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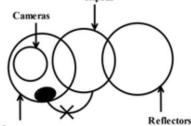
# Reasoning Ability

## 1. Answer: (E)

The given statements are,

Only a few lenses are tripods. Some tripods are reflectors. All cameras are lenses.

The basic minimum overlapping diagram is,



Lenses

Here, some cameras are not reflectors and all reflectors are not lenses.

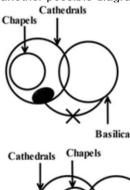
Hence, both conclusions I and II do not follow.

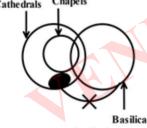
# 2. Answer: (B)

The given statements are,

All chapels are cathedrals. Only a few cathedrals are basilica.

The basic minimum overlapping diagram and another possible diagrams are,





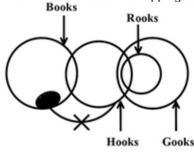
Here, some cathedrals are chapels, some chapels can be basilica and all basilica are not chapels. Hence, conclusions I and II follow and conclusion III does not follow.

# Answer: (B)

The given statements are,

Some hooks are rooks. All rooks are gooks. Only a few books are hooks.

The basic minimum overlapping diagram is,



Here, all books are not gooks, some gooks are hooks. Hence, only the second conclusion follows.

## Answer: (A)

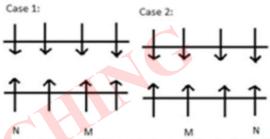
Case 2(a)

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 $\cdot$  P, Q, R and S are sitting on one side and facing south while L, M, N and O are on the other side and facing north.

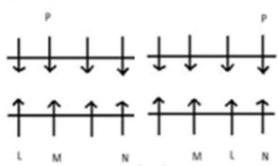
· M sits 2<sup>nd</sup> from one of the ends.

 $\cdot$  One person sits in between M and N and no one sits to the left of one who faces N.



Since, there are three persons sitting to the left of one who faces N in case 1, case 1 gets eliminated.

P faces the one who sits immediate right of L.



· Immediate neighbor of N faces the one who is immediately right to Q.

Case 2 (b)



Since, in case 2(b) immediate neighbor of N cannot face the one who is immediately right to Q as P is already placed in place of Q. So case 2(a) is the possible arrangement.

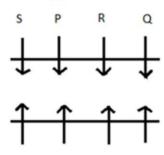
· L does not face R.

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Case 2(a)



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L sits 2<sup>nd</sup> to the left of O, who sits opposite to R.

### 5. Answer:(D)

One friend sits between R and S, who faces L and one friend sits between N and M, who faces P. Similarly, one friend sits between O and L, who faces S.

# 6. Answer: (E)

L sits opposite to S, who sits 2nd to right of R and R sits opposite to O who sits between M and N. R sits immediate left of P. So, options a, b and c are true. M is sitting immediate left of O. So, option e is definitely false.

## 7. Answer: (D)

S and Q swap with P and R respectively. Hence, R sits 3<sup>rd</sup> to the left of P.

### 8. Answer: (C)

N faces north and P is in the direction north-west of N.

### 9. Answer: (A)

Rahul lives floor above Ravi's floor and Kajal lives immediate floor above Rahul. Also, Alex lives on an odd numbered floor above Ravi's floor. This can be arranged as following ways:

Floor	Person	Person	Person
	(case I)	(case II)	(case III)
8			Kajal
7	Alex	Kajal	Rahul
6	Kajal	Rahul	
5	Rahul	Alex	Alex
4	1		
3			Ravi
2		Ravi	
1	Ravi		

Now, Juhi lives three floors below the floor of Pankaj. This means Case I is not possible. In case II & III, Pankaj must be living on floor no. 4 and thus, Juhi must be living on the ground floor. This can be arranged as:

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Flat	Person (case II)	Person (case III)
8		Kajal
7	Kajal	Rahul
6	Rahul	
5	Alex	Alex
4	Pankaj	Pankaj
3		Ravi
2	Ravi	
1	Juhi	Juhi

Finally, Namit lives below the floor of Dev means in case II Namit must be living on floor no. 3 and thus, Dev must be living on the top-most floor. But, Dev does not live above Rahul's floor so case II is also

not posible. Thus, case III is the only valid arrangement that can be arranged as:

Flat	Person
8	Kajal
7	Rahul
6	Dev
5	Alex
4	Pankaj
3	Ravi
2	Namit
1	Juhi

Kajal lives on floor no. 8.

