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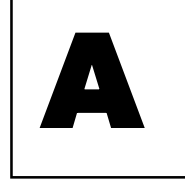


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Paper II

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Directions for the following 4 (four) items:

Read the following **three passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

COVID-19, conflict and climate disasters have shown just how vulnerable Goals-related progress can be to shocks. Systematically integrating risk considerations into planning for the 2030 Agenda can reduce the consequences of shocks, especially for the vulnerable, and the likelihood of crises. It is also important to acknowledge that actions in one system can create or reduce risks for another, as hazards cascade across systems. Countries can shock-proof Goals-related progress by strengthening risk management governance and adopting a multi-hazard and multisectoral approach to dealing with pandemics or climate change that can disrupt societal and economic networks. The integration of disaster risk reduction with climate, sustainable development and humanitarian action is also needed, shifting the balance from responding to investing. The United Nations policy brief on an emergency platform to strengthen the international response to complex global shocks, an input into the preparations for the Summit of the Future, outlines how a more predictable and structured response can help mitigate the risks to the most vulnerable countries.

1. Based on the above passage, which of the following statements best captures the central argument of the passage?

- Integrating risk considerations into planning and adopting multisectoral approach are essential for safeguarding progress against global shocks.
- Strengthening international governance and focusing on disaster response are the most effective ways to protect vulnerable countries from systemic hazards.
- A predictable international response, driven by disaster risk reduction policies, ensures that the 2030 Agenda remains unaffected by pandemics and climate crises.
- Global progress can only be achieved by focusing exclusively on climate action and humanitarian responses, as other systems are less susceptible to cascading hazards.

2. Based on the above passage, consider the following statements:

- Integrating disaster risk reduction with sustainable strategies can transform the focus from reactive measures to proactive investments enhancing resilience.
- The United Nations emergency platform aims to provide a predictable and structured international response to cascading hazards reducing risks for vulnerable nations.

Choose the correct answer:

- Only 1
- Only 2
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

PASSAGE 2

“The legislator should consider also its relation to neighbouring nations, and to all who are outside of it. The government must be organized with a view to military strength; and of this he has said not a word. And so, with respect to property, there should not only be enough to supply the internal wants of the state, but also to meet dangers coming from without. The property of the state should not be so large that more powerful neighbours may be tempted by it, while the owners are unable to repel the invaders; nor yet so small that the state is unable to maintain a war even against states of equal power, and of the same character. Phaleas has not laid down any rule; and we should bear in mind that a certain amount of wealth is an advantage. The best limit will probably be, not so much as will tempt a more powerful neighbour, or make it his interest to go to war with you.”

3. Which statement best reflects the central argument of the passage regarding the legislator's role in managing state property?

- Legislator should focus on maximizing the wealth of the state as larger property guarantees military superiority and discourages external threats.
- Legislator's primary concern should be the accumulation of wealth for economic prosperity, with military strength being a secondary consideration.
- Legislator must ensure that state property is sufficient for internal necessities but not overdrawn to provoke adversity from powerful neighbours.

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(d) The wealth of the state should be limitless as only an abundant supply of property can protect the state from external dangers and maintain peace.

PASSAGE 3

Critics of utilitarianism have placed special emphasis on its inability to provide a satisfactory account of rights. For Mill, to have a right is “to have something which society ought to defend me in the possession of. If the objector goes on to ask why it ought, I can give no other reason than general utility.” But what if the general utility demands that we violate your rights? The intuition that something is wrong if your rights can be violated for the sake of the general good provoked the great challenge to utilitarian conceptions of justice, levelled with special force by twentieth century thinkers like John Rawls.

4. Which statement best reflects the central argument of the passage regarding utilitarianism and rights?

- (a) Utilitarianism struggles to justify rights in the face of conflicting demands, as it prioritizes the general good over individual entitlements.
- (b) Mill’s utilitarian defence of rights is sufficient because it ties individual rights directly to their utility for society’s overall well-being.
- (c) Utilitarianism’s emphasis on general utility undermines justice by permitting the violation of individual rights when deemed necessary.
- (d) John Rawls and other thinkers refute utilitarianism entirely offering alternative frameworks that reject general utility as a basis for justice.

5. If ${}^{n-1}C_6 + {}^{n-1}C_7 > {}^nC_6$ then.

- (a) $n > 4$
- (b) $n > 12$
- (c) $n \geq 13$
- (d) $n > 13$

6. Number of ways of arranging the letters AAAAABBBCCDEEF in a row when no two C’s are together is:

- (a) $\frac{15!}{5! 3! 3! 2!} - 3!$
- (b) $\frac{15!}{5! 3! 3! 2!} - \frac{13!}{5! 3! 2!}$

- (c) $\frac{12!}{5! 3! 2!} \times \frac{{}^{13}P_3}{3!}$
- (d) $\frac{12!}{5! 3! 2!} \times {}^{13}P_3$

7. P, Q, R, S, T and U are six members of a family. R is the spouse of Q, U is the mother of T and S is the daughter of U. P’s daughter is T and R’s son is P. There are two couples in the family. Which one of the following is correct?

