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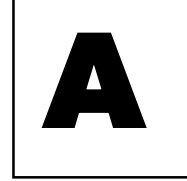


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**Directions for the following 4 (four) items:**

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

**Passage 1**

Mainstream economic theories such as Marxism analyse production systems based on private ownership, class relations, and the appropriation of surplus value. While Marx's analysis played a revolutionary role in understanding exploitative relations within capitalism, its explanatory capacity is limited in the context of tribal societies. Karl Polanyi's concept of the "embedded economy" provides a more useful framework for understanding these systems. He argued that in pre-market societies, economic activities are embedded in social relations rather than private ownership and wealth accumulation. In these societies, the goal of economic activity is not profit maximisation but the sustenance of community life. This perspective demonstrates that communities can sustainably manage shared resources like land, water and forests, ensuring equitable distribution and intergenerational sustainability.

**1. On the basis of the passage given above, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. Exploitative relations within capitalism have resulted in the weakening of social cohesion.
- II. Effective economic systems can exist without capital accumulation.
- III. Tribal ways of living can offer a pathway towards sustainable living.
- IV. Property should be held collectively rather than owned privately.

**Which of the above assumptions are valid?**

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

**Passage 2**

Despite constituting the backbone of India's agrarian economy, women remain structurally marginalised within it. While nearly 85 percent of rural women are engaged in agriculture, their labour continues to be undervalued and poorly recognised in official accounting systems. This marginalisation is rooted in

a deeply gendered and male-centric agrarian terrain. Barely 13 percent women of have formal land-asset ownership. Exclusion from asset ownership directly restricts their access to institutional credit, subsidies, crop insurance and government support schemes. As a result, a significant proportion of women remain heavily concentrated in "unpaid family labour" category in official accounting. This culminates in a striking paradox: high participation but minimal visibility.

**2. On the basis of the passage given above, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. Gender inequalities are structurally embedded in India's agrarian system.
- II. The government should implement targeted policies to promote the welfare of women farmers.
- III. To address low asset ownership among women, land inheritance should be made gender-inclusive.

**Which of the above assumptions is/ are valid?**

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

**Passage 3**

Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds obtain nectar as a food source, while in the process, they transfer pollen between flowers, facilitating plant reproduction. This is a common example of mutualistic interaction between individuals of the same or different species in which both derive benefits. Although such interactions may appear cooperative, they are fundamentally driven by each organism's self interest rather than intentional reciprocity. In fact, mutualistic relationships often involve underlying tensions. For instance, plants benefit when pollinators visit multiple flowers, ensuring effective pollen transfer. Whereas pollinators may maximise their energy intake by remaining on a single flower and consuming all available nectar. This divergence in interests creates a subtle conflict, which can drive continuous evolutionary adaptations in both species, shaping the dynamics of their interaction.

**3. On the basis of the passage given above, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. Plants can grow only in the presence of pollinators.
- II. Reduced pollinator populations can disturb plant reproduction.
- III. Plants and pollinators undergo evolutionary adaptations to meet their respective needs.
- IV. Mutualistic associations are beneficial for both species but may encompass latent friction.

**Which of the above assumptions are valid?**

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

**Passage 4**

There are four key contributions that the middle class can make to economic growth and social progress in India. First, the middle class is a source of entrepreneurship. It is often claimed that small businesses and family farms—the heart of the middle class—made America great. Second, the middle class is a major contributor to savings and human capital, as savings rates and the willingness to invest in human capital are higher amongst middle class households. The middle class saves for its own retirement, housing and children's education, providing the resources for fixed capital formation. Third, they strengthen the links with the democracy, free press, education and fair elections. The fourth channel that makes the middle class special relates to consumption. The expanding demand for consumer durables is already leading to an acceleration in manufacturing in India. These factors show why the rise and expansion of the middle class alongside rapid, sustained economic growth is no mere coincidence.

**4. On the basis of the passage given above, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. For India to become a developed economy, its middle class must expand.
- II. The expansion of the middle class creates an opportunity to achieve higher economic growth.

**Which of the above assumptions is/ are valid?**

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) Both I and II

(d) Neither I nor II

**5. In T-20 world cup, Rohit Sharma played 20 matches. In two innings he scored century (100), in three innings he got out at zero, in four innings he scored half century (50) and in rest of the matches his average score was 40 runs. What was the average runs of Rohit Sharma in whole T-20 tournament?**

- (a) 40
- (b) 32
- (c) 50
- (d) 42

**6. A mathematics teacher was teaching Average chapter to her students. She wrote 18 distinct numbers on blackboard and told the students to calculate the average. The students calculated and informed the teacher that the average of those numbers was 15. Aarohan was sitting at the backbench and he saw only 17 numbers and his calculated average was 0.5 more than that of the rest of the class. If the number he could not see was the least of the numbers given, then what was that number?**

- (a) 6
- (b) 6.5
- (c) 5
- (d) 5.5

**7. Speed of a boat in still water is 20 km/hr. It can travel 48 km downstream and 32 km upstream in the same time. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Ratio of the speeds of the boat to that of the stream is 5:4.
- 2. If it travels 120 km downstream and 112 km upstream, the sum of upstream travel time and downstream travel time is 6 hours.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

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

8. Priyanka takes 5 hours more than Mahua to walk a distance of 70 km. But, if she doubles her speed, she will take 3 hours less than Mahua to cover the same distance. What is the ratio of the sum of their speeds to the difference of their speeds?

