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# Solution

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## Reasoning Ability

1.

**Answer: (A)**

Students will get one day leave before each of Mathematics, Geography and History tests, but not necessarily in the same order.

| Dates                    | Subjects                       |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October  |                                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  |                                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October  |                                |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> October  | Mathematics/ History/Geography |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October  |                                |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October  | Mathematics/ History/Geography |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October |                                |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October | Mathematics/ Geography/History |

The tests of languages are always scheduled on the first two days.

Only two tests are scheduled between the test of English and Mathematics.

The Environmental Science test is scheduled on 7<sup>th</sup> of October.

| Dates                    | Subjects              |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October  | English               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Hindi                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October  |                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> October  | Mathematics           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October  | Environmental Science |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October  | History/Geography     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October |                       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October | Geography/History     |

The test for Biology is scheduled on a day after the test of History.

| Dates                    | Subjects              |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October  | English               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Hindi                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October  |                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> October  | Mathematics           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October  | Environmental Science |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October  | History               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October | Biology               |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October | Geography             |

The final arrangement becomes:

| Dates                    | Subjects              |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October  | English               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Hindi                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October  | Science               |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> October  | Mathematics           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October  | Environmental Science |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October  | History               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October | Biology               |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October | Geography             |

The test of Biology is scheduled on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

2.

**Answer: (C)**

The test of Geography is scheduled on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

3.

**Answer: (B)**

Two tests are scheduled after History test.

4.

**Answer: (A)**

The test for English is scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

5.

**Answer: (C)**

Three are scheduled between the tests of Science and Biology.

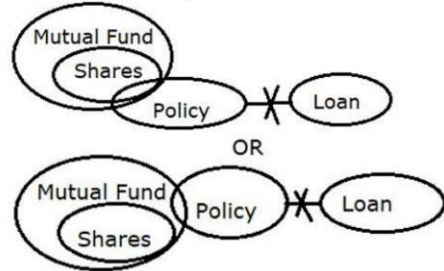
6.

**Answer: (D)**

All shares are mutual funds.

Some mutual funds are policies.

There is no policy, no loan.



Some Mutual Fund are not Loan: Some Mutual Fund are Policy and no Policy is Loan. So, some Mutual Fund are not Loan. So, conclusion I is true. All Shares are Policy is a possibility: Some/All shares can be Policy. So, conclusion II is true.

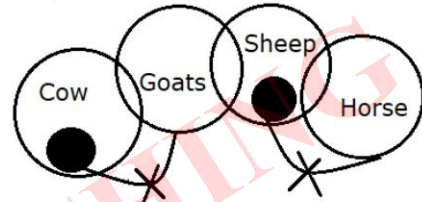
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**Answer: (D)**

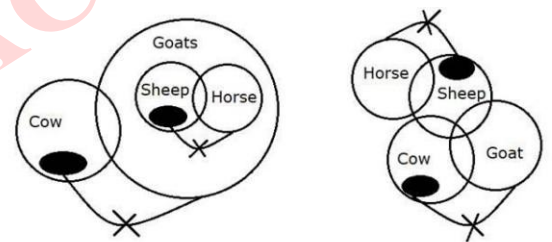
Some goats are sheep

Only a few cows are goats

Only a few sheep are horse



Another possible diagram from these statements could be -



I: Some sheep can be goats: Some goats are sheep. So, some sheep can be goats is false

II: All Horse can be Goat: True

Thus, only conclusion II is true.

8.

**Answer: (A)**

T was seated third from one of the ends.

F was seated to the immediate left of the person who was seated opposite to T. Two people were seated between F and C.

Case 1:

C      F      Row II

T      Row I

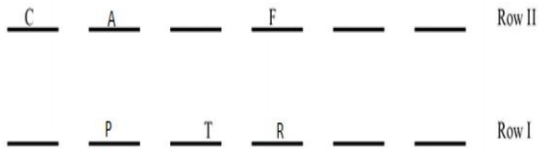
Case 2:

C      F      Row II

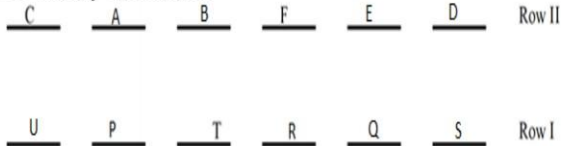
T      Row I

A was seated at second position from one of the ends. P was seated opposite to A. Only one person was seated between P and R. So, case 2 is invalid.