- (a) is the grandfather of T
- (b) is the grandmother of T
- (c) R is the mother of P.
- (d) T is the granddaughter of Q

8. AB is a vertical trunk of a huge tree with A being the point where the base of the trunk touches the ground. Due to a cyclone the trunk has been broken at C which is at a height of 12 metres, broken part is partially attached to the vertical portion of the trunk at C. If the end of the broken part B touches the ground at D which is at a distance of 5 metres from A, then the original height of the trunk is

- (a) 20 m
- (b) 25 m
- (c) 30 m
- (d) 35 m

9. Consider the Question and two Statements given below in respect of three cities P, Q and R in a State:

Question: How far is city P from city Q?

Statement-1: City Q is 18 km from city R.

Statement-2: City P is 43 km from city R.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the Question and the Statements?

- (a) Statement-1 alone is sufficient to answer the Question
- (b) Statement-2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question
- (c) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are sufficient to answer the Question
- (d) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are not sufficient to answer the Question

10. If for a sample data Mean < Median < Mode then the distribution is

- (a) Symmetric

- (b) Skewed to the right
- (c) Neither symmetric nor skewed
- (d) Skewed to the left

11. The roots of the equation $6x^2 - 17x + 12 = 0$ are:

- (a) $5/2$ and $3/2$
- (b) $3/2$ and $4/3$
- (c) $2/3$ and $3/2$
- (d) $5/2$ and $3/4$

Directions for the following 3 (three) items:

Read the following **two passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Rapid development in the food supply chain has led to an increased interest in quality in the food sector. Human health and food safety have become essential in the last few decades. Health problems are highly related to diet and nutritional habits. The connection between nutrition and the development of various health problems is even more noticeable when close attention is given to every age group. As regards the chemical composition of foods, a large number of bioactive compounds present in plants, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meat, and fish are currently known. Bioactive compounds from food play an important role in disease prevention. Vinegar has antibacterial properties, antioxidant activity, anti-diabetic and anti-tumour effects, and the ability to prevent cardiovascular disorders. Additionally, due to its medicinal properties, it has long been applied in traditional ancient medicine. Every nation or location in the world has varieties of vinegar with distinctive aromas and flavours derived from the raw ingredients, microorganisms, and vinegar manufacturing processes.

12. Based on the passage, consider the following statements:

1. The medicinal properties of vinegar have contributed to its long-standing use in traditional medicine across various cultures.
2. Since vinegar has a variety of flavours and aromas based on the production process, its health benefits may vary according to these different manufacturing methods.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

13. Based on the above passage, consider the following statements:

1. Rapid development of the food supply chain has led to a heightened focus on food quality, which is directly linked to human health and food safety.
2. Nutrition and diet play a significant role in the development of health problems, and this relationship is particularly evident across different age groups.
3. Bioactive compounds present in various food sources have been extensively studied and are well understood to contribute to health improvement.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) All of the above

PASSAGE 2

Given the overall level of uncertainty about the future of international relations, it is necessary to ask what role the Security Council can play in managing geopolitical tensions in the future. To answer this question, one must start from a deliberately minimalist expectation of the Council's political roles and functions. The majority of sympathetic studies of the UN in the post-Cold War era have tended to take a maximalist perspective, asking how the Council can expand global governance or lamenting its failure to do so. Critics of the organization, especially on the American right, also tend to believe that the organization has a maximalist agenda. To frame the problems facing the UN differently, one must aim to identify the minimum level of P5 cooperation necessary for the Security Council to play a significant role in managing major power competition, and how to preserve this minimum.

14. Based on the passage, consider the following statements:

1. A minimalist perspective on the Council's role focus on preserving cooperation among the P5 to

manage major geopolitical tensions rather than pursuing expansive global governance.

2. Majority of post-Cold War studies of the UN argue that the Security Council should expand its functions to include global governance, while critics believe it has already overstepped its mandate.

3. Framing the issues surrounding the Security Council from a minimalist standpoint entail emphasizing the preservation of P5 cooperation over broader goals of global governance or influence.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) 1 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) All of the above

15. In a tournament of Chess having 150 entrants, a player is eliminated whenever he loses a match. It is given that no match results in a tie/draw. How many matches are played in the entire tournament?

- (a) 151
- (b) 150
- (c) 149
- (d) 148

16. There is a milk sample with 50% water in it. If 1/3rd of this milk is added to equal amount of pure milk, then water in the new mixture will fall down to:

- (a) 25%
- (b) 30%
- (c) 35%
- (d) 40%

17. If there are N number of zeroes at the end of the following product $2 \times 7 \times 14 \times 21 \times 28 \times 35 \times 42 \times 49 \times 56 \times 63 \times 70$ Then consider the following statements with reference to N:

Statement I: The value of N is a prime number.

Statement II: The value of $(N^3 + 1)$ is a perfect square.

Which of the above-mentioned statements is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only

- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Neither I nor II

18. If $\#$ is an operation, is the value of $b \# c$ greater than 10?

Statement (1): $x \# y = x^2 + y^2$ for all x and y

Statement (2): $b = 2$ and $c = 1$

- (a) Statement (1) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (2) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
- (b) Statement (2) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (1) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
- (c) BOTH statements (1) and (2) TOGETHER are sufficient to answer the question asked, but NEITHER statement ALONE is sufficient
- (d) Statements (1) and (2) TOGETHER are NOT sufficient to answer the question asked, and additional data are needed

19. A stenographer is tasked with typing a certain letter. How many words long is the letter?

Statement (1): It will take two minutes less time to type the letter at an average speed of 80 words per minute than at an average speed of 60 words per minute.