- (a) 27:5
- (b) 81:70
- (c) 81:65
- (d) 45:31

9. 240 guests were invited to a party. At the party, half of them drank tea, two-fifths drank coffee, and one-third drank milk. One-tenth of them drank both tea and coffee, but none of the guests who drank milk had tea. If each guest at the party had at least one drink, find the ratio of the number of guests who drank only tea to those who drank only coffee to those who drank only milk.

- (a) 95:40:49
- (b) 95:49:40
- (c) 85:40:49
- (d) 12:5:6

10. How many such pairs of two-digit prime numbers are there, in which the numbers are greater than 11 and mirror images of each other (e.g. 13 & 31)?

- (a) 3
- (b) 2
- (c) 4
- (d) 5

11. If  $n$  is a natural number, then  $(72n - 1)$  is divisible by

- (a) 7
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 21

**Directions for the following 3 (three) 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**

Democracy cannot get us everything and is not the solution to all problems. But it is clearly better than any other alternative form of government. It improves the quality of decision-making, it respects

the diverse opinions of people and follows the principle of equality for all. Even when it fails to do some of these things, it allows a way of correcting its mistakes. Either the rulers have to change their decisions, or the rulers can be changed. This cannot happen in a non-democratic government. That is why democracy is considered the best form of government.

**12. Which one of the following statements best reflects the most critical inference that can be made from the passage given above?**

- (a) Nations without democratic governance are unlikely to prosper over the long term.
- (b) Democracy as a form of government can be replaced if a better alternative emerges in the future.
- (c) While democracy as a form of government cannot solve all of society's problems, it provides an opportunity to address them gradually.
- (d) Democracy is indispensable for ensuring harmony in nations with social diversity and differing interests.

**Passage 2**

Indian cities appear well-suited to the 15-minute framework. High-density neighbourhoods, mixed land use, and widespread informal services ensure that daily necessities such as groceries, pharmacies, repair services are often accessible within walking distance. Yet this apparent alignment is misleading. While public healthcare facilities are available, they are often overstretched. Similarly, government schools perform poorly in infrastructure and learning outcomes in comparison to their private counterparts. More critically, economic activity in Indian cities is concentrated in a limited number of business districts. Although public transport connects these areas, it is often unreliable, unsafe, or inaccessible, leading to long and exhausting commutes. The critical question, therefore, is not whether Indian cities can be redesigned as 15-minute cities, but whether the concept meaningfully addresses the realities of inequality that define Indian urbanisation.

**13. On the basis of the passage given above, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. The 15-minute city concept masks the realities of Indian cities.
- II. Peri-urban areas need to be developed to ease the pressure on Indian cities.



III. India's cities need to be planned in a more inclusive and equitable manner.

IV. No large city can realistically ensure that most residents work within a 15-minute radius of their homes.

**Which of the above assumptions are valid?**

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

**Passage 3**

Census 2027 is more than a statistical exercise — it is a structural reset of the country's developmental, political, and administrative architecture. India's economy, demography, and spatial realities have undergone a sea change since the last Census took place some 15 years ago. Any policy decision, whether for welfare or otherwise, based on such an outdated dataset, or on projections derived from it, is prone to being misleading and misdirected. There is no doubt that the need for a decadal Census is prime, and given the speed at which the real world is changing, there are calls for an even shorter interval between the rounds. However, reducing the intervals between censuses carries its own costs and constraints, although future technological advancements could help overcome these challenges.

**14. Which one of the following statements best reflects the critical message conveyed by the passage given above?**

- (a) As digitization increases, India should consider shortening the interval between successive censuses.
- (b) The effectiveness of current policies in India is undermined by reliance on obsolete data.
- (c) In a rapidly changing world, periodic census exercises will be vital to guide effective development strategies in India.
- (d) Census 2027 would allow India to develop a policy framework that accounts for the evolving demographic demands.

**15. What is the remainder when  $77 \times 85 \times 89 \times 93 \times 65 \times 96 \times 97$  is divided by 100?**

- (a) 0
- (b) 2
- (c) 1
- (d) 3

**16. Find the sum of the squares of the first 15 even natural numbers.**

- (a) 4960
- (b) 9955
- (c) 4495
- (d) 4236

**17. What is the number of zeroes at the end of  $22 \times 33 \times 55 \times 77$ ?**

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 1
- (d) 5

**18. Consider the following statements in respect of two natural numbers p and q, such that p is a prime number and q is a composite number:**

1.  $q/p$  can be a perfect square.
2.  $p \times q$  cannot be a prime number.
3.  $p + q$  cannot be a prime number.

**Which of the above statements are correct?**

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

**19. Consider two statements S1 and S2 followed by a question:**

1. N is a natural number and  $N > 3$ .
2. If N is divided by 6, remainder is either 1 or 5.

**Which one of the following is necessarily true?**

- (a) N is a prime number.
- (b) N is divisible by 5, 7, 11 and 13.
- (c) N is a perfect square.
- (d) None of the above.