Case 1:

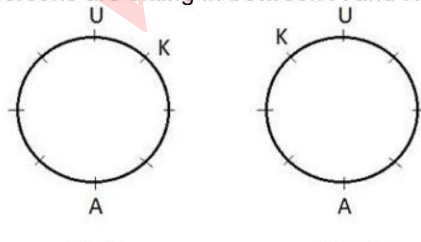


Q was seated to the immediate left of S. E was seated to the left of B but not at the end. So finally we have:

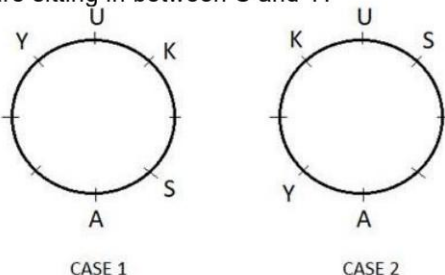


T is seated opposite to B.

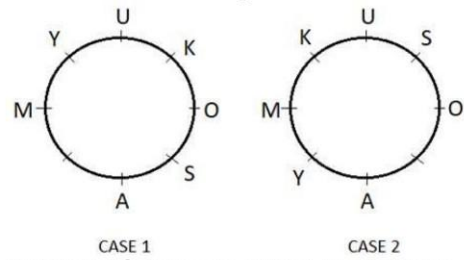
9. **Answer: (D)**  
3 people were seated between S and P.
10. **Answer: (E)**  
All were seated at the end except R.
11. **Answer: (D)**  
2 people were seated to the right of B.
12. **Answer: (E)**  
All the given statements in the options are true.
13. **Answer: (E)**  
 $8 \leq A S D \geq F 6 N E 2 M \pi C X Z \theta O 4 \pm \leftarrow U P \rightarrow$   
MEN is a word formed using some of the letters.
14. **Answer: (C)**  
 $8 \leq A S D \geq F 6 N E 2 M \pi C X Z \theta O 4 \pm \leftarrow U P \rightarrow$   
 $\theta$  is the ninth element to the right of the second largest number in the string.
15. **Answer: (A)**  
 $8 \leq A S D \geq F 6 N E 2 M \pi C X Z \theta O 4 \pm \leftarrow U P \rightarrow$   
Two such consonants are there.
16. **Answer: (D)**  
 $8 \leq A S D \geq F 6 N E 2 M \pi C X Z \theta O 4 \pm \leftarrow U P \rightarrow$   
X is the required element.
17. **Answer: (B)**  
 $8 \leq A S D \geq F 6 N E 2 M \pi C X Z \theta O 4 \pm \leftarrow U P \rightarrow$   
 $\pm U \rightarrow$  is the odd one out as the pattern followed is M \_ C \_ \_  $\theta$ .
18. **Answer: (C)**  
Three persons are sitting in between U and A. Two persons are sitting in between A and K.



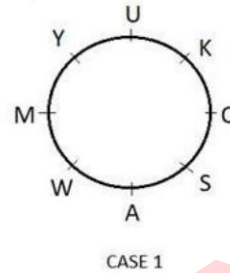
S is sitting second to the left of K. Three persons are sitting in between S and Y.



Two persons are sitting in between O and Y. M is not an immediate neighbour of A.



Number of persons sitting in between M and W when counted anti-clockwise from M is not two. So, case 2 is invalid.



19. **Answer: (A)**  
A is sitting to the immediate right of W.
20. **Answer: (B)**  
Five persons are sitting in between M and A, to the left of M.
21. **Answer: (E)**  
O is sitting exactly opposite to M.
22. **Answer: (D)**  
M is sitting third to the right of K.
23. **Answer: (E)**  
M and U are the immediate neighbours of Y.
24. **Answer: (A)**  
The given word is MAGNIFICENT  
So the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 10th and 11th letters are = A, G, I, N, T  
So the meaningful word formed is GIANT and TANGI  
Hence, Z will be the correct answer.
25. **Answer: (E)**  
Given statement is  $S \geq P > O = R \leq T < I \leq N = G$   
 $O = R \leq T < I \leq N = G$   
 $G > O$   
So, conclusion I follows.  
 $S \geq P > O = R$   
 $R < S$   
So, conclusion II follows.  
Thus, both conclusions I and II follow.
26. **Answer: (D)**  
The third oldest person is 41 years old while the second youngest person is 23 years old. Two persons are younger than J.  
 $\_ > \_ > \_ (41) > \_ > J > \_ (23) > \_$   
L is immediately older than S. S is older than V. V is younger than G.  
 $L > S > V, G > V$   
X is older than G but younger than F.  
 $F > X > G > V$   
At most five persons are younger than F. X is younger than the one whose age is 41 years.  
 $L > S > F (41) > X > J > G (23) > V$



