

GENERAL ABILITY TEST

PART-A SYNONYMS

Directions (For the 9 items which follow):

Each of the following nine items consists of a word or a group of words in capital letters, followed by four words or groups of words. Select the word or group of words that is most similar in meaning to the word or group of words in capital letters.

1. BEAVER AWAY
 - a. To waste away
 - b. To sleep for long hours
 - c. To work hard
 - d. To steal something

Ans. (c)
2. BADGER
 - a. To ricochet
 - b. To err
 - c. To apologize
 - d. To pester persistently

Ans. (d)
3. SWISH
 - a. False
 - b. Fashionable
 - c. Annulment
 - d. Rapid

Ans. (b)
4. SURREPTITIOUS
 - a. To be impatient
 - b. Susceptible
 - c. Supportive
 - d. To act stealthily

Ans. (d)
5. SURROGATE
 - a. Surpassable
 - b. Substitute
 - c. Surfeit
 - d. Surveillant

Ans. (b)
6. UP-THE CREEK
 - a. To get lot of money
 - b. In dire difficulties
 - c. To be very successful
 - d. To achieve one's aim by deceit

Ans. (b)
7. CAVEAT
 - a. Award
 - b. Controversy
 - c. Warning
 - d. Graphic

Ans. (c)
8. NIP AND TUCK
 - a. Close competition
 - b. Heavy rain

- c. Fierce attack
- d. Mixture

Ans. (a)

9. COMEUPPANCE
 - a. Sudden arrival
 - b. Parity
 - c. Paradox
 - d. Retribution

Ans. (d)

ANTONYMS

Directions (For the 7 items which follow):

Each of the following seven items consists of a word in capital letters, followed by four words or groups of words. Select the word or group of words that is furthest in meaning to the word in capital letters.

10. SALACIOUS
 - a. Decent
 - b. Satisfying
 - c. Precipitous
 - d. Fortifying

Ans. (a)
11. SEDULOUS
 - a. Lack of emotions
 - b. Lack of steady effort
 - c. Affluent
 - d. Modest

Ans. (b)
12. SWINGEINE
 - a. Dull
 - b. Meagre
 - c. Disrepute
 - d. Proportionate

Ans. (b)
13. TEDIUM
 - a. Appreciation
 - b. Fixation
 - c. Neutrability
 - d. Liveliness

Ans. (d)
14. TENDENTIOUS
 - a. Impartial
 - b. Calm
 - c. Supplementary
 - d. Super-duper

Ans. (a)
15. TEMERITY
 - a. Humorous
 - b. Hybrid
 - c. Humility
 - d. Humiliation

Ans. (c)

16. CAPRICE
 a. Excuse
 b. Steady behaviour
 c. Accusation
 d. Exhortation

Ans. (b)

Directions (For the 5 items which follow):

In each of the following five items, a related pair of words (in capital letters) is followed by four pairs of words. Select the pair that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the original pair (in capital letters).

17. CALLOW : MATURITY
 a. Eager : Anxiety
 b. Incipient : Fruition
 c. Apathetic : Disinterest
 d. Exposure : Weathering
18. DAMPEN : ENTHUSIASM
 a. Moisten : Throat
 b. Test : Commitment
 c. Reverse : Direction
 d. Mute : Sound

Ans. (b)

19. RUFFLE : COMPOSURE
 a. Flourish : Prosperity
 b. Adjust : Balance
 c. Upset : Equilibrium
 d. Chaff : Wheat

Ans. (c)

20. LATENT : MANIFESTATION
 a. Dormant : Awakening
 b. Patent : Appearance
 c. Redoubtable : Impress
 d. Aggrieved : Distress

Ans. (a)

21. CELERITY : SNAIL
 a. Indolence : Sloth
 b. Humility : Peacock
 c. Nervous : Energy
 d. Emulation : Rivalry

Ans. (b)

SPOTTING ERRORS

Directions (For the 6 items which follow) :

- (i) In this section, a number of sentences are given. The sentences are underlined in three separate parts and each one is labeled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is an error in any underlined part. No sentence has more than one error. When you find an error in any one of the underlined parts (a), (b) or (c), indicate your response on the separate Answer Sheet at the approximate space. You may feel that there is no error in a sentence. In that case letter (d) will signify a 'No error' response.
- (ii) You are to indicate only one response for each item in your Answer Sheet. (If you indicate more than one response, your answer will be considered wrong) Errors may be in grammar, word usage or idioms. There may be a word missing or there may be a word which should be removed.