**20. What is the largest power of 10 that completely divides the product  $50 \times 49 \times 48 \times 47 \times \dots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$ ?**

- (a) 11
- (b) 10

- (c) 13  
(d) 12

**Directions for the following 4 (four) items:**

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

**Passage 1**

The Indian policy system should avoid treating One Health as something to be activated only in moments of crisis. Such an approach would leave the country permanently reactive. One Health needs to enter the routines of governance and administration. It should inform district preparedness, urban planning, laboratory strategy, veterinary-public health coordination, climate and environmental monitoring, and antimicrobial stewardship. It should also shape the training of public health managers, environmental scientists, and local administrators. India has already laid the foundation by launching the National One Health Mission. The next task is to operationalize it to address interconnected health risks across humans, animals, and the environment.

**21. Which one of the following statements best reflects the critical message conveyed by the passage given above?**

- (a) While India's National One Health Mission establishes a policy framework for integrated health, its impact will be determined by the quality of its implementation.  
(b) India's One Health approach must evolve from a reactive framework into an institutionalised framework for protecting human, animal, and environmental health.  
(c) One Health rests on the principle that health risks across humans, animals, and the environment are interconnected and therefore require an integrated approach to their management.  
(d) Effective implementation of the One Health approach requires active participation from grassroots-level local governance institutions.

**Passage 2**

China's grip over rare earths and other critical minerals is usually explained through mines, export controls, and processing dominance. But behind these visible tools lies a quieter strength, a carefully

built domestic mineral loop. In this system, mining, processing, use, and recycling are treated as one continuous chain, not separate stages. The payoff is practical. When exports slow, prices jump, or geopolitics tighten, Chinese factories are better insulated and keep running. Recycling and resource efficiency have become the stabilising core of this strategy. For India, which has only recently begun incentivising critical mineral recycling under the National Critical Mineral Mission, the task is not to emulate China's model, but to adapt the underlying logic to Indian conditions by using recycling and resource efficiency as a strategic buffer while mining and overseas sourcing gradually scale up.

**22. With reference to the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. As a latecomer to the critical mineral supply chain, India risks falling behind China.  
II. Recycling is a crucial component in securing the critical mineral supply chain.

**Which of the above assumptions is/ are valid?**

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

**Passage 3**

In a forest, when trees grow together, they share nutrients and water in a way that allows each one to develop optimally. However, when we remove surrounding trees in an attempt to reduce competition, the remaining trees lose this support system. Trees communicate and depend on one another, and without their neighbours, they are left isolated. This leads to uneven growth. Some trees thrive briefly, growing rapidly, while others weaken and decline. This is because their resilience of individual trees depends on the strength of the entire forest.

**23. With reference to the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. The interconnected nature of forest trees means harm to one tree may spread to others.  
II. A healthy forest is built on the collective health of its trees.



Which of the above assumptions is/are valid?

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

**Passage 4**

You're reading something important—notes, a new concept, or even a list you don't want to forget. You read it once, then again, but it still doesn't stick. Almost automatically, you start saying it out loud. And suddenly, it feels clearer, more organized, and easier to remember. This isn't random or childish. There's a reason behind it. Silent reading is passive: your eyes move and your mind follows, but the information can slip away easily. Speaking, however, makes it active. When you say something out loud, your brain uses multiple systems at once: seeing, hearing, and speaking. That extra effort signals to your brain that the information is important. So instead of just storing the words, your brain also stores the experience of saying them, which makes it easier to understand and remember.

**24. With reference to the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. Silent reading is suited only for pleasure, not for memory retention.
- II. Active reading strengthens memory retention.
- III. Young children should be made to read aloud to improve learning outcomes.
- IV. Difficult concepts can be better understood when read aloud.

Which of the above assumptions are valid?

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

**25. A, B, C, D, E, F and G are seven consecutive positive integers, such that their average is 81.**

**Consider the following statements:**

**Statement I:** The value of  $(F \times D + B)$  is an even number.

**Statement II:** The value of  $(A \times D) + (G \times C)$  is an odd number.

**Statement III:** The value of  $(B \times C) + (A \times D) - (E + F + G)$  is an even number.

Which of the abovementioned statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Only I and II
- (d) Only III

**26. What is the remainder when positive number "a" is divided by 8?**

**S1:** When "a" is divided by 9, the remainder is 4.

**S2:** When "a" is divided by 7, the remainder is 3.

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

- (a) S1 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (b) S2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (c) S1 and S2 together are sufficient to answer the Question, but neither S1 alone nor S2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (d) S1 and S2 together are not sufficient to answer the Question.

**27. A seven-digit number 34784N2 is divisible by 22, where N is the tens digit. Consider the following statements regarding the value of N.**

- (1) It is square of a natural number.
- (2) It is a prime number.
- (3) It is an odd number.
- (4) It is an even number.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only 1 and 3
- (b) Only 1 and 4
- (c) Only 2 and 3
- (d) Only 2 and 4

**28. P, Q and R are three unique digits. What could be the minimum value of Q in the equation  $4P8 + 7R6 + 8Q7 = 2161$ ?**

- (a) 0
- (b) 5
- (c) 6
- (d) 7

**29. Consider the following question and the statements.**

**Gokuldhaam Society went on a picnic. 90 persons took idli, 75 persons took vada pao and 20 persons took both idli and vada pao. No one taking jhalmuri takes idli. Each person takes at least one snacks.**



Find the number of persons who attended the picnic.

