesterday.
- D. A mango was eaten by the girls yesterday.

125. The boys laughed at the old man.

- A. The old man was being laughed at by the boys.
- B. The old man was laughed at by the boys.
- C. The old man was laughed by the boys.
- D. The old man was being laughed by the boys.

127. Ideas are generated by Group discussions.

- A. Group discussions have generated ideas.
- B. Group discussions generates ideas.
- C. Group discussions generated idea.
- D. Group discussions generate ideas.

128. Who is singing such a sweet song?

- A. By whom is such a sweet song sung ?
- B. By whom is such a sweet song being sung?
- C. By whom is such a sweet song sang?
- D. By whom has such a sweet song sung?

129. Please give me your pen and take your seat.

- A. You are warned to give me your pen and take your seat.
- B. You are ordered to give me your pen and take your seat.
- C. Let your pen given me and take your seat.
- D. You are requested to give me your pen and take your seat.

130. The prisoner is known to have assaulted the warden earlier too.

- A. **It is known that the warden has been assaulted by the prisoner earlier too.**
- B. It is known that the warden has assaulted the prisoner earlier too.
- C. It is known that the prisoner has assaulted the warden earlier too.
- D. The warden was assaulted by the prisoner earlier too.

Directions : In the following Ten Questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is required, choose "No Improvement" option. Mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

131. No sane person or government can tolerate terrorists of any degree or kind.

- A. torture of any degree or kind
- B. No Improvement
- C. **terrorism of any degree or kind**
- D. terrorise of any degree or kind

132. Saibal has got an extensive to finish writing his thesis.

- A. an extension
- B. **No Improvement**
- C. an extended
- D. an extention

133. She stood by him under all conditions and undaunted by anything.

- A. **through thick and thin**
- B. No Improvement
- C. without reserve
- D. without hesitation

134. Sheela was reprimanded by the school Marshall for coming lately to school.

- A. to school later
- B. No Improvement
- C. to school lately
- D. **late to school**

135. Kunal looked very manliness in his police uniform.

- A. **manly**
- B. No Improvement
- C. menliness
- D. man-like

136. The school was very co-operation when we made a documentary film there.

- A. **very co-operated**
- B. No Improvement
- C. very co-operator
- D. very co-operative

137. "I would like to tell you about this my friend," said John.

- A. this friend
- B. No Improvement
- C. **this friend to mine**
- D. the friend of mine

138. The boat was drowned.

- A. **was sink**
- B. No Improvement
- C. was sunk
- D. was drown

139. Either Kiran or Mala is sure to be chosen for the school debate team.

- A. **Either Kiran or Mala will**
- B. No Improvement
- C. Either Kiran or Mala are sure to
- D. Either Kiran nor Mala are sure to

140. Tom was standing besides the schoolhouse poster, when the ball rolled towards him.

- A. stood beside the school-house poster
- B. No Improvement
- C. **standing beside the school-house poster**
- D. stand besides the school house poster

Directions : In the following Ten Questions, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct and mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

141. I said to my friend, "Can you pick me up after work?"

- A. I asked my friend if he can pick me up after work.
- B. **I asked my friend if he could pick me up after work.**
- C. I told my friend to pick me up after work.
- D. I told my friend if I could pick him up after work.

142. Suman said to me, "Did you enjoy the Olympic Games in London ?"

- A. Suman asked me if I had enjoyed the Olympic Games in London.
- B. Suman asked me did I enjoy the Olympic Games in London.
- C. Suman asked me if I enjoyed the Olympic Games in London.
- D. Suman asked me if I was enjoyed the Olympic Games in London.

143. My friend told me, "This is not a good book to read."

- A. My friend told me that that will not be a good book to read.
- B. My friend told me that this was not a good book to read.
- C. My friend told me that that was not a good book to read.
- D. My friend told me that that is not a good book to read.

144. Dhanya complained, "I am losing weight steadily."

- A. Dhanya complains that she was losing weight steadily.
- B. Dhanya complained that she was losing weight steadily.
- C. Dhanya complains that she is losing weight steadily .
- D. Dhanya complained that she is losing weight steadily.

