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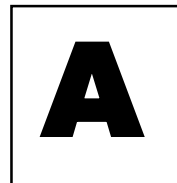


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Paper II

C-A-23-2026

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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

Greenhouse gas emissions keep growing. Global temperatures keep rising. And our planet is fast approaching tipping points that will make climate chaos irreversible," he said. "We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator."

1. What is the most important implication of the above passage?

- (a) Emission of greenhouse gases needs to be decreased.
- (b) High time serious action is taken to address and mitigate the climate change challenges.
- (c) Reduce the speed on the highway to climate hell at the earliest.
- (d) Take efforts to reduce the rising temperatures.

PASSAGE 2

Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, who authored the minority view on the five-judge Bench on Monday, said upholding the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota will run the danger of "sealing the fate" of a pending challenge to the 69% reservation in Tamil Nadu without the benefit of a hearing. Sounding a "cautionary note" to fellow judges who formed the majority on the Bench, Justice Bhat and Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said the creation of 10% EWS reservation over and above 50% existing quota has a "direct bearing" on the "likely outcome" of the litigation against the 69% reservation in Tamil Nadu. The judge said the breach of the 50% limit is the principal ground of attack against the 76th Constitutional Amendment of 1994 which inserted, as Entry 257A, the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or Posts in the Services under the State) Act, 1993 in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution.

2. What is the the gist of the above passage?

- (a) The 69 % reservation of Tamil Nadu according to the 76th Constitutional Amendment would become illegal.
- (b) The breach of the 50% limit is the principal ground of attack against the 76th Constitutional Amendment.
- (c) The cautionary note sounded is that the Entry 257 A in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution will become infructuous.
- (d) Upholding the EWS quota will make the litigation against 76th Constitutional Amendment to flounder.

PASSAGE 3

In recent years, the phenomenon of eliminating one's thought adversaries has marked a sharp rise. In the last few years, numerous media persons, writers, and thinkers have been put to death by violent means. Narendra Dabholkar was killed in Pune in 2013, Comrade Govind Pansare in Kolhapur in early 2015, M.M.Kalburgi in Dharwad later that year, and journalist Gauri Lankesh in Bengaluru in 2017. All four were advocates of rationality, truth, and communal harmony.

3. The following assumptions have been drawn from the above passage:

- I. When thought adversaries are eliminated their ideas get buried.
- II. Violent killing of media persons, writers and thinkers reflects intellectual bankruptcy.

Which of the above assumptions are/ is valid?

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

4. What are the valid inferences for a democratic nation like India from the above passage?

- I. Supporters of bigotry and superstition are not in a position to discuss and debate opposite view points.
- II. Media persons, writers and thinkers should not ruffle feathers if they value their lives.
- III. Advocates of rationality, truth and communal harmony have been silenced for good.

IV. Executive and Judiciary needs to take appropriate measures to ensure freedom of speech is not silenced by the fear of gun.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

5. Statements regarding two Quantities A and B are given below followed by a Question. You should use the given data and your knowledge of Mathematics to choose between the possible answers.

N is a natural number greater than 1.

Quantity A: Remainder left when 125^N is divided by 100

Quantity B: Remainder left when 130^N is divided by 100

- (a) Quantity A > Quantity B
- (b) Quantity A < Quantity B
- (c) Quantity A \geq Quantity B
- (d) Quantity A \leq Quantity B

6. How many different four letter words can be formed (the words need not be meaningful) using the letters of the word MEDITERRANEAN such that the first letter is E and the last letter is R?

- (a) 59
- (b) $\frac{11!}{2! \times 2! \times 2!}$
- (c) 56
- (d) $\frac{11!}{3! \times 2! \times 2! \times 2!}$

7. There are 4 identical pens and 7 identical books. In how many ways can a person select at least one object from this set?

- (a) $(2^4 - 1)(2^7 - 1)$
- (b) 11
- (c) $2^{11} - 1$
- (d) 39

8. Set A contains distinct integers: $A = \{2, 4, 6, -8, x, y\}$. When two numbers from this set are selected and multiplied, what is the probability that the product is less than zero?

Statement 1: $x * y$ is not equal to zero.