Statement (2): It will take 6 minutes to type the first half of the letter at an average speed of 40 words per minute.

- (a) Statement (1) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (2) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
- (b) Statement (2) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (1) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
- (c) EACH statement ALONE is sufficient to answer the question asked
- (d) Statements (1) and (2) TOGETHER are NOT sufficient to answer the question asked, and additional data are needed

20. Julie runs a small art museum. How many paintings does her museum have?

Statement (1): Her next acquisition of 4 Monet paintings will increase the number of paintings in the museum's collection by 10%.

Statement (2): The museum currently exhibits 3 impressionist paintings for every 2 non impressionist paintings.

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Directions for the following 4 (four) items:

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PASSAGE 1

Drought not just about deficiency of rainfall, its tough choice between life and death. Marathwada is facing one of the severe droughts, with just 5.68 percent live storage left in 964 dams and groundwater levels already depleting to the extent that borewells dug up to even 300-500 ft are not getting a drop of water. Drought is not just about the scarcity of rainfall but also the dry dams, low yield i.e. crop failure. Most of the Marathwada's districts comes under the Godavari basin. Small river like Purna, Sindhphana, Bindusara and Shivna turn dry as summer season approaches. Out of 76 talukas, 40 received 30-50 percent deficient rainfall. Groundwater level in 1200 villages in the region depleted by 2-3 metre in October itself, while 1948 villages saw depletion by 1-2 metre. Due to these conditions, people started digging borewells in search of water. In Latur District, it is estimated that 45000 borewells have been dug in the past few years. People are digging up to 300 to 500 ft down into the earth and still not getting water to satisfy their needs.

21. Which of the following statements best reflects the central argument of the passage regarding drought in Marathwada?

- (a) Drought is due to inadequate rainfall and the exhaustion of surface water resources, leaving borewell digging as the only solution.

- (b) Marathwada's drought highlights the limitations of water management systems as reliance on small rivers and borewells cannot meet water demands.
- (c) Drought is primarily the result of climate-induced rainfall variability leading to depleted groundwater and widespread borewell digging in rural areas.
- (d) Drought is a complex crisis stemming not only from deficient rainfall but also from depleting water resources and unsustainable groundwater exploitation.

22. Based on the given passage, consider the following inferential statements:

1. Recurring drought is a manifestation of both natural and systemic factors with rainfall deficiency exacerbated by inadequate water management.
2. Depletion of groundwater is effectively mitigated by widespread reliance on borewells ensuring minimal disruption to agricultural productivity.

Choose the incorrect answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

PASSAGE 2

The World Heritage Convention recognizes that heritage can be defined as 'monuments, groups of buildings and sites.' In practice, a broad set of typologies has developed that includes: urban centres, archaeological sites, industrial heritage, cultural landscapes and heritage routes. This greatly increases the range of places and landscapes that has to be managed by heritage managers and thus widens the range of skills required. It also greatly increases the type and number of threats that can have an adverse impact on heritage places. Apart from direct threats to the fabric or components of the heritage place itself, it is much more common for places to be threatened by adverse developments in their surroundings. In these circumstances, decisions taken for wider economic or social benefits must be compatible with the well-being of the heritage place. The recognition that heritage places are not isolated has led to their surroundings being addressed both as a physical setting and as a series of social, economic and environmental threats and opportunities.

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23. Which statement best reflects the central argument of the passage regarding heritage management?

- (a) The expansion of heritage typologies has increased threats to heritage places necessitating a focus on their physical preservation over their surroundings.
- (b) Heritage management addresses not only preservation of the site but also the surrounding socio-economic contexts that influence its wellbeing.
- (c) Decisions for broader economic and social benefits should prioritize heritage preservation over all other considerations to ensure cultural integrity.
- (d) Heritage places face increasing threats due to their expanded definitions, highlighting the need for more specialized skills and stricter site isolation policies.

24. Based on the passage, consider the following inferential statements:

- 1. The increasing range of heritage types necessitates a broader set of skills for heritage managers to effectively manage and protect heritage sites.
- 2. While protection of heritage places themselves is critical, the threats to their surrounding environments often play a more significant role in determining the overall preservation of heritage.

Choose the incorrect answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

25. What is the remainder when integer k is divided by integer j?

Statement (1): j and k each have the same number of unique factors.

Statement (2): $1 < j < k < 10$

- (a) Statement (1) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (2) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
- (b) Statement (2) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (1) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
- (c) BOTH statements (1) and (2) TOGETHER are sufficient to answer the question asked, but NEITHER statement ALONE is sufficient

(d) Statements (1) and (2) TOGETHER are NOT sufficient to answer the question asked, and additional data are needed

26. Is $x^2 > x^3$?

Statement (1): $x^3 > 0$

Statement (2): $x \neq 1$

- (a) Statement (1) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (2) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
- (b) Statement (2) ALONE is sufficient, but statement (1) alone is not sufficient to answer the question asked
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27. If P is a four-digit number ABCD in the sequence 15, 105, 315, 693, P, then consider the following statements:

Statement I: The value of $(A + B + C + D)$ is more than 20

Statement II: The value of $(A + C)$ is equal to the value of $(B + D)$

Statement III: The value of $(C + D)$ is exactly divisible by 4

Which of the above-mentioned statements is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) I, II and III

28. If the sum of single digit, two digit and three-digit perfect numbers is a three-digit number N, then the total number of factors of N is?