145. My mother said, "You have been sleeping for twelve hours."

- A. My mother said that I had been sleeping for twelve hours.
- B. My mother said that she had been sleeping for twelve hours.
- C. My mother said that I have been sleeping for twelve hours.
- D. My mother said that I was sleeping for twelve hours.

146. Rajan said to Urvashi, "I'm going to Kashmir tomorrow."

- A. Rajan said Urvashi I am going to Kashmir tomorrow.
- B. Rajan said to Urvashi that he was going to Kashmir tomorrow.
- C. Rajan told to Urvashi he was going to Kashmir the next day.
- D. Rajan told Urvashi that he going to Kashmir the next day.

147. She said to me, "Have you finished your work?"

- A. She asked me if she had finished my work.
- B. She asked me if she had finished her work.
- C. She asked me if I had finished my work.
- D. She asked me if I have finished my work.

148. "Turn around," he told her.

- A. He asked to her to turn around.
- B. He asked turn around.
- C. He told her turn around.
- D. He asked her to turn around.

149. He said, "I have been studying in this college for two years."

- A. He said for two years he studied in that college.
- B. He said that he had been studying in that college for two years.
- C. He said he studied in that college for two years.
- D. He said he had studied in that college for two years.

150. Mary said to Simon, "Sharon and Peter are getting engaged next month."

- A. Mary told Simon that Sharon and Peter were getting engaged next month.
- B. Mary told Simon that Sharon and Peter are getting engaged next month.
- C. Mary told Simon that Sharon and Peter will be getting engaged next month.
- D. Mary told Simon that Sharon and Peter was getting engaged next month.

Directions : *In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks :*

I will always (i) the trip I made to the zoo in 1988. It was then that I (ii) measles from one of my friends, Peter, who had (iii) along too. Before he met us at the zoo, he had gone to visit his cousin who was (iv) from measles.

The next day, Peter was (v) of a sore throat, a bad cold and high fever. When he was diagnosed by a doctor as having measles, his parents rang me up to warn me that I had been (vi) to measles too. By the next day, I was also showing/having the same symptoms, My doctor (vii) me to stay at home for the next two weeks.

I was quite pleased with the doctor's instruction. I spent the time reading story-books, (viii) to music and watching television. When I get bored, I would call up Peter, who also had to spend two weeks at home, for a chat. Unfortunately, the two weeks passed too/by quickly.

When we (ix) to school, we had to work twice as hard to (x) with our classmates. It was definitely not worth the 'holiday'.

151. (i)

- A. be remember
- B. remembering
- C. remember
- D. remembered

152. (ii)

- A. caught
- B. catching
- C. catch
- D. will catch

153. (iii)

- A. going
- B. go
- C. went
- D. gone

154. (iv)

- A. removed
- B. recovering
- C. recover
- D. revealed

155. (v)

- A. complaining
- B. explained
- C. complained
- D. complain

156. (v)

- A. expose
- B. exposable
- C. exposed
- D. exposing

157. (vii)

- A. is advised
- B. advising
- C. advise
- D. advised

158. (viii)

- A. listen
- B. listened
- C. listening
- D. looking

159. (ix)

- A. return
- B. returned
- C. returning
- D. is returned

160. (x)

- A. catch up
- B. catch
- C. caught up
- D. catching up

Directions : *In the following passage some of the words have been left out Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks :*

The Red Indians (i) for the arrival of the bison. The beasts, which come only once a year, are a good source of meat and hide. The Red Indians (ii) to survive the cold, bitter winter.

Tikki, the young boy, (iii) to look out for the herd's arrival. Everyday, he (iv) to the top of the hill to see if he could spot them on the vast horizon.

One night, while he (v) , the ground shook (vi) and his bag of arrows fell off from its hook on the wall. Tikki (vii) of his wigwam and felt a strong gust of wind and dust gush past him. Shouting excitedly, he ran to the other wigwams and woke everyone up. A big fire (viii) built and the Red Indians danced around it, giving praises to their God who had, at last, (ix) their food and clothing of animal hide. The next morning, all the warriors (x) to hunt down the beasts which were grazing near the river.