Statement 2: $|x| = |y|$

- (a) The question can be answered by using Statement 1 alone, but cannot be answered using the other statement alone.
- (b) The question can be answered by using Statement 2 alone, but cannot be answered using the other statement alone.
- (c) The question can be answered by using either statement alone.
- (d) The question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together.

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

Question: Shaina's five-distinct-digit locker code is 5A48B. What digit does letter A symbolize in Shaina's locker code?

Statement I: Shaina's locker code is divisible by all integers from 2 to 6.

Statement II: Shaina's locker code is divisible by 9.

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 statement together, but cannot be answered using either statement alone.
- (d) The question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together.

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

Question: If n is an integer greater than 1, is $3^n - 2^n$ divisible by 35?

Statement I: n is divisible by 15.

Statement II: n is divisible by 18.

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 statement together, but cannot be answered using either statement alone.
- (d) The question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together.

11. Find the total number of zeros in $4! \times 5! \times 6! \times 6! \times 7! \times 7! \times 8! \times 8! \times 9! \times 9! \times 10! \times 10! \times 11!$

- (a) $6! + 7! + 8! + 9! + 10! + 11!$
- (b) $6! + 7! + 8! + 9! + 10! + 2 \times 11!$
- (c) $6! + 7! + 8! + 9! + 10!$
- (d) $6! + 7! + 8! + 9! + 10! + 22!$

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 Global Hunger Index (GHI) report of 2022, published in mid October, shows India's place to have fallen to 107 from the previous year's 101, out of 121 countries. Once again, the Government of India has questioned the survey's methodology and sample size and accused the authors, Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe, of bias. In a statement almost identical to that of last year, the Women and Child Development Ministry alleged that a consistent effort was on to tarnish India's image. GHI calculations are based on four indicators: undernourishment in adult and child populations, under-five mortality, stunting (low height for age), and wasting.

12. With reference to the above passage, which of the following could be relevant, practical and positive suggestions for India?

- I. Instead of rebuttals and questioning the report, need to analyse and introspect as to why the Global Hunger Index is getting worse year over year.
- II. Govt of India needs to take up with UN and FAO why Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe are focussed on tarnishing the India's image.
- III. Focus on the causes of hunger and measures to mitigate the same based on proper survey and accurate inputs.
- IV. Collate and publish collated data relevant to the four indicators of Global Hunger Index proactively and periodically.
- V. Not to bother about such reports as they may have their own biases.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- (a) All of the above.
- (b) I, III and IV only.
- (c) II, III and V only.
- (d) I, II and V only.

PASSAGE 2

The Sarkaria Commission thought that if the appointment was made in consultation with the Chief Minister, there would be smooth functioning and better relationships. But the Governor has to make independent decisions, whether it's the question of deciding a government, the numbers, or the vote of confidence. The Governor has to maybe at times go against the will of the Chief Minister. Therefore, to say that the Chief Minister must approve the appointment of Governors is not correct. I do feel [there should be] general consultation. The opinion of the Chief Minister would go a long way in helping make the functioning of the Governor in a State more effective and maybe more conducive to the interests of the State.

13. Which one of the following statements best reflects the opinion of the author of the above passage?

- (a) Sarkaria Commission is apt in considering appointment of Governors be made in consultation with Chief Ministers for smooth functioning and better relationships.

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(b) View of Chief Ministers in appointment of Governors may help in the latter's functioning and also for the wellness of the State.

(c) Since Governors have to take independent decisions to say that the Chief Minister must approve the appointment of Governors is not correct.

(d) The Governor's appointment should continue as before due to the nature of his functioning.

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

I. Appointment of Governors as mentioned in the Constitution has stood the test of time and hence needs no change.

II. Appointment of Governors in consultation with Chief Ministers is likely to lead to better relationship between both.

III. It is not the methodology but the Character and Commitment of the Governor to the Constitution of India that would ensure smooth and effective governance.

Select the correct answer using the code below:

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

15. Some statements followed by four conclusions numbered I, II, III and IV have been given below. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the given statements.

Statements:

- All parts are spares.
- Few spares are machines.
- Some machines are needles.
- Few needles are circles.

Conclusions:

- I. Few needles are spares.
- II. Few spares are parts.
- III. Few circles are needles.

IV. Few needles are machines.

Which of the above conclusions is/are correct?

- (a) Only II, III and IV follow
- (b) Only I and II follow
- (c) Only I, II and III follow
- (d) All follow

16. How many six-digit positive integers comprising only the digits 1 or 2 can be formed such that the number is divisible by 3?