- (a) 8
- (b) 10
- (c) 16
- (d) 24

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29. In a certain code language, 'LIGHTER' is written as 'EGHILRT' and 'HEAVIER' is written as 'AEEHIRV'. How will 'WEIGHTLESS' be written in that language?

- (a) LESSWEIGHT
- (b) EEIGHLSSWT
- (c) EEGHILSSTW
- (d) ETGHLTSSWE

30. From a group of 8 men and 7 women, 6 persons are to be selected for a committee such that at least four women are there on the committee. If it can be done in AABB ways, then consider the following statements with reference to four-digit number AABB:

Statement I: The value of AABB is exactly divisible by 7

Statement II: The value of $(A + B)$ is a two-digit number

Statement III: The value of $(B - A)$ is a perfect cube.

Which of the above-mentioned statements is/are correct?

- (a) I only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) III only
- (d) I, II and III

31. The average of 7 consecutive odd numbers is N. If the next three even numbers are also included, the average?

- (a) Remains unchanged
- (b) Increases by 1.8
- (c) Increases by 2.7
- (d) Increases by 3

32. A distance D is covered by two different trains with velocity S and KS (in km/hr) in T and T + 7 hours, respectively. If T is less than 14, then the value of K is less than?

- (a) $\frac{4}{5}$
- (b) $\frac{5}{6}$
- (c) $\frac{2}{3}$
- (d) $\frac{3}{4}$

33. In how many ways can the word 'ADVENTURE' be arranged so that the letter A and N are never adjacent?

- (a) $7! \times \frac{9}{2}$
- (b) $8! \times \frac{7}{2}$
- (c) $9! \times \frac{5}{2}$
- (d) $9!$

Directions for the following 4 (four) items:

Read the following **three passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Inclusivity is frequently conceptualized as involving women and civil society actors. Both women and civil society are often imagined as the 'good society' that is reliably pro-peace and democracy, and therefore, an essential supporting component within peace processes. This is not always true. Women and civil society groups are a mirror of society, manifesting at times peace-supporting, nationalist and belligerent perspectives. However, women form 50% or more of the world's population, and thus a rights-based preference for their inclusion is as justified as evidence that comes of successful women involvement into processes. The same does not hold automatically for civil society as their inclusion is context specific and depends on the constitution of civil society, the phase of the peace process and the preparedness of involved groups. In order to achieve sustainable outcomes, inclusivity in peace processes must encompass all relevant actors that matter for reaching, and implementing, agreements in a sustainable manner, including potential spoilers.

34. Which statement best captures the central argument of the passage regarding inclusivity in peace processes?

- (a) Inclusion of women in peace processes is universally justified on rights-based and evidential grounds whereas inclusion of civil society depends on context and preparedness.
- (b) Inclusivity in peace processes romanticizes women and civil society as inherently pro-peace, however achieving sustainable outcomes requires recognizing their divergences.
- (c) Women and civil society actors are critical for sustainable peace processes, but their inclusion must always be prioritized over groups that might act as spoilers.

(d) Effective peace processes hinge on the unconditional inclusion of civil society and women, as they represent the moral and democratic aspirations of society.

PASSAGE 2

Ethics is supposed to tell us what our duties are, “but no system of ethics requires that the sole motive of all we do shall be a feeling of duty; on the contrary, ninety-nine hundredths of all our actions are done from other motives, and rightly so done if the rule of duty does not condemn them.” To do the right thing, in other words, we do not need to be constantly motivated by concern for the general happiness. The large majority of actions intend the good of individuals (including ourselves) rather than the good of the world. Yet the world’s good is made up of the good of the individuals that constitute it and unless we are in the position of, say, a legislator, we act properly by looking to private rather than to public good. Our attention to the public well-being usually needs to extend only so far as is required to know that we aren’t violating the rights of others.

35. Which statement best reflects the central argument of the passage regarding the role of ethics in guiding human actions?

- (a) Ethical systems demand that individuals prioritize public well-being over private good in all their actions to ensure the happiness of society.
- (b) The sole ethical obligation of individuals is to contribute to the general happiness, which encompasses both private and public interests equally.
- (c) Ethics permits individuals to act primarily for private good, provided their actions do not violate others' rights or conflict with the rule of duty.
- (d) Ethical behaviour is inherently tied to a legislator's perspective, requiring all individuals to act with constant regard for public welfare.

PASSAGE 3

A devastating array of factors combine with each other to impact on girls, and adolescent females in particular, in ways that aggravate their vulnerability to, and risk of, the violation of any or all of their interdependent rights. Conflict drives food insecurity and worsens climate impacts on the environment. Food insecurity adds to the political instability that fuels conflict, while exacerbating climate impacts. In

the face of a host of crisis stressors, girls and their families are often forced to adopt coping strategies that may be extremely harmful such as school dropout and being married off early. Negative coping strategies arise from, and are compounded by, preexisting poverty, gender norms, for example, around girls’ education, and institutional or infrastructural fragilities, for instance, long distances to health centres to access contraception and avoid early pregnancy.

36. Based on the passage, consider the following assumptions:

- 1. The combination of conflict, food insecurity and climate impacts create a cycle that increases the vulnerability of girls to the violation of their rights.
- 2. The exacerbation of climate impacts is the most serious factor that contributes to the vulnerability of girls in crisis situations.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

37. Based on the above passage, consider the following statements:

- 1. Social prejudice against girls plays a role in compelling them to adopt detrimental coping strategies.
- 2. Political and administrative indifference towards girls is the topmost factor behind forcing them to adopt negative strategies.