### 10. Answer: (C)

Pankaj lives on an even numbered floor.

### 11. Answer: (B)

Namit lives on floor no. 2

# 12. Answer: (C)

Dev and Ravi live on 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors respectively. hence two people living between them.

# 13. Answer: (A)

Juhi lives on the ground floor

## 14. Answer: (A)

K	N	0	W		N	G
1st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
0	W	N	G			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>			

So, the word formed is GOWN.

So, 'G' is the first letter from the left end of the word formed.

## 15. Answer: (C)

ZS\$1H&2IK9=M4@J6OQ7\*5ER<A W!>%3XT8P

Digits which are immediately preceded by symbol and immediately succeeded by an alphabet are 1, 2, 5 and 3.

# 16. Answer: (D)

The tenth alphabet from the right end is J. So, the fifth element to the right of J is \*.

# 17. Answer: (B)

Also, M - 1 element = '='; 6 - 1 element = 'J'; \* - 1 element = 7. So, < - 1 element = R.

Thus, R + 2 elements = A; A + 3 elements = >.

# 18. Answer: (C)

If all the symbols are dropped from the string, then sixth element from the right end is W and third element to the left of 'W' is 'E'.

## 19. Answer: (C)

Digit '3' is immediately preceded by symbol and immediately followed by X'.

# Answer: (B)

ORGANI(C) Forward:

Backward:

OR(G)ANI(C)

So, there is one pair of letter.

# 21. Answer: (C)

Given statements,

 $K < L \le M = S$  and  $L \ge T > U$ . By combining both, we get

 $S = M \ge L \ge T > U$ 

Therefore S ≥ T

Thus out of the two given statements, only either one of them is definitely true.

Hence, option c.

# 22. Answer: (A)

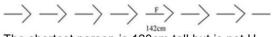
F was 142cm tall and was fourth shortest.

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The shortest person is 120cm tall but is not H. B is 167cm tall but not the tallest.

$$\frac{B}{A} \xrightarrow{F} \frac{B}{A} \xrightarrow{F} \frac{A}{A} \xrightarrow{120 \text{cm}} \frac{A}{A} \xrightarrow{120 \text{cm}} \frac{A}{A} \xrightarrow{F} \frac{A}{A} \xrightarrow{F}$$

D is taller than H. C is taller than D but shorter than B. A is immediately taller than E. G is shorter than

So A is the tallest person.

So case 1 and case 3 are invalid.

Finally we have:

The possible height of C is 150 cm.

23. Answer: (D)

> 3 people were taller than D but shorter than the second tallest person.

24. Answer: (D)

> the possible sum of the height of G and E is 290cm.

25. Answer: (D)

The given statement is,

A<B<C=D≤E>F

From the above statement,

Conclusion I, B≤E does not follow.

Conclusion II, A<F does not follow.

Therefore, neither I nor II follows. Hence, option d.

26. Answer: (C)

Comparing all statements, we get the following codes:

Grapes: no Green: so Are: be

Vegetables: do Healthy: in

Not: it

Thus, 'not green' will be coded as 'so it'

27. Answer: (B)

Five boxes- A, B, C, D and E are painted with five different colours viz., Brown, Green, Pink, Red and Yellow, but not necessarily in the same order.

D is painted with Pink colour.

Boxes	Colours
Α	
В	
С	
D	Pink
E	

A and B are painted with neither Red nor Brown.

A and C are not painted with Yellow colour.

Thus, A is painted with Green colour.

So, B is painted with Yellow colour.

Boxes	Colours
Α	Green
В	Yellow
С	
D	Pink
Е	

E is not painted with Red colour.

Thus, C is painted with Red colour and E is painted with Brown colour.

Boxes	Colours
Α	Green
В	Yellow
С	Red
D	Pink
E	Brown

So, box A is painted with Green colour.

28. Answer: (E)

Combining both the statements, we get

E≥F=B=A≥C>D

Thus, F>D is true. Again, E≥C is true. So, both I and II are true.

Hence, option e.

29. Answer: (D)

С	Α	T	Е	G	0	R	Υ
3	1	20	5	7	15	18	25

The pairs are: CG, TY

Hence 2 such pairs.