- (iii) You are not required to correct the error. You are required only to indicate your response on the Answer Sheet. Example 'P' and 'Q' have been solved for you.

(EXAMPLES)

- P. The young child singed
 (a) (b)
A very sweet song. No error
 (c) (d)

Explanation:

In item P, the word 'signed' is wrong. The letter under this part is (b); se (b) is the correct answer. Similarly, for item Q, (d) is the correct answer, as the sentence does not contain any error.

22. There were gapes of horror
 (a)
form the spectators as
 (b)
the performer fell from the tightrope
 (c)
No error
 (d)

Ans. (a)

23. She gazed at me
 (a)
in misbelief when
 (b)
I told her the news
 (c)

Ans. (b)

24. Acting from inside information
 (a)
the police were able to arrest the gang
 (b)
before the robbery occurred
 (c)

Ans. (a)

25. Amit did not have a girl-friend
 (a)
till he was 21, but now
 (b)
he is making up at the lost time
 (c)

Ans. (c)

26. She wanted to be an actress
 (a)
but her father soon
 (b)
nipped that idea in the bud
 (c)

Ans. (c)

27. Captain's language was uncompromising
 (a)
he told junior officers their work
 (b)

must improve or they would be fired

(c)

No error

(d)

Ans. (c)

ORDERING OF SENTENCES

Directions (For the 10 items which follow):

In the following items, each passage consists of six sentences. The first sentence (S_1) and final sentence (S_6) are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences in each have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. You are required to find out the correct sequence of the four sentences and mark accordingly on the Answer Sheet.

Example 'X' has been solved for you.

(EXAMPLE)

- X. S_1 : There was a boy named Jack
 S_6 : At least she turned him out of the house
 P : So the mother asked him to find work
 Q : They were very poor
 R : he lived with his mother
 S : But Jack refused to work

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- (a) R - Q - P - S
 (b) P - Q - R - S
 (c) Q - P - R - S
 (d) R - P - S - Q

Explanation: The correct sequence in this example is R-Q-P-S, which is marked by (a). Therefore, (a) is the correct answer.

28. S_1 : The first aeroplanes were fragile and clumsy.
 S_6 : In those days people considered flight in an aeroplane to be a miracle
 P : When they took off they would not fly very high
 Q : They also broke down frequently
 R : It was difficult for them to take off
 S : They flew slowly and only in the vicinity of the airfield

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. R - P - S - Q
 b. S - Q - R - P
 c. R - Q - S - P
 d. S - P - R - Q

Ans. (a)

29. S_1 : Lions usually live in a family parties called 'prides'.
 S_6 : They attack man only when they are wounded or otherwise aroused.
 P : Wild lions are not normally a menace to man.
 Q : A pride is commonly made up of a lion, two lionesses and cubs.

R : Sometimes pigs and other animals are also killed by them.

S : They usually prey on zebras and antelopes.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. P - S - R - Q
 b. Q - R - S - P
 c. P - R - S - Q
 d. Q - S - R - P

Ans. (d)

30.

S_1 : Not long ago television was a rarity.

S_6 : Only a few people understand the technology behind it.

P : It has become a means of entertainment and information.

Q : Yet nowadays there is one in virtually every home.

R : But most of us do not know much about how an image appears on the television screen

S : We have grown used to it.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. P - R - Q - S
 b. Q - S - P - R
 c. P - S - Q - R
 d. Q - R - P - S

Ans. (b)

31.

S_1 : I have know in my own life, in my own experience, people who were hating one another on account of their religious views.

S_6 : We are the inheritors of a great world heritage.

P : They try to find out whatever is of value in them.

Q : You will find that other religions are studies with sympathy and respect by those who do not adhere to them

R : All that has changed today.

S : The classics of the whole world form the classics of every human being.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. P - S - R - Q
 b. R - Q - P - S
 c. P - Q - R - S
 d. R - S - P - Q

Ans. (b)

32.