Choose the incorrect answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

38. P and Q take part in 140 meters race, where P beats Q by 14 meters. To favour Q, P starts the race 10 meters behind the starting line in a second race of 140 meters race, running at their earlier speeds. Which one of the following is true in view of second race?

- (a) P and Q reaches the finish line simultaneously.
- (b) P beats Q by 15 meters.

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- (c) Q beats P by 5 meters.
(d) P beats Q by 5 meters.

39. If the number

$2^6 \times 5^8 \times 4^5 \times 10^9 \times 6^{11} \times 15^{14} \times 8^9 \times 20^{17} \times 10^{19} \times 25^{21}$
is divisible by 10^n , then which one of the following is the maximum value of n ?

- (a) 45
(b) 64
(c) 71
(d) 109

40. Speed of boat in standing water is 6 km/hr and the speed of stream is 1.5 km/hr. A man rows to a place at a distance of 22.5 km and comes back to starting point. The total time taken by him is

- (a) 6 hrs 30 min
(b) 8 hrs 24 min
(c) 8 hrs
(d) 4 hrs 12 min.

41. In a survey of university students, 70 had taken a math course, 90 had taken a science course, and 60 had taken an English course. Additionally, 30 had taken both Math and English courses, 24 had taken both Math and Science courses, 20 had taken both Science and English courses, and 12 had taken all three courses. Find how many students have taken only one course.

- (a) 100
(b) 108
(c) 146
(d) 150

42. Six students—J, K, L, M, N, and O—are seated in two different palaces. J and K are from Vibha Palace, while the others belong to Matra Chhaya Palace. M and N are tall, while the rest are short. J, L, and M are wearing caps, while the others are not. Which short student from Matra Chhaya Palace is not wearing a cap?

- (a) L
(b) M
(c) N
(d) O

43. Rohit is 40% more efficient than Rajesh and, as a result, can complete the work in 8 days lesser than Rajesh. In how many days can they complete the work together?

- (a) 13.33 days
(b) 11.67 days
(c) 16.67 days
(d) 10.5 days

44. A and B are two cuboidal tanks, where tank A is twice as long as tank B and 1.5 times as wide. Tank B is twice as tall as tank A, and the difference between their volumes is 96 cm^3 .

What is the volume (in cm^3) of tank A?

- (a) 272
(b) 264
(c) 288
(d) 192

45. Pointing towards a man in a photo, Nisha said, "He is the father of my son's sister's father. How is Nisha related to that man?"

- (a) Daughter
(b) Mother-in-law
(c) Daughter-in-law
(d) Sister

46. Consider the following matrix:

| | | |
|----|----|----|
| 66 | 88 | ? |
| 84 | 64 | 40 |
| 24 | 56 | 58 |

Find the missing number in the above matrix:

- (a) 86
(b) 78
(c) 64
(d) 69

47. pqrs is a four-digit number in a such a way that sum of p and q is equal to the sum of r and s. Sum of p and s is equal to r. Sum of q and s digits is twice the sum of other two digits. What is value of r?

- (a) 5
(b) 8
(c) 1
(d) 4

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Directions for the following 4 (four) items:

Read the following **three passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Aquaculture is the most rapidly growing food-producing sector in the world with an average annual growth rate of 8.6% since the late 1980s. Well over 80% of total production from aquaculture is contributed by Asian countries. China, India, and Southeast Asian countries are the main aquaculture producers, and the production is projected to reach 93.6 million tonnes by 2030. Aquaculture also provides employment and offers a prospected reliable income for often impecunious communities. Historically, the number of people employed in fisheries and aquaculture has increased faster than global population increase in general, and the highest proportion of employment levels can be found in Asia. India is the second largest aquaculture producer in the world after China although accounts for just 6.3% of global production. Steadily declining marine resources, energy crises and the high cost of fishing have led to an increased realization of aquaculture as a viable and cost-effective alternative to capture fisheries in India.

48. Based on the passage, consider the following statements:

1. Growth of aquaculture as a primary food production sector in Asia can be inferred to stem from a combination of economic necessity and environmental constraints.
2. Despite its significant contribution, India's output remains proportionally limited on the global scale, suggesting structural or operational inefficiencies.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

49. Based on the above passage, consider the following logical assumptions:

1. Relatively modest share of global aquaculture output attributable to India could imply a potential

misalignment between resource availability and production efficiency.

2. Proliferation of employment opportunities in aquaculture can be seen as an outcome of increasing mechanization, minimizing reliance on manual labour.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

PASSAGE 2

"The meaning of the concept 'violence' is contested. It has been stretched beyond physicality so that it encompasses many forms of power and harm, losing its distinctiveness, becoming submerged within notions of 'abuse' and 'coercion'. For the purposes of a theory of change – in order to potentially make visible the relationship between violence and other forms of power and to identify the levers of transformation – it is better to restrict the concept of 'violence' to a specific and precise definition connected to intended physical acts that cause harm. Yet, many of those who use a precise definition of violence underestimate the extent of violence against women, leaving this dimension invisible."