30. Answer: (B)

> From the given statements we have:  $C \ge J \le H \le I \le$ M < U

 $C \ge J \le H \le I$ 

Since we have both "≤" and "≥" in the equation, we cant establish the relation between C and I. So, C ≤

 $J \le H \le I \le M < U$ 

From this we have, J < U to be True.

31. Answer: (B)

> Bus K leaves before Tuesday. Three buses leave between the day on which Bus K and the day on which bus F leave.

Case 1:

Bus	Day
K	Sunday
	Monday
	Tuesday
	Wednesday
F	Thursday
	Friday
	Saturday

Case 2:

Day
Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Two buses left between bus F and bus D.

Case 1:

Bus	Day
K	Sunday
D	Monday
	Tuesday
	Wednesday
F	Thursday
	Friday
	Saturday

Case 2:

Bus Day

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	Sunday
K	Monday
D	Tuesday
	Wednesday
	Thursday
F	Friday
	Saturday

Bus A left before bus D. So case 1 is invalid.

### Case 2:

Bus	Day	
Α	A Sunday	
K	Monday	
D	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
F	Friday	
	Saturday	

Bus E left before bus P. Bus M left after bus P.

### Case 2:

Bus	Day
Α	Sunday
K	Monday
D	Tuesday
Ε	Wednesday
Р	Thursday
F	Friday
М	Saturday

6 buses left before bus M.

Answer: (C) 32.

2 buses left between Bus A and Bus E.

33. Answer: (B)

Bus P left on Thursday.

34. Answer: (B)

If the buses left in alphabetical order from Sunday to Saturday, then order for A only remains same.

35. Answer: (B)

Bus D left on Tuesday.

# Quantitative Aptitude

### 36. Answer: (A)

### Store P:

Sale of hair dryers =  $40 \times 6/(6 - 5) = 240$ Sale of hair straighteners = 240 - 40 = 200 Sale of handbags = (240 + 200)/2 = 220

Store Q:

Sale of hair dryers =  $76 \times 8/(9 - 8) = 608$ Sale of hair straighteners = 608 + 76 = 684 Sale of handbags = (608 + 684)/2 = 646

Store R:

Sale of hair dryers =  $100 \times 3/(5 - 3) = 150$ Sale of hair straighteners = 150 + 100 = 250

Sale of handbags = (150 + 250)/2 = 200

Store S:

Sale of hair dryers =  $120 \times 11/(11 - 8) = 440$ Sale of hair straighteners = 440 - 120 = 320

Sale of handbags = (440 + 320)/2 = 380

Sale of hair dryers =  $54 \times 5/(5 - 2) = 90$ Sale of hair straighteners = 90 - 54 = 36

Sale of handbags = (90 + 36)/2 = 63

In tabular form:

Store	Sale	of	Sale	of	hair	Sale	of
65 77	hair dryers		straighteners		handbags		

Р	240	200	220
Q	608	684	646
R	150	250	200
S	440	320	380
Т	90	36	63

Sale of hair dryers in stores P and S together

= 240 + 440 = 680

Sale of handbags in stores P and S together

= 220 + 380 = 600

Therefore, required percentage = ((680 - 600)/600)

 $\times$  100 = 13.33%

### 37. Answer: (D)

In store S:

Sale of wallets in store S = (100 - 35)% of 380

Therefore, sale of watches in store S = 247 + 118= 365

### 38. Answer: (A)

Sale of handbags and hair straighteners together in store R = 250 + 200 = 450

And sale of hair dryers in stores R and T together = 150 + 90 = 240

Therefore, required ratio = 450: 240 = 15: 8

#### 39. Answer: (C)

Sale of hair straighteners in store U = 3 × 320 - 684 -36 = 240

Sale of hair straighteners in store P = 200

Therefore, required difference = 240 - 200 = 40

### 40. Answer: (B)

Price of each handbag in store T = 13860/63

= Rs.220

Price of each handbag in store Q = 220 - 70 = Rs.150

Therefore, earnings of store Q on handbags  $= 150 \times 646 = Rs.96900$ 

### 41. Answer: (B)

After six years, the age of Ashu = 9x years and age of Roop = 7x years

So, present age of Ashu = (9x - 6) years and present age of Roop = (7x - 6) years

Three years ago, the ratio of the age of Roop, and Ashu was 5: 9

=> (7x - 6 - 3)/(9x - 6 - 3) = 5/9

$$=> x = 2$$

So, Preet's present age =  $9 \times 2 - 6 - 2 = 10$  years

### 42. Answer: (C)

$$? = 3444 \div 84 - 9$$

$$= 41 - 9$$

$$9^3 = 729, 16^3 = 4096, 19^3 = 6859$$

$$? = \sqrt[3]{729} - \sqrt[3]{4096} + \sqrt[3]{6859}$$

$$= 9 - 16 + 19 = 12$$
  
**Answer: (E)**

? = 
$$63 \times (11/3) - \sqrt{196}$$

44.