- (a) 3
- (b) 20
- (c) 22
- (d) 38

17. There are 6 boxes numbered 1, 2, ... 6. Each box is to be filled up either with a red or a green ball in such a way that at least 1 box contains a green ball and the boxes containing green balls are consecutively numbered. The total number of ways in which this can be done is:

- (a) 5
- (b) 21
- (c) 60
- (d) 6

18. A man can hit a target once in 4 shots. If he fires 4 shots in succession, what is the probability that he will hit his target?

- (a) $\frac{1}{256}$
- (b) $\frac{81}{256}$
- (c) $\frac{175}{256}$
- (d) $\frac{144}{256}$

19. The number $206p21279q$ leaves the remainder 2 when divided by 11. If $p = q + 3$, then what is the value of p/q ?

- (a) 4.5
- (b) 3.5
- (c) 2.5
- (d) 1.5

20. There is a 117 digit number which is formed by linear arrangement of first 63 natural numbers. If this number is divided by 8, what remainder it leaves?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

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

Social media is now the public square, and quirky two words prefixed with a hashtag can make a difference almost instantly. Some go viral and stay longer than others. At times, they raise an important yet overlooked aspect of today's work practices. The recent two words trending on social media, more so on TikTok, is "Quiet quitting". The phrase has generated millions of views on the short-video streaming platform. Those promoting the idea appear to be young workers who have rejected the idea of going the extra mile at work. This group seeks to make people take time out of work and do something outside of office. This trend, in a way, shows the impact of hybrid or work from home-based office work culture that has permeated all organisations in the last two years. During this time, a growing number of Gen Z and millennials have grown tired of not being recognised or compensated for putting in extra hours. Now, they want to end the burnout, and are looking to focus on work-life balance. Their online movement centres around self-preservation and doing what they are paid to do.

21. Which statement below reflects the most important message of the above passage?

- (a) Today social media is the public square and quirky two words with a hashtag like 'Quiet quitting' can make a difference almost instantly.
- (b) Young workers want to end burnout but focus instead on work - life balance based on hard lessons learnt the last two years.

(c) 'Quiet quitting' is the latest two words trending on social media.

(d) Gen Z and Millennials do not want to walk the extra mile as they have grown tired of hard work.

22. Based on the above passage the following assumptions have been drawn:

I. Gen Z and Millennials would not have thought of Work - Life Balance if they had been compensated for their extra work during the hybrid/ work from home culture of last two years.

II. Social media has taken the place of conservative media / TV for faster dissemination of messages amongst peer groups.

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 2

While speaking at the ongoing COP27 climate summit, scientists from the Global Carbon Project warned that harmful carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels would rise 1% more this year, reaching an all-time high. Scientists added that emissions declined to -5.2% in 2020 due to restrictions imposed during the COVID pandemic. However, emissions increased by 5.6% in 2021.

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

I. Nothing much can be done about fossil fuel emissions as economy of most nations run on fossil fuels.

II. Pandemics like Covid checks economic growth and thus carbon emissions.

Which of the above assumption(s) is / are valid?

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

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PASSAGE 3

White collar crimes involvement of thousands of crores of rupees offered as loans by banks are highly harmful to society for they are committed by well-educated and influential people who are otherwise expected to set a moral example and behave responsibly, the Madras High Court said.

24. With references to the above passage the following assumptions have been made:

- I. Blue collar crimes are not highly harmful to society.
- II. Severe punishment for white collar crimes will have an immense salutary impact on the ethics of the society.

Which of the above assumption(s) is/are valid?

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

Direction for the following 4 (four) items:

Read the information given below and answer the questions that follow.

In a wrestling championship, five contestants — Mayank, Bumrah, Rohit, Abhishek, and Head — secured the top five ranks in that order. Each contestant's weight is a distinct natural number. The following information is provided about their weights:

1. Rohit is the heaviest, and Bumrah is the second heaviest.
2. Mayank is heavier than Abhishek.
3. The lightest person among the five weighs 54 kg, and it is not Head.
4. The heaviest person weighs 87 kg.
5. One of the contestants weighs 19 kg more than Head.
6. The contestant who weighs 82 kg ranked higher than the contestant who weighs 67 kg.
7. No contestant weighs 68 kg or 63 kg.