50. Which statement best reflects the central argument of the passage regarding the concept of 'violence'?

- (a) Expanding the definition of violence to include all forms of power and harm undermines its utility for theoretical and transformative purposes.
- (b) Contested nature of the term 'violence' makes it difficult to construct a theory of change that accounts for its relationship with broader forms of power and abuse.
- (c) Limiting violence to physical acts of harm is essential for clarity in theory but fails to adequately address systemic issues like gender-based violence.
- (d) Precise definition of violence focused on physical harm enhances its distinctiveness but risks obscuring critical dimensions such as violence against women.

PASSAGE 3

"The object into which the serious attitude attempts to merge itself is not important - it can be the Military

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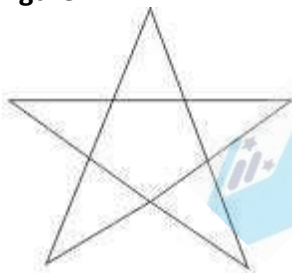
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for the general, Fame for the actress, Power for the politician - what is important is that the self is lost into it. All action loses meaning if it is not willed from freedom, setting up freedom as its goal. Thus, the serious man is the ultimate example of bad faith because rather than seeking to embrace freedom, he or she seeks to lose into an external idol. All existents are tempted to set up values of seriousness so as to give meaning to their lives. But the attitude of seriousness gives rise to tyranny and oppression when the "Cause" is pronounced more important than those who comprise it."

51. Which statement best reflects the central argument of the passage about the "serious attitude"?

- (a) Serious attitude involves losing oneself in external causes undermining personal freedom and leading to tyranny when the cause becomes paramount.
- (b) All meaningful actions derive from external causes, as they provide a foundation for individual identity and purpose in life.
- (c) Freedom is achieved through the serious attitude, as it allows individuals to commit fully to external values and transcend personal desires.
- (d) The serious attitude is necessary for societal cohesion, as it promotes shared values over individual freedom and self-interest.

52. Find the number of triangles in the following figure:



- (a) 5
- (b) 8
- (c) 10
- (d) More than 11

Direction for the following 2 (two) items.

Study the following information carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Seven boxes—T, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z—are stacked one above the other. One box is placed between

boxes T and Z, with Z positioned above T. Box V is placed below box Z, and box X is placed immediately above V. There are three boxes between boxes X and W. Additionally, two boxes are placed between boxes T and U, and three boxes are placed between boxes V and Z.

53. Which of the following box is placed at 5th position from the bottom?

- (a) V
- (b) Y
- (c) W
- (d) X

54. How many boxes are placed below box T?

- (a) None
- (b) One
- (c) Two
- (d) Three

55. The number P2Q729 is exactly divisible by 7, 11 and 13. What is the value of (4P – 2Q)?

- (a) 20
- (b) 15
- (c) 10
- (d) 12

56. One page is torn from a booklet whose pages are numbered in the normal way starting from the first page as 1. Sum of the remaining page numbers is 450. The two page numbers on the torn page must be:

- (a) 11, 12
- (b) 9, 10
- (c) 7, 8
- (d) 3, 2

57. A simple mathematical operation on certain prime numbers provide us the following number sequence: 122, 134, 142, 146, 158, 166, 178. What will be the next number in the given sequence?

- (a) 184
- (b) 194
- (c) 189
- (d) 196

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58. Consider the following data about students of two different houses of a school:

| | Average Height | Average Weight |
|---------|----------------|----------------|
| House A | 5.6 | 62 |
| House B | 5.4 | 60 |
| Overall | X | 61.5 |

What is the value of X in the above table?

- (a) 5.55
- (b) 5.85
- (c) 6.20
- (d) 5.17

59. Three students—A, B, and C—appear for an exam. The probabilities of them passing the exam are 0.8, 0.6, and 0.75 respectively. What is the probability that exactly two of them pass the exam?

- (a) 0.55
- (b) 0.625
- (c) 0.45
- (d) 0.70

60. What is the missing term @ in the following?

FK27 : LQ64: RW125 : @

- (a) CX216
- (b) XB216
- (c) YB343
- (d) XC216

Directions for the following 3 (three) items:

Read the following two passages and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Most countries do not collect or publish the beneficial ownership of registered yachts or private planes systematically. More often than not, yachts and planes are owned by legal entities, often incorporated in secrecy jurisdictions. As with real estate purchases by foreign companies, this allows kleptocrats to circumvent transparency rules in countries that do not require foreign companies to register their beneficial owners. They can avoid

scrutiny altogether in countries that do not have beneficial ownership registers at all. No developing country collects beneficial ownership information in their registers of vessels or aircraft.

61. Based on the above passage, consider the following statements:

1. Discretionary approach to documenting beneficial ownership in certain jurisdictions cultivates an environment conducive to financial opacity.
2. Prevailing global mechanisms for tracking beneficial ownership of high-value assets reflect a coordinated framework to mitigate risks of illicit financial flows.

Choose the incorrect answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

PASSAGE 2

India is the world's leading rice exporter, followed by Thailand and Vietnam. On the global market, Indian rice is in high demand. The increased demand for rice on the global market is creating a favourable atmosphere for Indian rice exports. Indian agriculture made a significant contribution to world food production, with rice having the biggest percentage of export value among agricultural products. India has been a significant exporter of rice since the early 80's, but the country has observed a remarkable increase only after the implementation of new economic policy. India's rice exports have benefited from trade liberalization measures. Before the new economic policy, rice exports were primarily of the Basmati variety, however, the government of India periodically eased the restriction on non-basmati rice exports during the liberalized economic policy regime. Following the implementation of trade liberalization policies, rice exports include both Basmati and non-Basmati rice. The actual spurt in India's rice exports occurred with the implementation of the trade liberalization policies in early 1990s.