27. G is immediately younger than J.  
**Answer: (B)**  
The third oldest person is 41 years old while the second youngest person is 23 years old. Two persons are younger than J.  
 $\_ > \_ > \_ (41) > \_ > J > \_ (23) > \_$   
L is immediately older than S. S is older than V. V is younger than G.  
 $L > S > V, G > V$   
X is older than G but younger than F.  
 $F > X > G > V$   
At most five persons are younger than F. X is younger than the one whose age is 41 years.  
 $L > S > F (41) > X > J > G (23) > V$   
J can be 24 years old. If X is 24 years old, then age of J will not be a whole number.

28. **Answer: (E)**  
The third oldest person is 41 years old while the second youngest person is 23 years old. Two persons are younger than J.  
 $\_ > \_ > \_ (41) > \_ > J > \_ (23) > \_$   
L is immediately older than S. S is older than V. V is younger than G.  
 $L > S > V, G > V$   
X is older than G but younger than F.  
 $F > X > G > V$   
At most five persons are younger than F. X is younger than the one whose age is 41 years.  
 $L > S > F (41) > X > J > G (23) > V$   
 $G - 10 = V$   
 $V = 13$   
 $F - 2 = X$   
 $X = 39$   
Hence,  $V + X = 52$

29. **Answer: (A)**  
We have:  
JOURNALIST  
After rearranging, we get:  
UTSRONLJIA  
So, the positions of R and L remain same.

30. **Answer: (C)**  
72410538  
1 is subtracted from each digit that is a multiple of 4 and 2 is added to each remaining digit:  
94332757

31. The lowest digit is 2 and 3 is second to its left.  
**Answer: (E)**  
Only two boxes are kept between Q and V. Four boxes are kept between P and V where P is kept above V.

Case 1:

|   |
|---|
| P |
| Q |
| V |

Case 2:

|   |
|---|
| P |
| V |
| Q |

One box is kept between box R and box P. Box X is kept immediately below box R.

Case 1:

|   |
|---|
| R |
| X |
| P |
| Q |
| V |

Case 2:

|   |
|---|
| P |
| R |
| X |
| V |
| Q |

Two boxes are kept between box W and box X. So, case 1 is invalid.

Case 2:

|   |
|---|
| P |
| R |
| X |
| V |
| W |
| Q |

Box T is kept above box S but below box U.

|   |
|---|
| P |
| U |
| R |
| X |
| T |
| V |
| W |
| S |
| Q |

4 boxes are kept above the box T.

32. **Answer: (B)**

Statement I and III are true.

33. **Answer: (A)**

Box T is kept at fifth position from the top.

34. **Answer: (D)**

If boxes are arranged in alphabetical order, then position of three boxes remains the same (P, R, T).

35. **Answer: (D)**

Box S is kept below box W.

## Quantitative Aptitude

36. **Answer: (E)**

let the loan amount be Rs P:

$$8190 = [P \times 6 \times 1/100] + [P \times 7.5 \times 1/100] + [P \times 9 \times 1/100]$$

$$22.5P = 8190 \times 100$$

$$P = \text{Rs. } 36400$$

37. **Answer: (C)**

Let average price of textbooks = Rs. a

$$\text{Then, } 48.8 \times 12 + a \times 8 = (12 + 8) \times 118.88$$

$$a = \text{Rs. } 224$$

38. **Answer: (D)**

Let, ages of Sunil and Neelam after six years be 9k years and 11k years respectively.