25. What is the weight (in kg) of Mayank?

- (a) 67
- (b) 82

- (c) 87
- (d) 54

26. What is the total weight (in kg) of all the five persons put together?

- (a) 274
- (b) 376
- (c) 225
- (d) 541

27. What is the weight (in kg) of Head?

- (a) 73
- (b) 87
- (c) 67
- (d) 77

28. Who is the second lightest person?

- (a) Head
- (b) Mayank
- (c) Rohit
- (d) Bumrah

29. The places of a two-digit number are interchanged and subtracted with the original value. By what number is the resultant number always divisible?

- (a) 7
- (b) 9
- (c) 11
- (d) None of the above

30. One side wall of a room has its length and breadth in the ratio 3 : 4. If 4m is the smallest tape which can measure all the two dimensions, what would be the largest tape?

- (a) 12
- (b) 16
- (c) 24
- (d) 48

Directions for Questions 31 to 33

Study the following information given below to answer these questions.

There was a bike racing championship in which four people participated. The colour and brand of each of the bikes is different. Those colours are White, Black,



Red and Brown and the brands are - Honda, Ducati, Kawasaki and Yamaha. The persons mentioned got four Prizes I, II, III and IV where I Prize is for the best performance in the race.

- (i) The colour of Robert's bike who finished in the fourth position is not Red.
- (ii) Yamaha, which is not white, got either first position or the last position.
- (iii) Charles's got one position ahead of Robert's but one position below the black bike.
- (iv) Peter's bike was positioned just above Kawasaki, but was just below the white bike.
- (v) Peter's bike is not Ducati. Martin, who is the friend of Peter, was also one of the participants in the race.

31. Whose bike won the first Prize?

- (a) Martin
- (b) Peter
- (c) Charles
- (d) Robert

32. Which of the following depicts the colour of Robert's bike?

- (a) White
- (b) Black
- (c) Red
- (d) Brown

33. Which of the following statements is true?

- (a) Ducati is owned by Charles
- (b) The colour of Peter's bike is brown
- (c) Yamaha is owned by Peter
- (d) The colour of Martin's bike is White

Directions for the following 4 (four) 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

Nothing is ever constant and change will always be the order of the day. Therefore, our policies also need to change and be aligned with the future. The merits or demerits of a particular policy can be debated and feedback given to make it more robust. But to

denounce it outright smacks of a 'status quoist' attitude. The terms and conditions of service for our soldiers, sailors and airmen have undergone changes from the time to time. So, to say that the Agnipath scheme is tinkering with settled systems, or falling back on clichés such as "if it ain't broke don't fix it", is self-defeating. The Agniveer rallies which saw a good turnout shows that our youth are motivated and willing to serve the cause of the nation. Optimising the training duration is very much a possibility. Given basic training, proficiency can be acquired on the job, and this is how it is done in many armies in the world. Another aspect that has been much discussed is of bonding and esprit de corps, and whether the Agniveers will be able to deliver when the time comes. Without even giving them a chance, why are we questioning or doubting their abilities? As far as esprit de corps is concerned, the onus is on the units. There is a saying in the Indian Army that "there are no good units or bad units; only good officers and bad officers". While formulating the Agnipath scheme, the aspect of lateral absorption into the Central Armed Police Forces, State police and even in other Ministries had been deliberated upon. Even the Constitution of India has been amended 105 times.

34. What is the tone of the above passage?

- (a) Offensive.
- (b) 'Status quoist'.
- (c) Critical.
- (d) Defensive.

35. What is the critical message of the above passage?

- (a) Agnipath is a needed reform for the times and only time will tell off its success.
- (b) Any policy needs to be debated and feedback given to make it more robust.
- (c) Change is always the order of the day and even the Constitution of India was amended 105 times.
- (d) The Agniveer rallies saw good turnout and hence the Agnipath Scheme seems a good policy.

36. The following assumptions have been made from the above passage:

- I. Esprit de corps of Angiveers should not be a challenge as Indian Army has only good officers.

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II. Since Agniveer Scheme was debated much it would be a robust scheme.

III. The good turnout in rallies shows the goodness of the scheme.

Select the valid assumptions using the code below:

- (a) All of the above.
- (b) None of the above.
- (c) I and II only.
- (d) I and III only.