**Statement-1:** The number of persons who went on picnic is six times the number of persons who took jhalmuri only.

**Statement-2:** 45 persons took jhalmuri.

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

**30. Ajay, Bijay and Chaman took a piece of work to be completed in x days for Rs. 6000. They all started the work together. Ajay worked for only 3 days and did 25% of the work alone. If Chaman takes 25% more time than Bijay to complete the same piece of work, find the share of Chaman in the final amount paid.**

- (a) Rs. 1500
- (b) Rs. 2000
- (c) Rs. 2500
- (d) Rs. 3000

**31. Read the information given below and answer the three items that follow.**

**There were 150 students in class tenth of a school. 50 students passed in science, 40 students failed only in social science, and 20 students failed in both the subjects.**

**How many students failed in at least one subject?**

- (a) 25
- (b) 120
- (c) 140
- (d) 145

**32. In a group of 150 persons, 90 are Russians and the rest are Germans. Further, 80 persons in the group can speak French. The number of Russians who can speak French is X. Then, X must be**

- (a)  $X > 20$

(b)  $30 < X < 100$

(c)  $30 \leq X$

(d)  $20 \leq X \leq 80$

**33. A, B and C can do a work in a certain time.**

**Consider the following statements:**

1. Either A and B can do the work in same time or A works faster than B.
2. Either C and D can do the work in same time or D works faster than C.
3. B works faster than C.

**Which of the following conclusion can be drawn from above statements?**

- (a) A works faster than B.
- (b) B and D can do the work in same time.
- (c) A works faster than C.
- (d) D works faster than C.

**Directions for the following 4 (four) items:**

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

**Passage 1**

Coastal species were thought to have no access to the open ocean for a long time. There is little shelter from animals and waves, and there is no seabed to anchor on. Food is not as predictable. Conditions are subject to rapid change. Coastal animals were thus thought to be incapable of coping with this. However, new research suggests that coastal animals might not have ventured into the open ocean not because of the above conditions but simply due to the lack of a surface to cling to. With the rise of floating plastic and debris in the ocean, this limitation has changed. As a result, coastal organisms can now drift away from the shore. They are now not only surviving longer in the open ocean but some of them are even breeding. While the impact of this trend on the marine ecosystem remains uncertain, the open ocean is definitely being transformed by the plastic we leave behind.

**34. Which of the following statements best reflects the rational, plausible, and practical implications that can be derived from the passage given above?**

- I. Marine species have altered their behaviour in response to the presence of plastic in the ocean.

- II. Seafood may become contaminated as marine species increasingly ingest plastic.
- III. As plastic is proving to be useful to marine species, its presence in the ocean may no longer be a problem.
- IV. The presence of plastic in the ocean may have unforeseen impacts on marine ecosystems.
- V. Plastic pollution is a persistent problem with no known solution.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

**Passage 2**

Cash transfers are consumption-driven. They can spur local demand and cushion the economy, but their multiplier effects remain limited unless tied to productive activity. By contrast, investment in manufacturing clusters, logistics, urban infrastructure, and human capital generates lasting gains in jobs and output. However, the states are increasingly relying on visible political transfers while underinvesting in less visible but essential sectors for economic development. The solution lies in understanding that transfers work best when they complement rather than replace growth strategies. Therefore, the states need to find an equilibrium between welfare and economic development through prudent policy choices.

**35. Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical, rational and practical suggestion implied by the passage given above?**

- (a) Since investment in capital assets is more productive than cash transfers, governments should allocate a greater proportion of expenditure to such investments.
- (b) Governments should adopt a hybrid approach that balances short-term welfare measures with long-term economic development.
- (c) Cash transfers by governments should be used as a tool to spur regional growth.
- (d) Cash transfers should be subject to an annual cap to prevent fiscal strain on government finances.

**Passage 3**

Children’s brains are still developing, particularly during early childhood and adolescence. These stages are crucial for building focus, self-control, and emotional regulation. Because of this, children are more sensitive to highly stimulating, algorithm driven content. Repeated exposure to short duration content during these developmental phases can influence how the brain is wired, potentially affecting behaviour and learning patterns in the long term.

**36. Which one of the following statements best reflects the corollary to the passage given above?**

- (a) Exposure to social media at a young age should be completely restricted.
- (b) Social media platforms should incorporate age-sensitive design to reduce the risk of overstimulating young children’s developing brains.
- (c) Children’s access to algorithm-driven short duration content should be moderated to protect healthy brain development.
- (d) Since adults have fully developed brains, they may not be susceptible to the effects of algorithm-driven content compared to children.

**Passage 4**

White-collar workers have started to feel less like independent professionals and more like small parts in a big machine. Instead of being guided and trained toward becoming partners in the growth of firms, they are treated more like blue-collar factory workers following orders. Even though they work in fancy offices, the reality is similar to what industrial workers experience on factory floors. While the system has become exploitative for workers, it has also generated significant profits for firms. Firms charge clients high prices, sometimes up to five times what they pay in salaries to employees. This gap becomes a central source of profit. As a result, white-collar workers have become the product from which the firm profits.

**37. With reference to the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. Workers in white-collar jobs are increasingly being treated as a commodity.
- II. As the conditions of white-collar workers deteriorate, blue-collar workers may be relatively better off.