Present age of Sunil = (9k - 6) years

Present age of Neelam = (11k - 6) years

Present age of Neha = (11k - 9) years

$$(9k - 6)/(11k - 9) = 7/8$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \times (9k - 6) = 7 \times (11k - 9)$$

$$\Rightarrow 72k - 48 = 77k - 63$$

$$\Rightarrow 77k - 72k = 63 - 48$$

$$\Rightarrow 5k = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 15/5$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 3$$

Present age of Sunil =  $9 \times 3 - 6 = 21$  years

Present age of Neelam =  $11 \times 3 - 6 = 27$  years

Present age of Neha =  $11 \times 3 - 9 = 24$  years

Required average =  $(21 + 27 + 24)/3$

- =  $\frac{72}{3}$   
= 24 years
39. **Answer: (D)**  
Speed of boat in still water =  $\frac{40}{2} = 20$  km/h  
Speed of stream =  $10\% \times 20 = 2$  km/h  
Time taken by the boat to cover 110 km in downstream =  $\frac{110}{20+2} = 5$  hours
40. **Answer: (E)**  
oat flour and corn flour ratio = 4:1  
Given,  
 $(4x - 16)/(x - 4 + 20) = 12/13$   
 $\Rightarrow 13x - 52 = 3x + 48$   
 $\Rightarrow 10x = 100$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 10$   
Initial quantity of oat flour in the container = 40 kg
41. **Answer: (B)**  
Number of cake shops in city Q and S together =  $124 + 196 = 320$   
And the number of toy shops in city Q and R together =  $180 + 220 = 400$   
Therefore, required percentage =  $(\frac{320}{400}) \times 100 = 80\%$
42. **Answer: (C)**  
Number of furniture shops in city P =  $3 \times 290 - 336 - 108 = 426$
43. **Answer: (A)**  
Number of toy shops in city Q = 180  
And the average number of cake shops in city P and S =  $(336 + 196)/2 = 266$   
Therefore, required difference =  $266 - 180 = 86$
44. **Answer: (B)**  
Total number of cake and toy shops together in city R =  $260 + 220 = 480$   
And the number of toy shops in city T = 300  
Therefore, required ratio =  $480:300 = 8:5$
45. **Answer: (D)**  
Number of toy shops in city P = 108  
Number of toy shops in city S = 296  
Therefore, required difference =  $296 - 108 = 188$
46. **Answer: (D)**  
 $? = 4320 \div 96 - 14$   
 $= 45 - 14$   
 $= 31$
47. **Answer: (C)**  
 $? = 250 - 15 \times 16$   
 $? = 250 - 240$   
 $? = 10$
48. **Answer: (C)**  
 $(74 \div 37)^3 + 7 = ? \times 5$   
 $2^3 + 7 = ? \times 5$   
 $8 + 7 = ? \times 5$   
 $15 = ? \times 5$   
 $? = 3$
49. **Answer: (A)**  
 $? = \sqrt{1024} - \sqrt{289} - \sqrt{676}$   
 $= 32 - 17 - 26$   
 $= -11$
50. **Answer: (D)**  
 $? = (900/6) + 6 \times 7 - (220/4) + 23$   
 $= 150 + 42 - 55 + 23$   
 $= 160$
51. **Answer: (A)**  
 $? = \sqrt{1296} - \sqrt{144} + \sqrt{576}$   
 $= 36 - 12 + 24$   
 $= 48$
52. **Answer: (B)**  
We tabulate the data in the form of a table -

| College | Students who prefer handwritten notes | Students who prefer digital notes |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| P       | 1200                                  | 1500                              |
| Q       | 1800                                  | 2000                              |
| R       | 2500                                  | 500                               |
| S       | 1600                                  | 1400                              |
| T       | 2800                                  | 1000                              |

- Students who prefer handwritten notes in college Q = 1800  
Students who prefer digital notes in college P = 1500  
Required difference =  $1800 - 1500 = 300$
53. **Answer: (E)**  
Students who prefer handwritten notes in college S = 1600  
Students who prefer digital notes in college Q = 2000  
Required percentage =  $[(2000 - 1600)/2000] \times 100 = 20\%$
54. **Answer: (B)**  
Students who prefer digital notes in college T = 1000  
Students who prefer handwritten notes in college U =  $1000 \times \frac{7}{5} = 1400$
55. **Answer: (C)**  
Students who prefer digital notes in college R = 500  
Students who prefer digital notes in college S = 1400  
Required average =  $(500 + 1400)/2 = 950$
56. **Answer: (D)**  
Students who prefer handwritten notes in college P = 1200  
Students who prefer handwritten notes in college R = 2500  
Students who prefer handwritten notes in college T = 2800  
Required sum =  $1200 + 2500 + 2800 = 6500$
57. **Answer: (B)**
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- Hence, missing term = 440
58. **Answer: (D)**  
Logic for the given series -  
 $15 + 4^1 = 19$   
 $19 + 4^2 = 35$   
 $35 + 4^3 = 99$   
 $99 + 4^4 = 355$   
Hence, missing term = 355
59. **Answer: (D)**  
Logic for the given series -  
 $10 + 2^2 = 14$   
 $14 + 3^2 = 23$   
 $23 + 5^2 = 48$   
 $48 + 7^2 = 97$   
Hence, missing term = 97
60. **Answer: (A)**  
Logic for the given series -  
 $458 - 5^3 = 333$   
 $333 - 4^3 = 269$