S_1 : Javert was a strong, upright and just man.

S_6 : So he took the only way out for him-he killed himself.

P : But now his life was turned upside down.

Q : It was his safe world of rules.

R : He would help no one, and he helped no one.

S : He did not want favours from a thief.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. Q – P – S – R
- b. S – R – Q – P
- c. Q – R – S – P
- d. S – P – Q – R

Ans. (b)

33. S₁: Nowadays we pay a great deal of attention to pure air, open windows and garden cities.

S₆: Pasteurised milk is milk which has been treated in this way.

P: Another useful discovery of Pasteur's was the process, now called, pasteurization.

Q: Pasteur was one of the first to show how necessary all these are if we are to fight against germs and disease.

R: Pasteur helped them by showing that by heating wine or milk to a temperature of 60 degree Centigrade, the germs were made harmless.

S: Some wine-growers were troubled by a germ which has turned their wine sour.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. R – S – P – Q
- b. Q – P – S – R
- c. R – P – S – Q
- d. Q – S – P – R

Ans. (b)

34. S₁: Scientist have found that any train running on wheels cannot go faster than 300 kilometres an hour.

S₆: Japanese engineers are, therefore, planning another kind of train, a magnetic train without wheels, which would also float above the ground.

P: One way of building such trains has already been tried out

Q: If we want trains which can go still faster we must build them without wheels.

R: But it would not be possible to run them on the Tokaido line because in some tunnels there would not be enough air to support them

S: Here, the whole train floats above the ground on top of a cushion of air created by powerful fans.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. Q – P – S – R
- b. S – R – Q – P
- c. Q – R – S – P
- d. S – P – Q – R

Ans. (a)

35. S₁: Newspapers are the cheapest medium of information today.

S₆: Consequently, 50 percent of our population is denied access to information vital for the functioning of a democracy.

P: If you cannot buy a paper, you can go to a public library.

Q: And yet newspapers do not reach nearly fifty percent of our population.

R: They are also easily available to everybody

S: It is because people are illiterate.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. R – S – Q – P
- b. Q – P – R – S
- c. R – P – Q – S
- d. Q – S – R – P

Ans. (c)

36. S₁: Social isolation, overcrowding, the competitiveness of our society and several other factors are responsible for stress.

S₆: Yet some other get totally depressed and often much worried.

P: In England we refer to competition in society as the 'rat-race'.

Q: All of us react to that rat-race in different ways.

R: But some of us get very much tired and bored very easily.

S: The pressures on all of us are very great because speed and competition have become part of everyday life.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. R – P – Q – S
- b. S – Q – P – R
- c. R – Q – P – S
- d. S – P – Q – R

Ans. (d)

37. S₁: It is true that a few women have opportunities to work outside the home.

S₆: If women stop doing this work there would be havoc in the public life.

P: Women do much work all the time within the house.

Q: This work could be termed as socially productive labour.

R: It consists of cooking, washing, cleaning, fetching fuel and water etc.

S: This work is crucial to the survival of society.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. P – Q – R – S
- b. R – S – P – Q
- c. P – S – R – Q
- d. R – Q – P – S

Ans. (c)

ORDERING OF WORDS IN A SENTENCE

Direction (For the 10 items which follow)

In the following item, some parts of the sentence have been jumbled up. You are required to rearrange these parts which are labeled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sequence. Choose the proper sequence and mark in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

Example 'Z' has been solved for you.

(EXAMPLE)

- Z. It is well-known that
the effect it very bad
 P Q
on children of cinema
 R S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- (a) P-S-R-Q
 (b) S-P-Q-R
 (c) S-R-P-Q
 (d) Q-S-R-P

Explanation:

The proper way of writing the sentence is "It is well-known that the effect of cinema on children is very bad." This is indicated by the sequence P-S-R-Q and so (a) is the correct answer.