 $? = (20 \times 375/100) + (45 \times 720/100)$ = (7500/100) + (32400/100)

= 75 + 324 = 399

46. Answer: (B)

 $? = (15 \times 23 - 25)/40$ = (345 - 25)/40

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	= 320/40 = 8
47.	Answer: (D)
	$384 \div 12 - \sqrt{28} \text{ of } 7 = ?$
	32 - 14 = ?
40	?= 18
48.	<b>Answer: (D)</b> 14 <sup>3</sup> + 21 <sup>2</sup> + 12 <sup>3</sup> + ? <sup>3</sup> = 6244
	=> 2744 + 441 + 1728 + ? <sup>3</sup> = 6244
	=> ? <sup>3</sup> = 6244 - 4913
	=> ? <sup>3</sup> = 1331
40	=> ? = 11
49.	<b>Answer: (C)</b> (?) <sup>2</sup> = 22 <sup>2</sup> - 12 - 6 <sup>3</sup>
	= 484 - 12 - 216 = 256
	So, ? = 16
50.	Answer: (A)
	$? \times 2 = 630 \div 45 + 196$
	$? \times 2 = 14 + 14$ $? \times 2 = 28$
	? = 14
51.	Answer: (A)
	$? = 2/3 \times 7/5 \times 3/4 \times 540$
52.	= 54 × 7 = 378 Answer: (C)
<b>32</b> .	Average = (sum of observations)/(number of
	observations)
	Sum of all 4 terms of first series = 4 × 253.5 = 1014
	Sum of all 6 terms of second series = 6 × 159.5 = 957
	When both the series are combined to form a new
	series, then the average of new series formed
	= (1014 + 957)/(4 + 6)
	= 197.1 Annuary (B)
53.	Answer: (B) Let the length and breadth of a rectangle be a cm
	and b cm respectively. Then,
	Perimeter = 2 × (a + b) = 70 cm
	a = 35 - b
	Area = a × b = 234 cm <sup>2</sup> So, (35 - b) × b = 234
	$b^2 - 35b + 234 = 0$
	$b^2 - 26b - 9b + 234 = 0$
	(b-26)(b-9)=0
	b = 26, 9 and a = 9, 26
	So, difference between a and b = 26 - 9 = 17 Also, 17 = <mark>2m</mark> - 1
	2m = 18
	m = 9
54.	Answer: (A)
	Let the number = n
	Then, 225% of n - 105% of n = 102 120% of n = 102
	n = 102 × 100/120
	n = 85
55.	Answer: (D)
	Let speed of stream = a km/hr
	Speed of boat in still water = 250% of a = 2.5a km/hr
	Then, upstream speed = 2.5a - a = 1.5a km/hr
	And, downstream speed = 2.5a + a = 3.5a km/hr
	Then, $1.5a \times 5 = X$
	X = 7.5a
	And, (2X - 12) = 3.5a × 4 (2 × 7.5a - 12) = 14a
	a = 12 km/hr
	Therefore, $X = 7.5 \times 12 = 90$
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Ratio of share of Geet and Reet = (8400 × 3 +
3400 \times 9): (9400 \times 3 + 5400 \times 9) = 93:128
Total profit received after 1 year = 17680 Rs.
Share of Geet = (93/221) × 17680 = 7440 Rs.
Answer: (E)
Logic for the given series-
7.9 + 0.1 = 8
8 + 0.4 = 8.4
8.4 + 0.9 = 9.3
9.3 + 1.6 = 10.9
10.9 + 2.5 = 13.4
13.4 + 3.6 = 17
Hence, missing term = 17
Answer: (D)
202 - 1^3 = 201
201 + 2^3 = 209
209 - 3^3 = 182
182 + 4^3 = 246
246 - 5^3 = 121
Hence, missing term = 246
Answer: (B)
24 + 0.5 = 24.5
24.5 + 1 = 25.5
25.5 + 1.5 = 27
27 + 2 = 29
29 + 2.5 = 31.5
Hence, wrong term = 29.5
Answer: (A)
171 + 2^3 = 179
179 + 3^3 = 206
206 + 4^3 = 270
270 + 5^3 = 395
395 + 63= 611
Answer: (D)
Quantity I:
Given,
Ratio of the quantity of juice to that of water is 5: 6.
Quantity of Juice as a percentage of that of water =
5/6 \times 100 = (250/3) \% = 83.33\%
Quantity II:
Ratio of the quantity of juice to that of water is 5: 6.
Quantity of Water as a percentage of that of Juice
= 6 \times 100/5 = 120\%
Hence, Quantity I < Quantity II
Answer: (E)
5x^2 + 16x + 3 = 0
5x^2 + x + 15x + 3 = 0
(x+3)(5x+1) = 0
x = -3. -1/5
Therefore, no relation can be established.
Hence, option e.
Answer: (B)
Total loan amount taken by Sahil = Rs.48,000
Total amount received by Hitesh = Rs.59,520
Interest = Rs.59520 - Rs.48000 = Rs.11520
Let the rate of interest = R %
Time = 3 years
Interest = Total loan amount taken by Sahil ×
(R/100) \times 3
11520 = 48000 \times (R/100) \times 3
3840 = 480 \times R
R = 384/48
R = 24/3
R = 8 \%
Answer: (A)
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Answer: (B)