62. Which of the following assessments most accurately reflects the implications of India's rice export strategies and market dynamics as outlined in the passage?

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1. Liberalization of India's economic policies is identified as the catalyst for marked expansion of rice exports leading to diversified market for both varieties.

2. Despite the increased liberalization, India's rice export success remains largely tethered to the enduring global preference for Basmati rice.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

63. Which of the following statements provides a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing India's rise as a leading rice exporter?

1. Increase in India's rice exports occurred after the implementation of trade liberalization policies allowing the export of both varieties.

2. India's dominance in global rice exports is mainly attributed to steady production of Basmati rice with non-Basmati rice remaining at the periphery.

3. Global demand for rice has been steadily increasing creating an advantageous environment for Indian rice exports.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) None of the above

64. In a certain code language, "Hotel are still popular" is coded as "oa dq jk vc"; "Popular palace found it" is coded as "pt er zx oa" and "Extra Hotel found there" is coded as "er ft jk rb". Code "ft rb" stands for which of the following?

- (a) Extra Hotel
- (b) There Extra
- (c) Still Found
- (d) It There

65. Ashok started walking 6 meters towards the west. Then, he turned right and walked 8 meters. From there, he took a left turn and walked 12 meters, followed by another left turn and walked 15 meters before stopping. How far is Ashok from his

starting point, and in which direction is his final position relative to the starting point?

- (a) $\sqrt{373}$ m, South-West
- (b) $\sqrt{287}$ m, North-West
- (c) 18 m, South-West
- (d) $\sqrt{407}$ m, North-East

66. An Integer n is used to perform division on two different integers 68082 and 65012. After division it is observed that the remainder is same in both the cases. What must be the value of n?

- (a) 289
- (b) 367
- (c) 453
- (d) 307

67. In series P, there are six consecutive even numbers, and the average of the smallest and largest numbers is 83. Another series, Q, consists of five consecutive odd numbers. The smallest number in series Q is 40 less than half the sum of the second smallest and third smallest numbers from series P.

Determine the value of $(2T_1 + 3T_3 - T_5)$, where T_n represents the nth term in series Q.

- (a) 188
- (b) 178
- (c) 158
- (d) 168

Directions for the following 3 (three) items:

Read the following **two passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

The World Bank noted that every month, the working age increases by 1.3 million people, and India must create 8.1 million jobs a year to maintain its employment rate, which has been declining based on employment data analysed from 2005 to 2015, largely due to women leaving the job market. More than 80 percent of the manufacturing employment is informal in India. India's SEZs are not working as expected. Some argued that they were not expected to work well, because differences in SEZs and the outside have not been as divergent in India, as in

China. A robust manufacturing sector and an educated labour force are needed to create productive industrial jobs. China's human capital situation is superior at all levels. It has several universities that rank high among the world's best. India has none.

68. Based on the above passage, consider the following assumptions:

1. Interplay between demographic growth and employment challenges in India underscores the importance of reimagining industrial policies to harmonize structural reforms with workforce aspirations.
2. Limitations of India's SEZs and informal nature of manufacturing employment highlight the paradox of ambitious economic strategies constrained by inadequate human capital and systemic inertia.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

PASSAGE 2

Assessing the impact of security interventions is a challenging, yet essential endeavour. Without adequate expertise, resources, and political will, impact assessments are unlikely to contribute effectively to rule of law programming, drug control policy, efforts to tackle organized crime, or countering violent extremism interventions. Rigorous impact assessment, on the other hand, can stimulate innovation, and improve both the effectiveness and efficiency of security interventions – important for beneficiary communities and financially-strapped donors alike. However, effective impact assessment in volatile environments is challenging: insecurity itself complicates assessment design, implementation, and analysis. Impact assessment is often not prioritized when interventions are conceptualized and planned. It is only tacked on once accountability to donors needs to be demonstrated. This makes programmatic progress difficult to measure, because no thorough baseline studies are conducted when the programmes are set up. Security practitioners are often not conversant with assessment tools and

methods, measurement design, data collection, and analysis.

69. Which of the following conclusions can be drawn regarding the challenges and significance of conducting security intervention impact assessments?

1. Effectiveness of impact assessments is directly correlated with the availability of adequate expertise and political will without which assessments tend to be ineffective.
2. Rigorous impact assessments despite the challenges posed by volatile environments are essential for stimulating innovation and enhancing the efficiency.

Choose the incorrect answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

70. Based on the above passage, consider the following assumptions:

1. The lack of thorough baseline studies during the initial phases of program setup complicates the ability to measure and assess progress effectively throughout the intervention.
2. Security practitioners, while generally familiar with assessment tools and methods, face significant barriers in applying them effectively due to inadequate expertise in measurement design, data collection, and analysis.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

71. Consider the following statements:

Statement- A: Product of two numbers is always greater than or equal to each of those numbers.

Statement- B: Sum of two numbers is always greater than or equal to each of those numbers.

Which of the above statements is/are true with respect to integers?

- (a) Both statements A & B are true.

- (b) Both statements A & B are false.
- (c) Statement-A is true, but Statement-B is false.
- (d) Statement-A is false, but Statement-B is true.