38. Life comes
Awed by all the things that their words can do
with computer and gadgets
 P

who can get anything done by clicking a few
buttons
 Q

a full circle when some technologically
challenged mothers
 R

begin to believe that their child is a super-kid
in the digital world
 S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. R-P-Q-S
 b. P-R-Q-S
 c. R-P-S-Q
 d. P-R-S-Q

Ans. (c)

39. Unaware
Reading other periodicals and publication
 P

ourselves with merely
 Q

of the need to build
 R

the intellect we tend to entertain
 S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. Q-P-R-S
 b. R-S-Q-P
 c. Q-S-R-P
 d. R-P-Q-S

Ans. (b)

40. Loss of employment
in a country like India where
 P

is no social security net to fall back on
 Q

most people are still poor and there
 R

or livelihood can be really injurious
 S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. S-R-P-Q
 b. Q-P-R-S
 c. Q-R-P-S
 d. S-P-R-Q

Ans. (d)

41. Many people
organized their energies around a goal
 P

but simply because they have never
 Q

or brains or even courage
 R

fail in life not for lack of ability
 S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. P-Q-R-S
 b. S-R-Q-P
 c. P-R-Q-P
 d. S-Q-R-P

Ans. (b)

42. Being
to a viewing point a higher more expansive
 place
 P

to move from a point of view
 Q

willing to change allows you
 R

from which you can seen both sides
 S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. R-Q-P-S
 b. Q-R-P-S
 c. Q-R-S-P
 d. R-Q-S-P

Ans. (a)

43. Yet one area
to players who have violated the spirit of the
 game
 P

in which Indian Cricket administration should
 definitely
 Q

denying the benefits of Indian corporate
 sponsorship
 R

use its financial clout is in
 S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- a. R-P-Q-S
 b. Q-S-R-P
 c. R-S-Q-P
 d. Q-P-R-S

Ans. (b)

44. While improvements

have definitely helped climbers now carry
lighter oxygen bottles
 P
in technology over the years
 Q
made of titanium and get regular weather
updates
 R
through satellite phones the route to Mt.
Everest remains treacherous as ever
 S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- Q-P-R-S
- S-R-P-Q
- Q-R-P-S
- S-P-R-Q

Ans. (a)

45. Life

the number of breaths you take
 P
that take your breath away
 Q
is not measured by
 R
but by the moments
 S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- Q-P-S-R
- R-S-P-Q
- Q-S-P-R
- R-P-S-Q

Ans. (d)

46. The greatest

miss it but that it is too
 P
danger for most of us
 Q
is not that our aim is too high and we
 R
low and we reach it
 S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- Q-S-P-R
- P-R-Q-S
- Q-R-P-S
- P-S-Q-R

Ans. (c)

47. The fundamental

but an institutional framework that lays down
 P
and cannot be trampled on by the ruling
government
 Q
the rights of the people and rules of political
engagement
 R

mark of a democracy is not elections

S

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

- S-P-Q-R
- P-S-R-Q
- P-S-Q-R
- S-P-R-Q

Ans. (d)

COMPREHENSION

Directions (For the 13 items which follow):

In this section, you have three short passages. After each passage, you will find several questions based on the passage. First, read and passage and then answer the questions based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

Example 'T' and 'J' are solved for you

PASSAGE (EXAMPLE)

In our approach to life, be it pragmatic or otherwise, a basic fact that confronts us squarely and unmistakable is the desire for peace, security and happiness. Different forms of life at different levels of existence make up the teeming denizens of this earth of ours. And, no matter whether they belong to the higher groups such as human beings or to the lower groups and as animals, all beings primarily seek peace, comfort and security. Life is as dear to a mute creature as it is to a man. Even the lowliest insect strives for protection against dangers that threaten its life. Just as each one of us wants to live and not to die, so do all other creature.

- The author's remains point is that
 - different forms of life are found on earth
 - different levels of existence are possible in nature
 - peace and security are the chief goals of all living beings
 - even the weakest creature struggles to preserve its life
- Which one of the following assumptions or steps is essential in developing the author's position?
 - All forms of life have a single over-riding goal
 - The will to survive of a creature is identified with a desire of peace
 - All beings are divided into higher and lower groups
 - A parallel is drawn between happiness and life, and pain and death.

Explanation:

- The idea which represents the author's main point is "peace and security are the chief goals of all living being", which is response (c). So (c) is the correct answer.
- The best assumption underlying the passage in "The will to survive of a creature is identified with a desire for peace", which is response (b). So (b) is the correct answer.