PASSAGE 2

In its more than 70-year-old history, the Supreme Court of India has delivered a plethora of judgments touching on the fundamental tenets governing the Constitution of India's guarantee of equal treatment. On occasion, its verdicts have contradicted each other, with different Benches championing different meanings to the Constitution's text and values. Some of this conflict is understandable. After all, the Constitution's most important promises — among them, the rights to equal treatment, personal liberty, and freedom of expression and religion — are couched in abstract language. The job of interpreting the Constitution's words, of fleshing out their real meaning, lies with the courts. Judges perform this task by looking not only at the text of the provisions but also by appealing to the Constitution's finest moral vision, by studying its history, and by applying rules and codes that have formed over time through an accretion of precedent. Naturally, in construing the guarantees of the Constitution, judges can arrive at varying conclusions on how the document must be read. These differences assume especial salience when the Court is called on to deliberate over the features that qualify as part of the Constitution's basic structure.

37. With reference to the above passage the following assumptions have been drawn:

I. Supreme Court Benches have given contradicting verdicts as most important assurances of the Constitution remain as ideas and ideals and not easy to interpret in one singular voice as it depends on each judges' jurisprudence and antecedents.

II. Conflicting interpretations of the Constitution by different benches is within the realm of realistic acceptance provided the basic structure is not tinkered by varying deliberations.

Which of the above assumption(s) is/are valid?

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

38. Find the wrong term in the series

11, 9, 13, 16, 17, 21, 19, 36, 23

- (a) 19
- (b) 21
- (c) 16
- (d) 25

39. How many positive integers less than 10,000 are such that the product of their digits is 210?

- (a) 24
- (b) 54
- (c) 48
- (d) 30

40. A rectangular board of length 30 inches and width 18 inches is to be cut into n squares of equal area, without wasting any of the board. We have to cut the board such that n has the minimum possible value.

I. Size of each square will be 6×6 .

II. Value of n is 13.

III. Value of n can't be determined.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

41. Nine points are there on a given plane, out of which four are collinear. How many quadrilaterals can be formed using these nine points?

- (a) 100
- (b) 105
- (c) 60

(d) 125

42. Let's express the date in the DDMMYYYY format, where DD represents the day, MM represents the month, and YYYY represents the year. If the last possible date in the 20th century, wherein all eight digits in this format are odd, falls on a Sunday, what day of the week will the first date in the 21st century, wherein all eight digits are even, fall on?

- (a) Monday
- (b) Saturday
- (c) Friday
- (d) Tuesday

43. As a result of 25% hike in the price of edible oil per litre, a person is able to purchase 4 litre less oil for Rs. 2000. What must have been the original price?

- (a) Rs. 250 per litre
- (b) Rs. 100 per litre
- (c) Rs. 180 per litre
- (d) Rs. 150 per litre

44. Two statements S1 and S2 are given below followed by a question.

S1: $X + Y = 6$

S2: $X + 2K = 14, Y + K = 10$

Question: Is X greater than Y?

- (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.

45. How many pairs of natural numbers with an HCF of 12 have a sum of 216?

- (a) 6
- (b) 3
- (c) 9
- (d) 18

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

Question: How much maximum possible volume of water can a tank hold?

Statement I: The tank currently holds 200 milliliters of water.

Statement II: If 150 milliliters of water is added to the tank, the tank gets half full.

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 statement together, but cannot be answered using either statement alone.
- (d) The question cannot be answered even by using both the statements together.

47. In a theatre, the ratio of the ticket price for balcony and first class ticket is 6 : 4. The ratio of people who are watching movie in balcony and first class is 1 : 30. If Rs. 2100 was sales made on that day, what would be the amount collected from balcony ticket?

- (a) 100
- (b) 150
- (c) 200
- (d) 250

Directions for the following 4 (four) 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 former President of India, K.R.Narayanan said in a speech on August 14, 1998: "If Nehru laid the foundations of modern India building up its economic, industrial and scientific infrastructure and trying to forge the emotional unity of India, Sardar Patel transformed India into a Union out of the patchwork quilt of Provinces and Princely States. He could be

called the Bismarck of India; who unified the nation not by "blood and iron", but merely by his "iron will and astute statecraft."

48. What does former President of India mean by 'the patchwork quilt of Provinces and Princely states' as quoted in the above passage?