72. What will be the number of zeroes at the end of the following product?

$$32 \times \sqrt{64} \times 15625 \times 3125 \times 1024 \times \sqrt{15625} \times \sqrt{4096}$$

- (a) 14
- (b) 24
- (c) 12
- (d) 38

73. A Question is given below followed by two Statements I and II.

Question: If the average age of a group of people is 35 years, what is the number of people in the group?

Statement I: The oldest person in the group is 50 years old, and the youngest is 20 years old.

Statement II: Excluding the oldest and the youngest person from the group does not change the average age.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Question and the Statements?

- (a) The question can be answered by using one of the statements alone, but cannot be answered using the other statement alone.
- (b) The question can be answered by using either statement alone.
- (c) The question can be answered by using both the statements together, but cannot be answered using either statement alone.
- (d) The question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together.

74. Pinki and Jyoti are assigned a task of calculating roots of a quadratic equation. Pinki made a mistake in interpreting the value of constant term and she calculated roots as (8, 6). Jyoti made a mistake in interpreting the coefficient of X and she calculated roots as (6, 4). What must be the correct roots of the equation?

- (a) (-8, -6)
- (b) (10, 4)
- (c) (-10, -4)
- (d) (2, 12)

Directions for the following 2 (two) items:

Read the following **two passages** and answer the items that follow each passage. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

PASSAGE 1

Greater use of new data sources and innovative approaches – including geospatial information, remote sensing, artificial intelligence and machine learning, crowd sourcing, qualitative methods, citizen-generated data and private sector data – represent new opportunities, although they are not without their own risks and challenges. Strong data governance, data literacy and data protection policies are essential, but today only about half of the least developed countries have such laws. Much more can be done to strengthen data ecosystems, and support from international partners must also become more cohesive and effective.

75. Based on the above passage, consider the following statements:

1. Leveraging advanced technologies and diverse data sources presents transformative potential for improving data ecosystems, however, requiring robust governance and cooperative frameworks.
2. Integration of innovative data collection methods across all countries have successfully mitigated risks associated with inadequate data governance and uneven international support.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

PASSAGE 2

Acetobacter spp., Komagataeibacter spp., and Gluconacetobacter spp. are the dominant microorganisms in the acetic acid fermentation process, but other bacteria, mainly Lactobacillus spp., Pediococcus spp., Bacillus spp., and Staphylococcus can generate aldehydes, ketone VVOCs, and acidic VVOCs. The acidic VVOCs can be utilized as substrates to produce additional VVOCs, such as ester-like VVOCs. The primary AAB strains used by liquid-state and solid-state fermentation, respectively, originate from the genera Acetobacter

and Komagataeibacter. The optimum process for rapid fermentation of acetic acid bacteria is immobilized in alcoholic mash. The initial alcohol content of active acetic acid bacteria fermentation is found to be 5% (vol) and inoculum size 0.5%.

76. Based on the passage, consider the following statements:

1. Ester-like VVOCs are directly produced by acetic acid bacteria strains without the involvement of other microorganisms during fermentation.
2. The primary strains used for liquid-state and solid-state fermentation of acetic acid bacteria are from the genera Acetobacter and Komagataeibacter.
3. The ideal fermentation process for acetic acid bacteria involves a high alcohol content in the mash, ideally over 10%, to maximize the fermentation speed.

Choose the correct answer:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) 1 and 3
- (d) 1 and 2

77. An urn contains balls of red, white, green, yellow, pink, orange and black colour. The total number of balls in that urn is 100. Some of the red balls are replaced with pink balls of equal weight, black balls are replaced with white balls of equal weight, orange ball are replaced with yellow balls of equal weight and the total number of balls in the urn still remains hundred.

What will happen to the average weight of the balls is the urn?

- (a) It Increases
- (b) It decreases
- (c) It remains the same
- (d) No conclusion can be drawn due to insufficient data

78. In a class, there are $(x + 10)$ students with an average weight of 40 kg. If y more students, each with an average weight of 48 kg, are added, the average weight of the class increases by 2 kg. If $(y + 5)$ students, each with an average weight of 44 kg,

are added instead, the average weight of the class increases by 1.6 kg.

Find the value of $2(x + y)$.

- (a) 28
- (b) 10
- (c) 24
- (d) 20

79. In the final cricket match of a tournament, Team India scored 246 runs without losing a wicket. The score comprised only byes, wide and runs scored by two openers- Sachin and Sehwag. The runs scored by both openers are 28 times the wide runs. There are 6 more byes than wides. If the ratio of the runs scored by Sachin and Sehwag is 3:4, then the runs scored by Sachin are:

- (a) 88
- (b) 96
- (c) 102
- (d) 112

80. Three Statements followed by two Conclusions are given below. You have to take the Statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from the commonly known facts.

Read all the Conclusions and then decide which of the given Conclusions logically follows/follow the Statements, disregarding the commonly known facts.

Statement-1: Some Pens are White.

Statement-2: All Book are Copy.

Statement-3: Some Copy are Pen.

Conclusion-I. Some White being Book is a possibility.

Conclusion-II. No Book is Pen.

Which of the above conclusions is/are correct?

- (a) Only Conclusion-I
- (b) Both Conclusion-I and Conclusion-II
- (c) Neither Conclusion-I nor Conclusion-II
- (d) Only Conclusion-II

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