PASSAGE I

J.K Galbraith has described the current inflation as a "revolt of the rich against the poor". Richard Parker supports this view with the claim that it is the richest people that benefit by inflation: while the rest, especially the poorest, suffer in proportion to their relative property. On the other hand, a 1979 study published by the Brookings Institute indicates that the lower classes are generally benefited by inflation, while the upper classes lose. The confusion over who suffers from inflation is extended to other questions such as the major causes of inflation. In addition to the proponents of the demand theory, there are many who doubt whether inflation is

essentially an economic problem at all. Konard Kellen holds that inflation is not an economic problem but a psychological one. Paul Samuelson cites a social factor, the evaluation of a more humane society, as a root cause of inflation.

48. What does the author believe?
- Only the rich suffer from inflation
 - Only the poor suffer from inflation
 - Both the rich and the poor suffer from inflation
 - It is debatable as to who suffers from inflation

Ans. (d)

49. From the passage, which one of the following may be inferred?
- The effect of inflation can be studied with scientific precision
 - The effect of inflation cannot be studied with scientific precision
 - Economists are biased towards the rich or the poor
 - The effect of inflation varies from place to place, and people to people

Ans. (b)

50. On the basis of the information given in the passage, what are the causes of inflation?
- Essentially economic
 - Essentially psychological
 - Essentially social
 - Highly controversial

Ans. (d)

51. How does the author write?
- Objectively
 - Critically
 - Sympathetically
 - Persuasively

Ans. (a)

PASSAGE II

Work itself is a very important factor in motivating a person. A person tends to perform a task more enthusiastically if that work affords more satisfaction than the other work. A person's satisfaction out of work is more if it is more need satisfying. A man seeks something from work and if he gets more satisfaction from a particular work he will be prone to do that work better or harder. There are incentives for work; these can be financial or non-financial. People like missionaries and some scientists do not work basically for material gains as such. A person wants to do a work which is personally meaningful.

52. Which one of the following is correct?
- Work is the most important factor by which a person is motivated.
 - Work is the least important factor that motivates a person
 - Among the several factors that motivate a person, work is an important one.
 - Nothing can motivate a person who does not have some permanent work.

Ans. (c)

53. Which one of the following is correct?

A person's work satisfaction depends on

- the money and other benefits he receives from work
- the need satisfying nature of the work he does
- the physical environment in which he works
- the personal relationship he establishes with his colleagues and superiors

Ans. (b)

54. Which one of the following is correct? If a person gets more satisfaction from a particular work, he will
- stick on to that work for ever
 - certainly achieve mastery over that work soon
 - slowly develop a taste for that work
 - do that work in a better and harder manner

Ans. (d)

55. Which one of the following is correct? Both the scientists and the missionaries work
- because of the incentives given to them
 - without hoping for any material gain
 - without receiving any material gain
 - because they want to be appreciated

Ans. (b)

56. Which one of the following is correct? Every person wants to have a work which
- helps him to get involved meaningfully
 - helps him to earn substantially
 - is pleasant and easy
 - can be finished quickly

Ans. (a)

PASSAGE III

In our country there is very little popular writing on science. Those who write are writing for other scientists. The newspapers these days devote a little more space than before for scientific topics but they appear to be rather ill-digested knowledge not written in simple readable language. So if we are to bridge this gap and disseminate scientific knowledge and promote scientific temper, it has become necessary for some of the scientists to turn to popularization. Today we have almost compulsion for doing this if we are to convey to the people the meaning and relevance of the pursuit of science. It is time some scientists enter the field of scientific journalism.

57. What does the passage suggest?
- The author is fully satisfied with the role of newspapers in promoting popular writing on science.
 - The author is totally dissatisfied with the role of newspapers in promoting popular writing on science.
 - The author appreciates the readiness of newspapers to allow more space than before to writings on science.

d. The author condemns the attitude displayed by newspapers in the matter of promoting popular writing on science.