Which of the above assumptions is/are valid?

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

**38. A Statement is given below followed by two Conclusions numbered I and II.**

**Statement:**  $7004 = 459 > 5694$ ,  $1002 < 405 \geq 6300$ ,  $459 = 405 < 1112$

**Conclusion-I:**  $7004 > 6300$

**Conclusion -II:**  $1002 \geq 5694$

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Statement and the Conclusions?

- (a) Only Conclusion-I follows from the Statement.
- (b) Only Conclusion-II follows from the Statement.
- (c) Either Conclusion-I or Conclusion-II follows from the Statement.
- (d) Neither Conclusion-I nor Conclusion-II follows from the Statement.

**39. 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:** Few Magic is Ball.

**Statement-2:** Some Balls are not Bat.

**Statement-3:** No Bat is White.

**Conclusion-I:** Some Magic are Bat.

**Conclusion-II:** Some Balls being White is a possibility.

Which one of the following is correct?

- (a) Only Conclusion-I
- (b) Only Conclusion-II
- (c) Either Conclusion-I or Conclusion-II
- (d) Both Conclusion-I and Conclusion-II

**40. Consider the following statements:**

1.  $U > V$
2.  $W = X$
3. Y has the least value.
4.  $Z < X$
5.  $Z > U$

How many statements given above are required to determine the variable with the greatest value?

- (a) Only two
- (b) Only three
- (c) Only four
- (d) All five

**41. Consider the following statements:**

**Statements:**  $J > Y$ ,  $Y \geq D$ ,  $I = R$ ,  $L < J$ ,  $D > I$

Which of the following is incorrect if the given statements are true?

- (a)  $D > L$
- (b)  $Y > R$
- (c)  $J > I$
- (d)  $Y > I$

**42. Out of the two rice bags if one can contain maximum 50 kg rice and the other one cannot contain less than 30 kg and more than 80 kg rice, then which of the following can be concluded:**

- I. The minimum quantity of rice in both the bags together can never be less than 30 kg.
- II. Both of the rice bags together can contain more than 130 kg.

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

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

Seven friends—A, B, C, D, E, F, and G—are seated in a row, all facing north, and each has a different amount of money. F sits second to the right of C, who is seated third from one of the ends. The person with Rs. 75 sits third to the right of D but is not adjacent to F. G has double the amount that B has. B has Rs. 20, and G sits to the left of B. B is not a neighbor of C. E has Rs. 75 and does not sit to the left of F. The person with Rs. 5 sits at the left end. D has one-fourth of the amount that C has, and C has three times the amount of B. If F has Rs. 25 more than A, then which of the following is the amount that F has?

- (a) Rs. 85
- (b) Rs. 65
- (c) Rs. 30
- (d) Rs. 45

44. Consider the following equation:

$$\textcircled{0} + 2\textcircled{0} + 4\textcircled{0}\textcircled{0} + \textcircled{0}\textcircled{0} + \textcircled{0}6 = \textcircled{0}30$$

For which digit does the symbol  $\textcircled{0}$  stand for?

- (a) 6
- (b) 3
- (c) 2
- (d) 1

45. Eight people are seated in a row, all facing north. There are three people between Mohit and Vikas. Yash is seated immediately to the left of Vikas. Three people are between Tarun and Gaurav. Mohit is the only person sitting next to Kumar. Three people are between Imran and Ranjeet, who is not an immediate neighbour of Tarun. Gaurav is seated second to the right of Vikas. If no one is seated to the left of Kumar, who is sitting second to the right of Yash?

- (a) Gaurav
- (b) Tarun
- (c) Ranjeet
- (d) Mohit

46. Two Statements S1 and S2 are given below with regard to, two members Radhika and Shyam followed by a Question:

**S1:** In a row of 35 students, Radhika is sitting 17th from right end of the row and Shyam is sitting 25th from left end of the row.

**S2:** Radhika is 7th from right end and Shyam is 11th from left end.

**Question:** What is Radhika's position with respect to Shyam?

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

- (a) S1 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (b) S2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question.
- (c) S1 and S2 together are sufficient to answer the Question, but neither S1 alone nor S2 alone is sufficient to answer the question.
- (d) S1 and S2 together are not sufficient to answer the Question.

47. Two six-digit numbers are formed using the digits 2, 0, 4, 7, 6, 5 and none of the digits is repeated. One of the numbers so formed is the greatest possible six-digit number that can be formed using the given digits and the second one is

the smallest possible six-digit number that can be formed using the given digits. What will be the difference between the two numbers so formed?

- (a) 5,60,853
- (b) 4,53,219
- (c) 3,61,358
- (d) 2,06,535

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

The onset of climate change has fundamentally transformed the understanding of heat stress on humans. People in most parts of the world are not only experiencing warmer weather, but the rise in temperatures is also accompanied by changing moisture patterns. Humans are resilient to high temperatures, provided sweat can evaporate. However, when the air is saturated with moisture, sweat lingers on the skin, and the body's thermoregulatory system is put under stress. The combined effect of the two variables on human health is not totally unknown to medical science. The wet bulb approach, for instance, attempts to recalibrate temperatures by accounting for heat and humidity. A 35°C wet-bulb temperature is generally considered the theoretical upper limit of human endurance. However, a new study suggests that this safe limit could be much lower, raising serious concerns about human health in increasingly humid and hot climates.