- (a) Former Provinces under British India which came under India on Independence and Princely States under the suzerainty of the British Crown who had the choice to remain independent.
- (b) Union of Provinces and States in Indian Subcontinent which were under British Rule.
- (c) States which were formerly ruled by Maharajahs and Provinces under British India.
- (d) Independent Provinces ruled by Governors and States ruled by Maharajahs.

49. What does the former President of India quoted in the above passage mean "not by blood and iron but merely by his iron will and astute statecraft".

- (a) Sardar Patel, though like Bismarck of iron will, unlike him united India without much bloodshed.
- (b) Sardar Patel was both bold and cunning unlike Bismarck.
- (c) Bismarck was no match for Sardar Patel.
- (d) Both Bismarck and Sardar Patel were Iron Men.

50. With reference to the above passages the following assumptions have been made:

- I. Without Nehru, Patel could have transformed India into a Modern Scientific India at a faster pace.
- II. Both Nehru and Patel were needed to make India into a modern democratic and united nation of commendable economic and scientific strengths.

Which of the above assumption(s) is / are valid:

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

PASSAGE 2

The CJI said judges often come across as old-fashioned because of black gowns and the imposing regalia.

"When you combine that with a sonorous voice and legal language it can be a heady combination for utter boredom. But to borrow that song by Doris Day and Frank Sinatra - 'We are among the very young at heart'," he said.

51. With reference to the above passage the following assumptions have been made:

- I. Though the attire, voice and language may not be of the times, judges in general are contemporary in thought and ruling.
- II. Being broadminded helps judges to keep up with the times.

Which of the above assumption(s) is/ are valid?

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

52. Sathish and Vishnu together have Rs. 1210. If $\frac{4}{15}$ of Sathish's amount is equal to $\frac{2}{5}$ of Vishnu's amount, how much amount does Vishnu have?

- (a) Rs. 460
- (b) Rs. 484
- (c) Rs. 550
- (d) Rs. 664

53. In a school, the enrolment ratio for sixth, seventh and eighth standard are respectively in the ratio 5 : 7 : 8. The management decided to increase the number of seats by 40%, 50% and 75% respectively. What will be the new ratio after the number of seats is increased?

- (a) 6 : 7 : 8
- (b) 5 : 6 : 9
- (c) 2 : 3 : 4
- (d) 2 : 5 : 8

54. Saranya in her opinion says that her weight is greater than 55 kg but less than 62 kg. Her mother does not agree and she thinks that Saranya's weight is greater than 50 kg but less than 60 kg. Her brother's view is that her weight can't be greater than 57 kg. If

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all of them are correct in their estimation, what is the average of different probable weights of Saranya?

(Given: Her weight must be in integer in kg.)

- (a) 52.5
- (b) 54.5
- (c) 56.5
- (d) Cannot be determined

55. Vijay is facing west. He turns 45° in the anti-clockwise direction and then another 180° in the same direction and then 270° in the clockwise direction.

Which direction is he facing now?

- (a) North East
- (b) North West
- (c) South East
- (d) South West

56. P, Q, R, S, T, U, and V are members of a family consisting of 4 adults and 3 children. There is one scientist and one doctor. Among the children, U and V are girls and the third one is a boy. P and S are brothers and P is a doctor. T is a scientist married to one of the brothers and has two children. Q is married to S and V is their child. Who is R?

- (a) P's daughter
- (b) T's son
- (c) P's son
- (d) Both (b) and (c)

57. Select the combinations of letters that when sequentially placed in the blanks of the given series will complete the series.

S _ P K _ _ P _ S L _ K S _ _ K

- (a) K L K P P K
- (b) S L S K P L P
- (c) L S L K P L P
- (d) K L S P L K

58. In a class test, 3 marks are awarded for every correct answer, 2 marks are deducted for every incorrect answer as penalty and no marks are given or deducted for unattempted questions. Rahul got twelve answers correct and scored 20 marks. In the same test, Shweta scored -5 marks and got seven answers correct.

Calculate total number of incorrect questions attempted by them.

- (a) 15
- (b) 19
- (c) 21
- (d) 25

59. In an exam Hrithik scored 80 marks out of 150 in Civics and 95 marks out of 120 in Economics. If he wants to score 70% marks in 3 subjects, find the minimum marks he should score in Geography out of 100.