161. (i)

- A. were waited
- B. are waited
- C. were waiting
- D. is waiting

162. (ii)

- A. needed their
- B. needing this
- C. needing these
- D. needed these

163. (iii)

- A. was chose
- B. was chosen
- C. was choose
- D. is choose

164. (iv)

- A. would run
- B. will be running
- C. would running
- D. will running

165. (v)

- A. was sleep
- B. were slept
- C. is sleep
- D. was sleeping

166. (vi)

- A. violent
- B. violet
- C. violently
- D. violence

167. (vii)

- A. rushed out
- B. rushed in
- C. rushing out
- D. rush out

168. (viii)

- A. were immediate
- B. was immediately
- C. were immediately
- D. was immediately

169. (ix)

- A. sent their
- B. send their
- C. send them
- D. sent them

170. (x)

- A. were assigned
- B. were assigning
- C. is assigned
- D. was assigning

Directions : Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives and mark it by blackening the appropriate circle [●] in the Answer Sheet.

Like watering a plant, we grow our friendships (and all our relationships) by nurturing them. Friendships need the same attention as other relationships, if they are to continue. These relationships can be delightfully non-judgemental, supportive, understanding and fun.

Sometimes a friendship can bring out the positive side that you never show in any other relationship. This may be because the pressure of playing a 'role' (daughter, partner or child) is removed. With a friend you are to be yourself and free to change. Of course, you are free to do this in all other relationships as well, but in friendships you get to have lots of rehearsals and discussion about changes as you experience them. It is an unconditional experience where you receive as much as you give. You can explain yourself to a friend openly without the fear of hurting a family member. How do friendships grow ? The answer is simple. By revealing yourself; being attentive; remembering what is most showing empathy; seeing the world through the eyes of your friend, you will understand the value of friendship. All this means learning to accept a person from a completely different family to your own or perhaps someone from a completely different cultural background This is the way we learn tolerance. In turn we gain tolerance and acceptance for our own differences.

171. In good friendships, we

- A. give and receive.
- B. neither give nor receive.
- C. only give.
- D. only receive.

172. Empathy means

- A. someone else's misfortunes
- B. the ability to share and understand another's feelings.
- C. skill and efficiency
- D. ability to do something

173. Through strong friendships, we gain

- A. only acceptance.
- B. only attention.
- C. acceptance and tolerance.
- D. only tolerance.

174. Friendships and relationships grow when they are _____.

- A. compared
- B. divided
- C. favoured
- D. nurtured

175. When we are with a good friend, we tend

- A. to be ourselves.
- B. not to be ourselves.
- C. to shut ourselves.
- D. to be someone else.

Directions : Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four

alternatives and mark it by blackening the appropriate circle [●] in the Answer Sheet.

In the history of Britain, the period from 1837 to 1901 is known as the Victorian Age.

The period saw the long and prosperous reign of Queen Victoria in England. Charles Dickens was the most popular novelist of this period. He became famous for his depiction of the life of the working class, intricate plots and sense of humour. However, it was the vast galaxy of unusual characters created by him that made him more popular than any of his contemporaries. Drawn from everyday life and the world around him, these characters were such that readers could relate to them. Beginning with *Tommy Trundle* in 1836, Dickens wrote numerous novels, each uniquely filled with believable personalities and vivid physical descriptions. According to Dickens' friend and biographer, John Forster, Dickens made "characters real existences, not by describing them but letting them describe themselves."

176. Dickens became famous for depicting the life of

- A. the business class, intricate plots and sense of humour.
- B. the working class, dull plots and sense of humour.
- C. the working class, intricate plots and lack of humour.
- D. the working class, intricate plots and sense of humour.

177. Dickens' characters were drawn from

- A. everyday life and the world around him.
- B. unbelievable personalities.
- C. royal families.
- D. everyday life and the world beyond him.