Ans. (c)

58. Which one of the following is correct?
Popular writing on science in our country appears to be

- not properly digested and easily comprehensible
- extremely restricted in outlook
- very lucid, intelligible and self explanatory
- based on obsolete knowledge of the topics chosen

Ans. (a)

59. Which one of the following is correct?
The propose of promoting popular scientific writing in newspapers is

- to attract more people to the study of science
- to spread scientific knowledge and encourage scientific temper among the common people
- to give the people information about modern scientific inventions
- to help the newspapers to increase their circulation among the students of science

Ans. (b)

60. The author wants some of the scientists "to turn to popularization". What does that imply?

- The scientists should go round and country and explain to the people the various achievements of science
- The scientists should make use of the television and radio to spread the message of science among the common people
- The scientists should write in newspapers about the various aspects of science in easily understandable language.
- The scientists should seek the help of social organizations to spread scientific knowledge among the common people.

Ans. (c)

PART-B

61. The deficiency of which one of the following leads to anemia?

- Ascorbic acid
- Citric acid
- Folic acid
- Nicotinic acid

Ans. (c)

62. The highly fatal disease of Rabies is caused by which one of the following?

- Virus
- Bacteria
- Protozoan
- Nematode worm

Ans. (a)

63. How in jasmine plant propagated?

- Grafting
- Layering
- Root cutting
- Stem cutting

Ans. (b)

64. Which chamber of the heart has the thickest muscular walls?

- Right atrium
- Left atrium
- Right ventricle
- Left ventricle

Ans. (d)

65. Among the following fruits, which one is not a true fruit?

- Apple
- Date
- Coconut
- Tomato

Ans. (c)

66. In human body, while one of the following glands is located in the neck?

- Adrenal
- Hypothalamus
- Pituitary
- Thyroid

Ans. (d)

67. In human body, which one among the following secretes digestive enzyme?

- Large intestine
- Liver
- Pancreas
- Spleen

Ans. (c)

68. Which one among the following is a warm blooded animal?

- Anaconda
- Crocodile
- Shark
- Whale

Ans. (d)

69. Which one among the following is an ape naturally found in India?

- Chimpanzee
- Hoolak Gibbon
- Gorilla
- Orangutan

Ans. (b)

70. Which one among the following plants produces seeds without producing flower?

- Cashew nut
- Date Palm
- Pinus
- Toddy

Ans. (c)

71. The stem of which one of the following plants is usually underground?

- Banana
- Sweet potato

- c. Topioca
d. Water melon
Ans. (b)
72. In the context of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in India, under the Primary Articles' group, what is the approximate weight of 'Food Article' in WPI?
a. 12
b. 15
c. 18
d. 21
Ans. (b)
73. Which one of the following is responsible for bringing out the report on National and Per Capita Income in India?
a. Ministry of Planning
b. Ministry of Human Resource Development
c. Ministry of Home Affairs
d. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Ans. (d)
74. In terms of both quantity and value, which one of the following countries is the largest cutting and polishing centre of diamonds in the world?
a. Belgium
b. France
c. India
d. South Africa
Ans. (c)
75. Regarding the procurement of wheat for central pool, which one of the following States has the highest share of contribution?
a. Haryana
b. Madhya Pradesh
c. Punjab
d. Uttar Pradesh
Ans. (c)
76. So far how many times has the countrywide "Economic Census" been done in India?
a. Thrice
b. Five times
c. Seven times
d. Nine times
Ans. (b)
77. Which among the following was the capital of Shivaji?
a. Singhagarh
b. Raigarh
c. Panhala
d. Poona
Ans. (b)
78. Who among the following arrived in the court of Jehangir as an official ambassador of King of England?
a. William Hawkins
b. Sir Thomas Roe
c. Sir Edward Terry
d. Bernier
Ans. (b)
79. Which Mughal Emperor granted the Dewani of Bengal to the British East India Company in the year 1765?
a. Jehangir
b. Shahjahan
c. Aurangzeb
d. Shah Alam-II
Ans. (d)
80. Who of the following was the representative of Indian National Congress in the Second Round Table Conference, held in London?
a. Madan Mohan Malviya
b. C. Rajagopalachari
c. Mahatma Gandhi
d. Vallabhbhai Patel
Ans. (c)
81. Where did Lala Hardayal and Sohan Singh Bhakna form the Gadar Party in 1913?
a. Paris
b. San Francisco
c. Tokyo
d. London
Ans. (b)
82. Prior to Independence, the elections to the Constituent Assembly were held under which one of the following?
a. Mountbatten Plan
b. Cabinet Mission
c. Cripps Proposals
d. Wavell Plan
Ans. (b)
83. Who among the following introduced cashew nut, pineapple and tobacco into India?
a. Dutch
b. English
c. French
d. Portuguese
Ans. (d)
84. When All India Trade Union Congress was founded in 1920, who of the following was elected its president?
a. C.R. Das
b. Lala Pajpat Rai
c. N.M. Joshi
d. V.V. Giri
Ans. (b)
85. Which one of the following was the occasion on which Jawaharlal Nehru stepped forward, as an important national leader?
a. Agitation against Rowlatt Act
b. Launch of Non-Cooperation Movement
c. Formation of Swaraj Party
d. Agitation against the arrival of Simon Commission
Ans. (d)
86. At the time of Tripuri Congress Session in 1939 in which Subhash Bose has defeated Sitaramayya, who among the following had