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= 25/2 m/s

Speed of train (in m/sec) =  $45 \times 5/18$ 



Distance covered in 60 sec = 60 × 25/2 = 750 meters

If the length of platform and train be x.

2x = 750=> x = 375 m

65. Answer: (A)

Total mixture = 60 liters

Quantity of syrup = 55% of 60 = 33 liters Quantity of water = 60 - 33 = 27 liters

Let a liters water is added to the mixture. Then,

Total mixture = 60 + a

Percentage of syrup in new mixture = 30%

Then, 30% of (60 + a) = 33

a = 50 liters

66. Answer: (E)

 $? \approx (18 \times 384 \times 188)/(64 \times 47)$ 

 $= 18 \times (384/64) \times (188/47)$ 

=  $18 \times 6 \times 4 = 432$ Answer: **(B)** 

67.

 $14^2 = 196, 2^4 = 16, 8^2 = 64$ 

 $? \approx 196 - 2 + 8$ 

68. Answer: (D)

 $? \approx (480/8) - 5 \times 4 + \sqrt{256}$ 

=60-20+16

= 56

69. Answer: (C)

Total cost price of 100 kg rice = Rs 1500

Let the selling price of 1 kg rice be Rs a.

Then total selling price = Rs 100a

Now according to the question, 1500 - 100a = 20a

⇒ 120 a = 1500

 $\Rightarrow$  a = 12.5

So selling price is = Rs 12.5/kg

And the cost price = Rs (1500/100) = Rs 15

Hence the loss  $\% = 100 \times (15 - 12.5)/15 = 16.66\%$ 

70. Answer: (C)

Let the number of sweets be n

 $300(n + 3) = 450 \times n$ 

n = 6

Number of sweets each children got = n + 3 = 9

# English Language

### 71. Answer: (A)

B is an appropriate fit at its place (signifying the movement in direction of the goal) but A needs to be interchanged with C because after this rearrangement the sentence would convey the meaning that as per the mission Northrop is heading towards its goal.

Hence, option (a) is correct.

#### 72. Answer: (D)

The third spot is to be filled by a verb and out of the highlighted words, only 'rewarding' can be used as a verb. 'Biggest' cannot be used in the second spot because superlative adjectives are not preceded by indefinite articles (a/an).

Hence, (d) is correct.

#### 73. Answer: (A)

The error lies in part A. 'Book' is a singular noun and it should be followed by a singular verb 'was'and not the plural verb 'were'. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

74. Answer: (A)

Part B has an error.

The preposition 'since' is used to refer to a point in time (an action that began in the past and is still continuing) while the preposition 'for' is used to show a period/length of time, in the past, present or future. So, here, 'since' should be replaced with 'for' to rectify the given sentence.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

The correct sentence is: A woman who legally adopts a child is entitled to maternity benefits for a period of twelve weeks from the date the child is handed over to the mother.

#### 75. Answer: (D)

The word (B) is wrongly spelt.

