

SECTION III

Sub Section III-A: Number of Questions = 45

Note: Questions 74 to 83 carry half a mark each. All the other questions in Sub-section III-A carry one mark each.

Directions for Questions 74 to 83: Fill up the blanks, numbered [74], [75] ...up to [83], in the two passages below with the most appropriate word from the options given for each blank.

At that time the White House was as serene as a resort hotel out of season. The corridors were [74]. In the various offices, [75] gray men in waistcoats talked to one another in low-pitched voices. The only color, or choler, curiously enough, was provided by President Eisenhower himself. Apparently, his [76] was easily set off; he scowled when he [77] the corridors.

74. 1. striking 2. hollow 3. empty 4. white

Sol.Ans.(3). Since the White House has been described as ‘as serene as a resort hotel out of season’ the corridors have to be unoccupied. The choice is between hollow and empty. But in the context of corridors, empty is the correct choice.

75. 1. quiet 2. faded 3. loud 4. stentorian

Sol.Ans.(1). The blank needs a word synonymous with the description of gray men talking in ‘low pitched voices’. So we eliminate options 3 and 4. Option 2 is contextually ill-fitted. Therefore option 1 is the answer as it is synonymous with ‘low pitched voices’.

76. 1. laughter 2. curiosity 3. humour 4. temper

Sol.Ans.(4). In the context of scowling, the best answer is 4.

77. 1. paced 2. strolled 3. stormed 4. prowled

Sol.Ans.(1). The word ‘paced’ means ‘walk at a steady and consistent speed, especially without a particular destination and as an expression of one's anxiety or annoyance.’ Hence the answer is 1.

The set is easy. Must be solved.

“Between the year 1946 and the year 1955, I did not file any income tax returns.” With that [78] statement, Ramesh embarked on an account of his encounter with the Income Tax Department. “I originally owed Rs 20,000 in unpaid taxes. With [79] and [80], the 20,000 became 60,000. The Income Tax Department then went into action, and I learned first hand just how much power the Tax Department wields. Royalties and trust funds can be [81]; automobiles may be [82], and auctioned off. Nothing belongs to the [83] until the case is settled.”

78. 1. devious 2. blunt 3. tactful 4. pretentious

Sol.Ans.(2). In context of the remaining paragraph, the statement is blunt.

79. 1. interest 2. taxes 3. principal 4. returns

Sol. Ans.(1). In the context of unpaid taxes, the best word will be ‘interest’.

80. 1. sanctions 2. refunds 3. fees 4. fines

Sol.Ans.(4). The correct option is ‘fines’.

81. 1. closed 2. detached 3. attached 4. impounded

Sol.Ans.(3). In the context of royalties and trust funds, 'Attached' would be appropriate because even though both 'attached' and 'impounded' are used for confiscation, 'impounded' is used more favourably for vehicles, goods, or documents.

82. 1. smashed 2. seized 3. dismantled 4. frozen

Sol.Ans.(2). In the context of automobiles, 'seized' is the best option.

83. 1. purchaser 2. victim 3. investor 4. offender

Sol.Ans.(4). Ramesh is talking about what happens when Income Tax department takes action against those who do not pay their taxes. Hence, 'offender' is the best answer.

The set is easy. Must be solved.

Directions for Questions 84 to 86: Identify the incorrect sentence or sentences.

84. A. Harish told Raj to plead guilty.
B. Raj pleaded guilty of stealing money from the shop.
C. The court found Raj guilty of all the crimes he was charged with.
D. He was sentenced for three years in jail.

1. A and C 2. B and D 3. A, C, and D 4. B, C, and D

Sol.Ans.(2). Statement B is incorrect, the correct usage is 'guilty to'.

Statement D is incorrect, the correct usage is 'sentenced to'.

Must be solved.

85. A. Last Sunday, Archana had nothing to do.
B. After waking up, she lay on the bed thinking of what to do.
C. At 11 o'clock she took shower and got ready.
D. She spent most of the day shopping.

1. B and C 2. C 3. A and B 4. B, C, and D

Sol.Ans.(1). Statement B is incorrect, the correct usage is 'thinking what to do'.

Statement C is incorrect, the correct usage is 'took a shower'.

Must be solved.

86. A. It was a tough situation and Manasi was taking pains to make it better.
B. Slowly her efforts gave fruit and things started improving.
C. Everyone complemented her for her good work.
D. She was very happy and thanked everyone for their help.

1. A 2. D 3. B and C 4. A and C

Sol.Ans.(3). Statement B is incorrect, the correct usage is 'efforts bore'.

Statement C is incorrect, the correct usage is 'complimented her on'.

Must be solved.