48. Which one of the following statements best reflects the central idea of the passage given above?

- (a) Heat stress is best understood by considering the combined impact of heat and humidity.
- (b) Humans are better suited to adapt to hot and dry climates in comparison to hot and humid climates.
- (c) As climate change makes the weather hotter and more humid, human survival may be increasingly at risk.
- (d) The mechanism of sweating allows the human body to survive in warmer climates.

**Passage 2**

Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) have emerged as critical drivers of retail lending, micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) financing, and last-mile credit delivery. Many have built specialised underwriting models, leveraged alternative data and digital tools to assess thin-file borrowers, and expanded credit access to segments historically underserved by traditional banking channels. Their capital adequacy ratios remain comfortably above regulatory thresholds, and the Reserve Bank of India's regulatory framework has enhanced governance standards. In this context, excluding NBFCs from Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-linked credit leaves significant untapped potential to expand credit access and support broader economic growth.

**49. Which one of the following statements best sums up the passage given above?**

- (a) NBFCs perform better than commercial banks in delivering last-mile credit.
- (b) Integration of NBFCs with UPI-linked credit systems presents an opportunity to expand access to credit.
- (c) NBFCs, if with UPI-linked credit systems, could play an important role in the development of MSMEs.
- (d) Easy access to credit is an important enabler of economic growth.

**Passage 3**

In a constitutional democracy, the primary responsibility for law-making rests with the legislature directly elected by the people. This includes the articulation of policy, shaped through parliamentary deliberation and democratic accountability. Delegation to the executive is constitutionally permissible. But it is limited to filling in details and operationalising statutory policy, not determining its core content. When delegation extends to the core policy matters, it puts democratic principles of separation of power at risk. At its core, the issue is not the extent of permissible delegated legislation, but the preservation of the people's power as exercised through their elected representatives.

**50. With reference to the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:**

- I. The functions of the legislature and the executive should be clearly demarcated to avoid encroachment of one branch into the domain of the other.
- II. Excessive delegated legislation could undermine democratic accountability.

**Which of the above assumptions is/ are valid?**

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

**51. Based on the passage, which of the following can be considered a core feature of a constitutional democracy?**

- (a) Parliamentary supremacy.
- (b) Exercise of legislative power through delegated legislation by the executive.
- (c) Sovereignty of the people exercised through their elected representatives.
- (d) Co-operation between the legislature and the executive.

**52. A trader sells his goods at some profit. If he sells his goods at  $\frac{9}{8}$ th times his original selling price, his profit doubles. Consider the following statements:**

- 1. Cost price of the goods is  $\frac{7}{8}$ th times the selling price.
- 2. He makes 14.28% profit in selling the goods.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**53. If  $55^9 + 56^9 + 57^9 + 58^9 + 59^9 + 60^9 + 61^9 + 62^9 + \dots + 171^9$  is divided by 226, the remainder would be:**

- (a) 113
- (b) 110
- (c) 90
- (d) 180

54. A shepherd counted the heads of the animals/birds in the farm and found it to be 41. When he counted the legs, he found it to be 118. The farm only had hens, ducks and buffaloes and nothing else. If the number of ducks were  $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of the number of buffaloes, then how many ducks were there in the farm?

- (a) 18
- (b) 23
- (c) 12
- (d) 9

55. If P represents the geometric mean, Q represents the harmonic mean and R represents the arithmetic mean of two numbers, then which of the following option will best represent their relation?

- (a)  $R \times P = Q^2$
- (b)  $R \times Q = P^2$
- (c)  $P \times Q = R^2$
- (d)  $R / Q = P^2$

56. In a company with 50 employees, 20 are in the marketing department, 25 are in the sales department, and 10 employees are in both these departments. If an employee is chosen at random, what is the probability that the employee belongs to either the marketing or sales department?

- (a)  $\frac{7}{10}$
- (b)  $\frac{9}{10}$
- (c)  $\frac{3}{10}$
- (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

57. In how many ways can 8 different books be arranged on a shelf such that exactly 3 specific books are in positions 1, 2, and 3, in any order, and the remaining 5 books are arranged in the remaining positions?

- (a) 640
- (b) 720
- (c) 655
- (d) None of these

58. Twenty-six cards marked with upper case alphabets A to Z are placed in a box and mixed thoroughly and then one card is drawn randomly. If it is known that the alphabet on the card drawn is greater than M, then what is the probability that it is a vertically symmetrical alphabet (a vertically symmetrical alphabet is one which appears the same even when flipped along the Y-axis)?

- (a)  $\frac{8}{13}$
- (b)  $\frac{7}{13}$
- (c)  $\frac{3}{7}$
- (d)  $\frac{7}{3}$

59. A commuter has the following choices for his daily commute:

1. From City A to City B: 4 different routes, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4.
2. From City B to City C: the choice depends on the route taken from A to B. - If the route from A to B is odd numbered, there are 2 routes from B to C.- If the route from A to B is even numbered, there is only 1 route from B to C.
3. From City C to City D: 3 different routes

In how many different ways can the commuter travel from City A to City D?

- (a) 18
- (b) 36
- (c) 54
- (d) 72

60. In a library books are to be arranged on a shelf as per their genres. There are 3 fiction books, 4 educational books, 3 research books and 2 recreational books. Books of same genres should be placed together. What is the number of ways in which this task can be completed?