178. John Forster was Dickens'

- A. friend and editor
- B. friend and biographer
- C. best friend and philosopher
- D. friend and doctor

179. The period between 1837-1901 was known as the

- A. the Shakespearian Age
- B. the Victorian Age
- C. the Dark Age
- D. the Elizabethan Age

180. The word 'popular' in the passage means

- A. propelling
- B. problematic
- C. successful
- D. poor

Directions : Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives and mark it by blackening the appropriate circle [●] in the Answer Sheet.

Chameleons can make their skin colour change, but not because they decide to. The colour changes to help the chameleon avoid its enemies. It is a form of camouflage, a disguise that lets it blend in with its surroundings. The change is actually determined by environmental factors, such as light and temperature.

Bright sunlight causes the skin to darken. On cool nights, the colour fades to a creamy colour. The colour also changes when chameleons are excited, angry or afraid. The colour change is rapid and increases when the chameleon is handled, injured, or approached by another chameleon. There are many types of chameleons. Almost half of them are found on the African island of Madagascar. The others mostly occur in the Sahara Desert, with few in Western Asia and Southern Europe. Chameleons live in trees, where they usually eat insects. Very large chameleons may even use their sticky tongues to catch birds.

181. Chameleons change colour when they are

- A. angry, excited or happy.
- B. afraid, angry or hungry.
- C. afraid, excited or angry.
- D. excited, angry or hungry.

182. Half of the world's chameleons are found

- A. on the African island of Madagascar.
- B. on the Asian island of Madagascar.
- C. in the continent of Asia.
- D. in the Sahara Desert.

183. The colour changing ability of a chameleon is a form of camouflage which is a

- A. dance done by chameleons.
- B. colour that fades.
- C. disease which affects chameleons.
- D. disguise that lets it blend in with its surroundings.

184. A chameleon's colour changes to help it

- A. avoid its enemies.
- B. fly away.
- C. look beautiful.
- D. attract prey.

185. The colour change is determined by

- A. pressure and temperature.
- B. light and temperature.
- C. light and wind.

D. light and pressure.

Directions : *In the following Ten Questions, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and blacken the circle [●] corresponding to the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, blacken the circle corresponding to "No Error" in the Answer Sheet.*

186. She has been complaining about headache from morning.

- A. from morning
- B. No error
- C. She has been
- D. complaining about headache

187. The children left the playground one after one.

- A. one after one
- B. No error
- C. The children left
- D. the playground

188. I knew the town well so I was able to advice him where to go.

- A. to advice him where to go.
- B. No error
- C. I knew the town well
- D. so I was able

189. He runs more faster than I.

- A. than I
- B. No error
- C. He runs
- D. more faster

190. The fight for liberation brings out the best and a noblest quality in mankind.

- A. a noblest quality in mankind
- B. No error
- C. The fight for liberation
- D. brings out the best and

191. The baby was clinging with her mother in fear.

- A. mother in fear
- B. No error
- C. The baby was
- D. clinging with her

192. Not much people realize his sincerity.

- A. his sincerity
- B. No error
- C. Not much
- D. people realize

193. The government must provide facilities for the upbringing of women.

- A. upbringing of women
- B. No error
- C. The government
- D. must provide facilities for the

194. You will not succeed unless you don't work hard.

- A. don't work hard
- B. No error
- C. You will not
- D. succeed unless you

195. He stated that he prefers tea than coffee.

- A. tea than coffee
- B. No error
- C. He stated that
- D. he prefers

Directions : In the following Five Questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with the most appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the most correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by blackening the appropriate circle [●] in the Answer Sheet.

196. We all have _____ the widowed girl.

- A. sympathy with
- B. sympathy of
- C. sympathy at
- D. sympathy for

197. They organized an event last month in _____ with another company.

- A. connection
- B. regulation
- C. competition
- D. collaboration

198. He _____ to help me and called me a fool.

- A. offered

- B. thought
- C. refused
- D. denied

199. One who tries may fail but one who does not try never _____ .

- A. prosper
- B. gain
- C. **succeeds**
- D. success

200. The lady _____ to be a close relative of ours.

- A. turned up
- B. turned about
- C. **turned out**
- D. turned in

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