The correct spelling is 'referred', which means 'pass a matter to (a higher body) for a decision'.

The correct sentence is: The High has referred the case to the Court of Appeal. Hence, option (d) is the answer.

76. Answer: (E)

All the highlighted words are correctly spelt.

Hence, option (e) is the answer.

#### 77. Answer: (E)

The highlighted part of the sentence is incorrect. When two subjects are joined using 'or' the verb should be used according to the closest subject. In the given sentence, the verb should be used according to the gerund 'competing' which is singular in nature. Therefore, the plural verb 'are' should be replaced with the singular verb 'is'. Option (b) is incorrect for the same reason. Also, the preposition 'with' is used with the verb 'associated', not the preposition 'to'. Options (a) and (c) are incorrect for the same reason.

Hence, option (e) is the correct answer.

The correct sentence is: Training or competing at elevated air pollution levels is associated with slower race times.

#### 78. Answer: (C)

Part A has an error. The given sentence is in Present Continuous tense, however, when we talk of normal routines, only Present Simple Tense must be used. So, 'am going' should be replaced

So, the correct sentence would be - I go to dance and music classes every single day except for Sundays.

Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

### 79. Answer: (C)

The phrasal verb 'jump into' means 'to suddenly decide to do something, especially without thinking about it carefully'. The phrasal doesn't provide a coherent meaning to the sentence as it is not clear what was decided to do. The phrasal verb 'jump in' means 'to interrupt when someone else is speaking'. It gives a coherent meaning to the sentence. So, the preposition 'into' should be replaced with 'in' to rectify the given sentence. Therefore, part C has an error.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

The correct sentence is: I would appreciate it if you did not constantly jump in and finish my words.

### 80. Answer: (D)

A pair of adjectives is required here to qualify the nouns 'wisdom' and 'parental control'. In the first blank any of the words from the given options can be used except option (e) as 'acknowledge' is a

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verb. For the second blank, an adjective is required which is only mentioned in option (d) and 'necessary and effective' makes a meaningful sentence.

Hence, option (d) is correct.

### 81. Answer: (B)

The usage of the conjunction 'but' hints towards the usage of two words with contrasting meanings/ideas. Options (a), (c), and (d) do not contain pairs of words that can depict contrasting ideas/meanings. So, these are ruled out.

Option e)- The words 'gained' and 'lost' are contextual misfits in the blanks; hence, option e) is also eliminated.

'Triumphed' and 'failed' fit appropriately in the blanks and depict the two contrasting results related to the job and the art school.

Option (b) is the answer.

### 82. Answer: (C)

'Tennder' is not a correct word in English language and the correct spelling of the word is 'tender' which means 'kind/caring'.

Hence, the correct answer is option (c).

# 83. Answer: (E)

Each word is placed correctly. So, no change is required.

Hence, option (e) is the correct answer.

The correct sentence is: They offer solutions for communicating and navigating conflict, but they stop short of pointing out when to exit.

## 84. Answer: (A)

D- an adjective (conscious) is required to qualify the noun 'mind' while at E, a verb (think) is required as per grammar construction. D-E needs to be interchanged to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct; hence, (a) is the right answer.

### 85. Answer: (C)

A- 'comets of asteroids' doesn't make sense; instead 'fragments of asteroids and comets' would be appropriate here. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

## 86. Answer: (C)

Extant means still in existence. Hence, 'Existing' is the word similar in meaning.

### 87. Answer: (B)

Credence means belief in or acceptance of something as true.

# 88. Answer: (A)

Make a beeline - hurrying to get/towards something.

One's own undoing - doing something that is the cause of one's own failure, loss or downfall.

Dying for something - having a strong desire for something.

Prime of one's life - the time in a person's life when he is the most successful, or in his best physical condition.

Hence, A will be the correct answer here.

### 89. Answer: (E)

All the highlighted words have correct spellings and are appropriately used. Hence, the answer is option e).

# 90. Answer: (B)

The usage of 'midst the pandemic' is inappropriate. The correct usage will be:

The following year, in the midst of the pandemic, the Tate transformed the prize into a series of bursaries.

### OR

The following year, **amidst** the pandemic, the Tate transformed the prize into a series of bursaries.

The equivalent prepositions are amidst and in the midst of.

'in the midst of', 'amidst': in the middle of

Hence, (b) is the right answer.