269 - 3<sup>3</sup> = 242  
242 - 2<sup>3</sup> = 234  
234 - 1<sup>3</sup> = **233 (not 229)**  
Hence, wrong term = 229

61. **Answer: (E)**

**From I:**

$$x^2 - 13x + 40 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 8x - 5x + 40 = 0$$

$$(x - 8)(x - 5) = 0$$

$$x = 5, 8$$

**From II:**

$$y^2 - 18y + 80 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 8y - 10y + 80 = 0$$

$$(y - 8)(y - 10) = 0$$

$$y = 8, 10$$

When  $x = 5, y = 8$ , then  $x < y$   
When  $x = 5, y = 10$ , then  $x < y$   
When  $x = 8, y = 8$ , then  $x = y$   
When  $x = 8, y = 10$ , then  $x < y$   
Hence,  $x \leq y$

62. **Answer: (C)**

From equation I:

$$x^2 + 11x + 28 = (x + 7)(x + 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -7, -4$$

From equation II:

$$y^2 - 12y - 64 = (y + 4)(y - 16) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -4, 16$$

|          | $X = -7$ | $X = -4$ |
|----------|----------|----------|
| $Y = -4$ | $x < y$  | $x = y$  |
| $Y = 16$ | $x < y$  | $x < y$  |

So,  $x \leq y$

63. **Answer: (D)**

Capacity of tank = L.C.M. of 18 and 36 = 36 unit  
Efficiency of pipe A =  $36/18 = 2$  units/min  
Efficiency of pipe B =  $36/36 = 1$  unit/min  
Part of the tank filled by both pipes in 8 minutes =  $3 \times 8 = 24$  units  
Remaining =  $36 - 24 = 12$  units  
Time taken by pipe A to fill the remaining part =  $12/2 = 6$  minutes

64. **Answer: (A)**

Share of P = 22% of 4500 = 990  
Share of Q = 36% of  $(4500 - 990) = 1263.6$   
Share of S = 60% of  $(4500 - 990 - 1263.6)$   
= **Rs.1347.84**

65. **Answer: (E)**

Quantity I:  
Left amount =  $2400 \times (100 - 10)\% \times (100 - 15)\%$   
=  $(2400 \times 90 \times 85) / 100 \times 100$   
= 1836 Rs.

Quantity II:  $\geq 1820$  Rs.

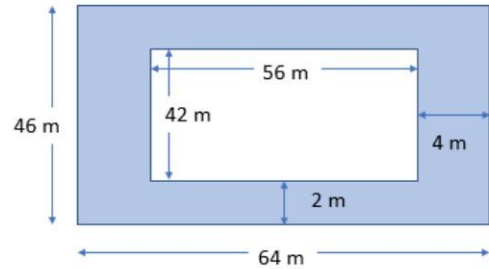
Here, the quantity II can be any value like, 1821, 1822, ..... 1836, 1837, .... and so on.

Hence, option e is correct.

66. **Answer: (B)**

Total quantity of rice =  $20 + 15 = 35$  kg  
Total value of rice =  $(20 \times 35) + (15 \times 30)$   
= Rs. 1150  
Value of the mixture =  $1150/35 = (230/7)/\text{kg}$   
Required price/kg to get 40% profit =  $230/7 \times 140/100 = \text{Rs. } 46/\text{kg}$

67. **Answer: (C)**



Area of the road =  $64 \times 46 - 56 \times 42 = 592 \text{ m}^2$   
Hence, total cost =  $592 \times 30 = \text{Rs. } 17760$

68. **Answer: (E)**

$$? \approx (30 \times 1960/100) + \sqrt{64} - 90$$

$$= 588 + 8 - 90$$

$$= 506$$

69. **Answer: (C)**

$$(?)^2 \approx 26^2 - 21 - 6^3$$

$$= 676 - 21 - 216 = 439$$

70. **Answer: (A)**

$$14.99 \times (49.9 + 199.99) = ? \times 4.9$$

$$15 \times (50 + 200) = ? \times 5$$

$$15 \times 250 \div 5 = ?$$

$$? = 750$$

## English Language

71. **Answer: (C)**

Statement B talks about the hole in the ozone layer and what happens to it is mentioned in statement F. So, BF is a pair.