withdrawn his candidature from
 Presidentship?

- Abdul Kalam Azad
- Jawaharlal Nehru
- Jayaprakash Narayan
- Vallabhbhai Patel

Ans. (d, a)

87. Which one of the following was not a programme of the Non-Cooperation cell given in 1920?

- Boycott of titles
- Boycott of Civil Services
- Boycott of English education
- Boycott of police and army

Ans. (c)

88. In which year was Mahatma Gandhi's famous work Hind Swaraj written?

- 1907
- 1909
- 1914
- 1934

Ans. (b)

89. Consider the following statements with reference to Union Government:

- The tenure of Chairman/Members of Staff Selection Commission is for five years or still they attain the age of 62 years, whichever is earlier.
- The tenure of Chairman/Member of Union Public Service Commission is for six years or till they attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Ans. (c)

90. According to the provisions of the Constitution of India, who inquires into all doubts and decides disputes arising out of or in connection with the election of Vice-President of India?

- The President of India
- The Supreme Court of India
- The Election Commission of India
- The Attorney General of India

Ans. (b)

91. Who among the following tribes live in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- Apatani
- Jarawa
- Munda
- Santhal

Ans. (b)

92. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists:

List I

(Book)

- Crime and Punishment
- Farewell to Arms
- The Rights of Man
- Unto The Last

List II

(Author)

- Ernest Hemingway
- Feodor Dostoyevsky
- John Ruskin
- Thomas Paine

Code:

	A	B	C	D
a.	2	3	4	1
b.	4	1	2	3
c.	4	3	2	1
d.	3	1	4	3

Ans. (d)

93. In India, when both, the offices of the President and the Vice-President happen to be vacant simultaneously, who will discharge the duties of the President?

- The Prime Minister
- The Union Home Minister
- The Speaker of Lok Sabha
- The Chief Justice of India

Ans. (d)

94. For the review of which of the following was a Commission under the chairmanship of Justice M.N. Venkatchaliah constituted by Union Government?

- Industrial sickness
- River water disputes
- The Constitution of India
- Centre-State relations

Ans. (c)

95. In which one of the following countries did the Industrial Revolution first take place?

- USA
- UK
- Germany
- France

Ans. (b)

96. Who of the following is the author of the famous book 'Das Kapital'?

- Adam Smith
- Karl Marx
- Rousseau
- Voltaire

Ans. (b)

97. Which one of the following is the correct statement?

In the Parliament of India, a money bill can be introduced only with the recommendation of

- the President of India
- the Prime Minister of India
- the Speaker of Lok Sabha
- the Union Finance Minister