- (a) 41462
- (b) 41472
- (c) 3456
- (d) 3466

**Directions for the following 3 (three) 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**

Play is natural for children and a powerful tool for holistic development - physical, socio-emotional, language, cognitive, and cultural. It allows children to be curious, and explore and experiment in a safe, fun, and non-judgmental space. Learning does not just happen through writing or reading and it's imperative not to force a particular style of learning. There are as many pathways to learning as there are learners. Play includes conversation, storytelling,

toys, songs and rhymes, music and movement, arts and crafts, and indoor and outdoor games. This interaction creates an indelible bond among students, teachers, parents and the community. Several studies on child development and the brain indicate that play is essential for brain development, neuroplasticity and intuitive knowledge.

**61. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made.**

1. Play fosters positive social interactions and has a positive impact on brain development.
2. Without a conducive environment for play, learning becomes an uphill task for children.

**Which of the above assumptions is/are valid?**

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

**Passage 2**

India's Olympic contingent will travel with a sleep expert because rest is essential for performance and well-being. But popular culture, with its injunctions of chasing one's goals, its imperatives of burning the midnight oil while doing so, and its narratives of linking success with sacrifice, plays spoilsport.

**62. Which of the following statements best reflects the logical inference from the passage given above?**

- (a) 'Winning at all costs' is always more important than overall well-being.
- (b) There is a tension between traditional training methods and the adoption of new scientific approaches.
- (c) There is a dichotomy between the importance of sleep for athletes and the cultural glorification of overwork.
- (d) There is a debate regarding the usefulness of sleep experts in sports.

**Passage 3**

The non-cricket-playing Indian athlete works without much help, let alone scientific help, in their formative years. Most of our Olympians have become what they have become after overcoming various kinds of scarcities. And they have overcome them only by dint of effort and stubbornness. This overcoming can be such a constant enterprise, with hard work its only

currency and everything else set in a trade-off against it, that rest and recovery struggle to arrive at the centre. This may happen despite an innate understanding of the two as essential to high performance. This may happen till the sportsperson reaches the limit where the simple truth of "what got you here won't take you there" presents itself as a challenge.

**63. Which one of the following statements best reflects the paradox implied by the passage?**

- (a) The importance of hard work and the need for external support.
- (b) The inherent talent of athletes and the limitations of scientific training.
- (c) The athlete's understanding of recovery, and the pressure to constantly overcome challenges.
- (d) The initial local struggles that build success and the need for an international exposure at a higher level.

**64. Three numbers  $x, y, z$  have to be selected from the set of first six prime numbers, such that  $x > 2y > 3z$ . How many such distinct triplets  $(x, y, z)$  are possible?**

- (a) One triplet
- (b) Two triplets
- (c) Three triplets
- (d) Four triplets

**65. Two friends Hemakshi and Sonakshi have some balls with them. Hemakshi has colored all the balls with her in red and numbered them 1, 2, 3 .... and so on. Sonakshi has colored all her balls in blue and numbered them as A, B, C, ... and so on. Both Hemakshi and Sonakshi have more than one ball each. They both drop one ball into a box. It is known that the number of different ways they can do so is 24.**

**In how many ways can 2 balls be put in the box if both the balls have to be of the same color?**

- (a) 324
- (b) 230
- (c) 238
- (d) 240

66. If  $a = 3x - 3z$ ,  $b = y + 4z$  and  $c = 8z - y$ , such that  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$  and  $(a + b + c) \neq 0$ , what is the value of  $\frac{x^3 + y^3}{z^3}$ ?

- (a) 38
- (b) 42
- (c) 35
- (d) 46

67. An iron block is shaped like a cone with a diameter of 1.5 metres and a length of 3.5 metres. The block is to be transformed into a cuboidal bar, having edges of dimensions 5 centimetres, 5 centimetres and L centimetres.

What will be the value of L (in metres)?

- (a) 275
- (b) 825
- (c) 1025
- (d) 235

**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**

Nuclear energy can help make the energy sector's journey away from unabated fossil fuels faster and more secure. Amid today's global energy crisis, reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels has become the top energy security priority. No less important is the climate crisis: reaching net zero emissions of greenhouse gases by mid-century requires rapid and complete decarbonization of electricity generation and heat production. As today's second-largest source of low-emissions power after hydropower and with its growth potential, nuclear – in countries where it is accepted – can help ensure secure, diverse low emissions electricity systems.

68. Based on the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:

1. Less nuclear power could make realizing net zero ambitions of greenhouse gases by mid-century harder to achieve.
2. The share of nuclear energy in the overall energy mix should be increased even at the cost of all other forms of energy.

Which of the above assumptions is/are valid?

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

69. Which one of the following is implied by the passage?

- (a) To transition to a cleaner energy system, old nuclear plants should be replaced with new plants that are more efficient.
- (b) The involvement of citizens in prioritizing approval and construction of nuclear waste disposal facilities is needed to accelerate the adoption of nuclear power.
- (c) A diverse mix of non-fossil and domestic energy sources is required to ensure sustainable energy security.
- (d) Developing countries should focus on conventional sources of energy as they are not historically responsible for global warming.