**The sentence formed is:** The hole in the ozone layer shrinks gradually.  
Statements A and C do not have statements in column 2 that either contextually or grammatically match with them.

So, the only pair of statements is BF.

Hence, the correct answer is option (c).

72. **Answer: (A)**

'Offer' can have the following meanings: 'proposal or bid; put forward for consideration'.

Statement I: Here, 'offer' is a verb that means 'put forward for consideration'. It is grammatically and contextually correct.

Statement II: The sentence talks about the origins of fork. 'Offer' does not fit in the context. The noun 'entry' should replace 'fork'.

Statement III: Here, 'offer' is a noun that means 'proposal'. It is grammatically and contextually correct.

Hence, the answer is option a).

73. **Answer: (D)**

'No sooner' is followed by 'than' as it is an adverb of time. And if such an adverb comes at the beginning of the sentence, the sentence takes inversion form which means the helping verb comes before the subject. So, the highlighted phrase and option (a) are incorrect. Options (b) and (c) are incorrect because 'did' takes the base form of verb and 'had' takes past participle which is not the case here. Only option (d) follows the mentioned rules.

Hence, option (d) is correct.

74. **Answer: (B)**

'Had she seen me' denotes the sentence is in past perfect tense. Whenever a clause is in past perfect



tense, the structure of the sentence used is: 'Had + subject + V<sub>3</sub> + Object, Subject + **would** + have + V<sub>3</sub> so, we have to replace the highlighted phrase with 'would have stopped her'.

Hence, option b) is correct.

The correct sentence is: I am pretty sure, had she seen me, she **would** have stopped her car to talk to me.

75. **Answer: (E)**

A – E: Statement A talks about speaking in silence and statement E describes more about it, so it will be a pair.

C – D: Statement C talks about the patient showing improvement in the condition and how it happened is mentioned in statement D.

B and F talk about unrelated topics, so they cannot be matched.

**The correctly matched pairs are A – E and C – D.**

Hence, option (e) is correct.

76. **Answer: (A)**

'At the last minute' means at the last possible instant or opportunity. 'Eleventh hour' means the same. 'Zero hour' means the time at which something starts. The rest of the options also relate to the beginning. Hence, A is the correct answer.

77. **Answer: (C)**

'Laegue' is not the correct word in the English language. The correct spelling of the word is 'league'. It means an association of persons or groups united by common interests or goals.

Hence, option c) is correct.

78. **Answer: (A)**

'Refrence' is not a correct word in English language and the correct spelling of the word is 'reference'.

Hence, the correct answer is option (a).

79. **Answer: (C)**

The word (A) is wrongly spelt.

The correct spelling is 'eight', which means 'the number 8'.

**The correct sentence is:** I got **eight** correct answers and two wrong ones in last week's exam.

Hence, option (c) is the answer.

80. **Answer: (A)**

The sentence talks about a person's impromptu remark that damaged the company's reputation. The correct usage of the phrase is 'off the cuff', which means 'without preparation'. Only option A uses the phrase correctly and can replace the highlighted part. A is the right answer.

81. **Answer: (E)**

The error is in part (D). The word 'internets' does not exist, the word 'internet' exists in singular form only. So, apostrophe should be placed before 's' and the correct word to show the possession of world wide web by the internet is "internet's".

Hence, option (e) is correct.

82. **Answer: (A)**

D says "this cosmopolitan city" which is a reference to A – AD. D ends on the note of Queen Zenobia's ambitions and the next sentence should also continue on the same lines; hence, F qualifies for that purpose – ADF. Now, "decades in the making" means from long time something was anticipated to happen. C will come next in line (middle of the third century) correlating to decades in the making – ADFC. G will next follow as it says "even greater

disarray" meaning that the prior sentence should talk about some issues, which is fulfilled by C – ADFCG. B can only be the concluding sentence as it gives a final conclusion to the whole instance and because E also talks about issues, it will next follow. Hence, ADFCGEB will be the correct combination.