- Ans. (a)**
98. Which one of the following is a place of famous Hindu pilgrimage as well as a site of important hydroelectric power project?
- Devaprayag
 - Guntur
 - Nasik-Triambakeshwar
 - Omkareshwar
- Ans. (d)**
99. State which one of the following groups of oceanic water currents meet near 'Newfoundland Island' of Canada?
- Gulf Stream and Labrador
 - Kuroshio and Kurile
 - Agulhas and Mozambique
 - Brazilian and Falkland
- Ans. (a)**
100. How many Indian States border Myanmar?
- Three
 - Four
 - Five
 - Six
- Ans. (b)**
101. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists:
- List I
(Name of the River)
- Godavari
 - Krishna
 - Tapti
 - Cauvery
- List II
(Tributary Joining)
- Parna
 - Hemavati
 - Pranhita
 - Koyana
- Code:
- | | A | B | C | D |
|----|---|---|---|---|
| a. | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| b. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| c. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| d. | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
- Ans. (d)**
102. Where is the Port of East London located?
- England
 - Ireland
 - East coast of USA
 - South Africa
- Ans. (d)**
103. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?
- Northern Rhodesia : Namibia
 - Gold Coast : Ghana
 - Dutch Guyana : Suriname
 - Dutch East Indies : Indonesia
- Ans. (a)**
104. Khmer Rouge atrocities pertained to which one among the following?
- South Africa
 - Iraq
 - Libya
 - Cambodia
- Ans. (d)**
105. Recently, the President of India conferred the India Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2006 on whom among the following?
- Kim Dae Jung
 - Mohamed El Baradei
 - Shirin Ebadi
 - Wangari Muta Maathai
- Ans. (d)**
106. In the year 2007, which one of the following pairs of countries launched spacecrafts to carry out research on the Moon?
- Australia and Canada
 - China and Japan
 - France and Germany
 - Russia and South Korea
- Ans. (b)**
107. In December, 2007, which one of the following countries launched an interceptor missile called AAD-02 to intercept a ballistic missile?
- Iran
 - North Korea
 - India
 - Pakistan
- Ans. (c)**
108. Recently, who of the following writers in English, has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship?
- Amitav Ghosh
 - Anita Desai
 - Jhumpa Lahiri
 - Shashi Tharoor
- Ans. (b)**
109. In the context of Indian Defence, what is Admiral Gorshkov, frequently in the news?
- Stealth warship
 - Nuclear powered submarine
 - Aircraft carrier
 - Marine oil drilling platform
- Ans. (c)**
110. Hugo Chavez, who is frequently in the news, is a President of which one of the following countries?
- Argentina
 - Brazil
 - Cuba
 - Venezuela
- Ans. (d)**
111. What is the Defence outlay (approximate) in India for the year 2008-09?
- Rs. 65,000 crores
 - Rs. 85,000 crores
 - Rs. 95,000 crores

- d. Rs. 1,05,000 crores
Ans. (d)
112. What is a major use of allethrin?
a. In household insecticides
b. In glass manufacture
c. In steel manufacture
d. In paints and varnishes
Ans. (a)
113. Which one of the following is not correctly match (approximately)?
a. 4 Imperial gallons = 18.18 litres
b. 4 pounds = 1.81 kilograms
c. 30 pounds per sq. in. = 2.07 kg per sq. cm.
d. 5 hectares = 18.35 acres
Ans. (d)
114. Big Mac Index is employed in the determination of which one of the following?
a. Infrastructure development
b. Purchasing power parity
c. Defence budget per capita
d. Crop yield
Ans. (b)
115. What does the term 'Pyrrhic Victory' imply?
a. A victory in a war wherein Air Force has played a major role
b. A victory achieved at a great cost to the winner
c. A victory of a political party wherein members of the opposition party have betrayed their own members
d. A victory achieved in games as a result of match-fixing
Ans. (b)
116. The well-known sportsman Liu Xiang has excelled in which event?
a. Table Tennis
b. Weightlifting
c. Hurdles race
d. Swimming
Ans. (c)
117. Which one of the following subjects is mainly dealt with by Montreal Protocol?
a. Undersea cable network
b. International cooperation against terrorism
c. Depletion of Ozone layer
d. Exploration of outer space
Ans. (c)
118. From which year does the 11th Five Year Plan start?
a. 2005
b. 2006
c. 2007
d. 2008
Ans. (c)
119. In the context of India's defence, what is C-130 J Hercules?
a. A supersonic fighter jet
b. A troop transport aircraft
c. An unmanned patrol aircraft
d. A multi-purpose amphibious vehicle
Ans. (b)
120. Who among the following is a blunker?
a. Samir Jain
b. Raghav Bahl
c. K.V. Kamath
d. G.M. Rao
Ans. (c)