**Passage 2**

You could say Ethics is nothing more than looking at a problem, determining if it's wrong, and then making the right decision based on our values. So, what is the right thing to do in an ethical situation? We all possess our own set of ethics so does that mean we are right every time we make a decision? Maybe not to everyone, but in our mind, there is usually no doubt that we have made the right ethical choice. Placing an equal importance on our values allows us to define ethical violations. The ability to define an ethical problem does not make reaching an ethical decision easier. The way we proceed once we define a problem is perhaps the hardest part in making the right ethical choice and it is here that our personal values play the largest role.

70. Which one of the following statements is the most rational assumption of the author of the passage?

- (a) There is no single, universally accepted set of ethical principles.
- (b) Making an ethical decision always leads to a positive outcome.
- (c) Making an ethical decision requires no emotional consideration.
- (d) Ethical dilemmas arise only in complex situations.

71. On adding up the first 14 terms of an arithmetic progression we get the same result as we get on adding the first 22 terms. What will be the result of adding up the first 36 terms of the same arithmetic progression?

- (a) 0
- (b) 1
- (c) -1
- (d) 2

72. Consider the following inequality:

$(x - 5)(x - 10) - 3(x - 2) \leq 0$ , where  $x$  is an integer

1. For inequality to be satisfied,  $x$  can take values from 4 to 14
2. For inequality to be satisfied, possible number of values of  $x$  are 11

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

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

73. Consider the following sequence that follows a specific pattern.

10, -4, -36, -92, -178, X

What is the value of X?

- (a) -462
- (b) -296
- (c) -346
- (d) -300

74. Find the 200th term of the series: 2, 9, 16, 23, ...

- ... ..
- (a) 1395
  - (b) 1412
  - (c) 1393
  - (d) 1397

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

"This is all wrong". I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet

you all come to us young people for hope. You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. For more than 30 years, science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away and come here saying that you're doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed are still nowhere in sight.

75. The above passage is most likely an excerpt from

1. a court's decision on increasing violence against marginalised sections.
2. a round table conference on the future of world economy.
3. an anguished youth's speech on climate change.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) Both 1 and 2
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) Both 1 and 3

Passage 2

Ethical journalism serves as a cornerstone of a democratic society, providing the public with reliable and unbiased information to make informed decisions. It is one of the pillars that ensures answerability. The principles of accuracy, fairness, and impartiality are at the heart of journalistic ethics, guiding journalists in their quest to uphold truth and transparency. One of the primary ethical challenges in journalism lies in the tension between objectivity and sensitivity. While objectivity aims to present news and information without bias, sensitivity entails a consideration of the potential harm that reporting may cause to individuals or communities. Striking the right balance between these principles is crucial in providing comprehensive and responsible reporting.

76. Based on the above passage, the following inferences have been made.

1. Ethical journalism is essential for the smooth functioning of a democratic society.
2. Ethical and unbiased journalism plays a significant part in holding powerful people accountable.



Which of the inferences given above is/are correct?

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

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

An online delivery boy took parcels for eight different buildings in a housing society—B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, and B8. The order amounts for these buildings are different: Rs. 120, Rs. 136, Rs. 94, Rs. 106, Rs. 118, Rs. 124, Rs. 148, and Rs. 138, but not necessarily in the same order. B5 placed the order with the highest amount. Only three buildings have a lower order amount than B2. The amount for B4 is between Rs. 137 and Rs. 147. The order amount for B6 is the second lowest, higher than B3's but lower than B7's. The amounts for both B3 and B7 are multiples of a prime number between 45 and 60. The order amount for B8 is higher than that of B1.

What is the difference between the order amounts of B1 and B4?

- (a) 12
- (b) 2
- (c) 14
- (d) 4

78. A cab service provider has following rate chart for rides:

- (I) For the first 12 km of the ride, fare will be Rs. 6 per km.
- (II) After first 12 km, fare will be charged at Rs. 10 per km.
- (III) If the passenger requests a halt before reaching the destination and keeps the cab waiting, then waiting charge will be Rs. 10 per minute.

Waiting charge will also be applicable if the cab gets stuck in traffic. Neeru Madan went to meet her mother-in-law, who lives 30 kms away from Neeru's home. She booked a cab and was charged Rs. 402 for the journey. If Neeru stopped the cab at a fruit shop to buy fruits for her mother-in-law, and the cab was stuck in traffic jam for 3 minutes, then find

how much time did Neeru Madan take to buy fruits?

- (a) 15 minutes
- (b) 12 minutes
- (c) 20 minutes
- (d) 18 minutes

79. If X and Y are integers, then which of the following must be true?

- 1.  $X - Y$  must give a positive value for any value of X and Y.
- 2.  $X + Y$  must be an even number.
- 3.  $X/Y$  must be a proper fraction.

Select the correct statement using the code given below:

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

80. Recently, while shopping at Mall Road in Shimla, I stumbled upon two Shawls and decided to purchase them for both of my parents. The shopkeeper offered me the first shawl for Rs. 1800, and told me that it is usually sold for  $10/9$  of this price. He, then, offered me the second shawl for Rs. 2200 and told me that it is usually sold for  $25/22$  of this price.

What is the total percentage discount offered to me on the shawls by the shopkeeper?

- (a) 12.5%
- (b) 11.11%
- (c) 9.09%
- (d) 6.94%

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