83. **Answer: (E)**

ADFCGEB is the correct combination.

84. **Answer: (A)**

ADFCGEB is the correct combination.

85. **Answer: (E)**

ADFCGEB is the correct combination.

86. **Answer: (A)**

ADFCGEB is the correct combination.

87. **Answer: (C)**

Option (c) is correct choice. Uncorroborated means something which is not certain or confirmed. Perceive refers to something which we see or be aware of. The sentence is about uncertain rumor which can go viral and make people believe that their opinion matches with the mass opinion. Other words do not fit contextually or grammatically.

88. **Answer: (E)**

'Urged' means 'to recommend strongly'. The blank requires an action word to be used, as the only word missing in the sentence is a verb. 'Request' (plural verb) – is grammatically incorrect for a singular subject and 'disturbs' renders the sentence meaningless. The words 'formulated' and 'attempted' do not fit grammatically with the word after the blank (people) because people cannot be attempted/formulated.

Hence, 'urged' is the most appropriate option.

Therefore, option e) is the correct answer.

89. **Answer: (B)**

The blank requires a verb in order to connect the nouns 'Stephen Redmond' and 'person'. Further, the sentence mentions a specific time in the past i.e. 2012, which indicates that the verb must be used according to the tense. According to this, only option b) 'became' (a past participle) satisfies the grammatical condition mentioned above. Hence, b) is the correct answer.

90. **Answer: (B)**

The blank requires a verb to denote the status of everyone in the room with respect to the bicycle. Among the given options, 'ideally' and 'normally' are adverbs and so they are negated. 'Possess' is a verb that corresponds to a plural noun, but 'everyone' is a singular subject as it refers to persons or things individually or one at a time and not collectively, and 'merges' which means 'combine or cause to combine to form a single entity' is a contextually irrelevant verb and so they are also negated. Option (b) 'owns' (have (something) as one's own; possess) is the most appropriate verb that is in the singular form to be used along with the 'everyone' and also matches the context of the given sentence.

The complete sentence is: Everyone in this room **owns** a bicycle.

Hence, the correct answer is option (b).

91. **Answer: (D)**

Referring specifically to the fourth sentence of the third paragraph and also the entire third paragraph,

- the factor of 'underlying health problems' is not stated anywhere.  
Hence, option (d) is correct.
92. **Answer: (B)**  
Option (b) is incorrect because he is constantly worried about his work. Refer to the entire second paragraph and it will prove that the rest of the options are true.  
Hence, option (b) is correct.
93. **Answer: (B)**  
'Unravel' means 'undo or investigate and explain,' so 'solve' can replace the word 'unravel.' The rest of the words are antonyms of 'unravel.'  
Hence, option (b) is correct.
94. **Answer: (A)**  
In this case, 'switch off' means to free your mind from workload whenever you take a break from your work, be it at the end of the day or at weekends or holidays.  
Hence, option (a) is correct.
95. **Answer: (E)**  
Option (e) is incorrect because this wasn't the case with Hanna. Refer to the entire first paragraph and it will prove that the rest of the options are true.  
Hence, option (e) is correct.
96. **Answer: (C)**  
Workaholism is defined as "the compulsion or the uncontrollable need to work incessantly" (not mentioned directly in the passage); but from the fourth paragraph of the passage, it is evident the

- only option that is the closest to what one can understand about workaholism, is option c).  
Hence, option (c) is correct.
97. **Answer: (D)**  
Only statement I is correct. Refer to the entire fourth paragraph of the passage which will prove how statement I is correct and statements II and III are incorrect.  
Hence, option (d) is correct.
98. **Answer: (B)**  
Referring to the fifth sentence of the third paragraph, there is mention of stomach – related problems and headaches but not damaged nerves.  
Hence, option (b) is correct.
99. **Answer: (D)**  
'Ruminate' means to think deeply about something, so 'think' can replace 'ruminate.' The rest of the words are unrelated to 'ruminate.'  
Hence, option (d) is correct.
100. **Answer: (C)**  
Refer to the first line of the last paragraph, it will prove that option (c) is true. Option (a) is incorrect because workaholics reported more psychosomatic health complaints than people who work for long hours. Options (b), (d) and (e) might or might not be true because the veracity of these statements cannot be checked because no such information is available in the passage.  
Hence, option (c) is correct.

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