# 91. Answer: (A)

The sentence with the blank A talks about a study which experimented with college students by using pain and aggression simultaneously to explore the relationship between the two. Among the given options, 'induced' fits in the blank appropriately. The word 'induced' means to cause or produce, to incite or prevail upon.

'Extracting' is incorrect as an -ing form of the verb (V4) requires the helping verb before it, which is not the case for the given blank.

Other given options render the sentence meaningless.

Hence, (a) is the correct answer.

## 92. Answer: (B)

The sentence with the blank B talks about the effect of pain in regions involved with processing social information and directing responses. Among the given options, 'activity' fits in the blank appropriately. The word 'activity' means something done as an action or a movement.

'Bloody' is an adjective, and hence, it cannot fill the blank; we require a noun to denote that effect on the region.

Other given options render the sentence meaningless.

Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

## 93. Answer: (C)

The sentence with the blank C talks about a team of researchers from China who did a study to find out facts underlying pain-induced aggression. Among the given options, 'conducted' fits in the blank appropriately. The word 'conduct' means the act or method of controlling or directing.

Other given options render the sentence meaningless.

Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

# 94. Answer: (D)

The sentence with the blank D talks about what cream is applied to the people under the group 'pain condition'. Among the given options, 'participants' fits in the blank appropriately. The word 'participant' means one who takes part or involves oneself in a particular activity.

Other given options render the sentence meaningless.

Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

## 95. Answer: (E)

The sentence with the blank E talks about how participants were presented with resumes of other college students so that they can provide their feedback. Among the given options, 'evaluate' fits in the blank appropriately. The word 'evaluate' means to draw conclusions from examining.

Options b) [-ing verb] and d) [-ed verb] are incorrect as they are not the base verbs [infinitive marker 'to' is always followed by the base verb].

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Other given options render the sentence meaningless.

Hence, (e) is the correct answer.

### Note

Infinitive marker: A word or affix attached to the stem of a verb in order to form the full infinitive. In English, to is the infinitive marker.

"Infinitive: The infinitive is the base form of a verb, often preceded by to.

Consider the sentences given below:

- · To err is human. [like a noun, the infinitive 'to err' is the subject of the verb 'is']
- · My father likes to cook. [like a noun, the infinitive 'to cook' is the object of the verb 'likes']
- · To vote in elections is our right. [the infinitive 'to vote', like a noun, is the subject of the verb 'is', but, like a verb, it also takes an object (elections)]
- · Radha went to the lake to fetch water. [the infinitive 'to fetch', like a noun, is the object of the verb 'went', but, like a verb, it also takes an object (water)]
- The above sentences illustrate various ways in which infinitives are used. It can both act as a noun and a verb."

## 96. Answer: (D)

Refer to 1<sup>st</sup> para of the passage. Option (a) is directly stated in the 4<sup>th</sup> line of this para starting from "India has been .... since 2008". Option (b) can be found in the 7<sup>th</sup> line of the para starting from "Prior to the IT ..... needed less support". From this same statement, it can be concluded that remittances flow to India from the unskilled and semiskilled workers from Gulf countries is larger

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than that from the migrants to US, Canada and the UK. Option (d) states just opposite to it. Hence, option (d) is the correct option. Option (c) and (e) are directly taken from last two lines of the para.

# 97. Answer: (A)

Refer to the 1<sup>st</sup> line of para 1. It states that remittances are the money that migrant workers send back to their home country. Hence, option (a) is correct.

## 98. Answer: (E)

With decreasing oil prices, India's oil import bills halved and inflation and fiscal deficit narrowed with lower subsidy bill. Also, due to low economic activities and employment problem in Gulf countries, Indian immigrants lost their jobs and returned home. Hence, all the given statements are true. So, option (e) is the correct answer.

# 99. Answer: (C)

Refer to 3<sup>rd</sup> para of the passage. Options (a), (b), (d) and (e) are clearly expressed in the para about attracting more remittance flow in the country. However, it is nowhere mentioned that signing labour contracts and MoUs with Gulf countries and North America can be a remedial step for increasing remittance earnings in the country. Hence, option (c) is the correct option.

# 100. Answer: (B)

Refer to 6<sup>th</sup> line of para 3 starting from "The World Bank had ....... their large savings". So, to get access to the large savings of the migrants for funding Indian infrastructure schemes, the World Bank had suggested introducing floating diaspora bonds. Hence, option (b) is correct.