- (a) 83
- (b) 84
- (c) 85
- (d) 86

60. If 'MASTER' is coded as '1214118201921251719', then 'BIFURCATE' is coded as?

- (a) 1381574411719241192125
- (b) 1318574411719241192122
- (c) 1318564411719241292124
- (d) 1381564411619241192123

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

Aquifers are recharged with water from rainfall and rivers. Post-Independence, India saw an increase in the construction of canals for distributing water. These canals leak water, which also augments groundwater levels. An important factor contributing to the good health of aquifers in some parts of our country is community-based movements to recharge groundwater. A good example is seen in the semi-arid regions of Saurashtra. Here, thousands of small and large check dams have been built across seasonal rivers and streams. These slow the flow of water and contribute to groundwater recharge as well as to check soil erosion. In villages, 'bori bandhs' are built, which are essentially sand-filled bags placed in the path of rainwater runoffs. Have these small-scale water

harvesting measures made a difference? Studies comparing the water table status in Saurashtra with the climatically similar regions of Marathwada and Vidarbha show a net positive impact. It is heartening to note that in the last decade, these regions of Maharashtra have also started their own Managed Aquifer Recharge programmes such as the Jalyukt Shivar. Another part of the country facing a marked decline in groundwater levels is a region overlapping Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, where the aquifers are located in crystalline bedrock. In such rocks, water is found only in cracks and fissures as the rock itself is not porous. Under these circumstances, tanks and ponds do not contribute much to groundwater recharge. In rural areas of this region, recharge is mostly affected from rainfall and irrigation-related recycling. Interestingly, the major source of groundwater recharge in an urban area (Bengaluru) is from leaks in water distribution pipes.

61. Which of the following statements best reflect the important message of the above passage?

- (a) Any steps taken by people to recharge aquifers either planned or unplanned like leaks in canals and water distribution pipes are important.
- (b) Planned small scale water harvesting measures is an important factor to augment natural recharging of aquifers.
- (c) The practice of building check dams and 'bori bandhs' in Saurashtra should be followed across India to recharge aquifers.
- (d) Water Harvesting in Metro Cities like Bengaluru should be mandated.

62. From the above passage the following practical assumptions have been drawn:

- I. Repairing leaking water distribution pipes in Metros is not a good idea as they are the major source of groundwater recharge.
- II. Since irrigation and not ponds and lakes recharge groundwater in rocky regions overlapping Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, more ponds and lakes be converted to irrigation fields with more canals.

Which of the above assumption(s) is / are valid?

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

PASSAGE 2

Nagaland is undertaking the first avian documentation exercise to go beyond Amur falcons, the migratory raptor that put the State on the world birding map.

63. What is the most apt explanation of the above passage?

- (a) Amur Falcons are migratory birds which made Nagaland famous.
- (b) Nagaland is making a world birding map for the first time like how it made for Amur Falcon.
- (c) Nagaland is undertaking the first avian documentation exercise to go beyond Amur Falcons.
- (d) Nagaland, made world famous in avian circles by Amur Falcons, would now like to undertake census of all birds in their state for the first time.

64. If 'sunshine' is called 'night', 'night' is called 'dusk', 'dusk' is called 'morning', 'morning' is called 'afternoon', and 'afternoon' is called 'dawn', when do we eat breakfast?

- (a) Night
- (b) Afternoon
- (c) Morning
- (d) Dawn

65. A, B and C are working together. All of them go to office together with speeds in the ratio 5 : 4 : 3. If in total they take 94 minutes (sum of the individual time taken) to cover the individual distance (which is same for all), then find the time taken by B to cover his distance.

- (a) 30 min.
- (b) 48 min.
- (c) 24 min.
- (d) 40 min.

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66. Thara can complete a job in 5 days. Thara is twice as fast as Meena while Meena is thrice as fast as Nisha. If all of them work together, in how many days would the job get completed?

- (a) 5 days
- (b) 9 days
- (c) 12 days
- (d) 3 days

67. A rectangular canvas has length and breadth in the ratio 5 : 4. That canvas is used to build up a conical of height 48 cm and base perimeter 88 cm. If length of the canvas is equal to the slant height of the tent, what is the area (in cm²) of the rectangle?

- (a) 2250
- (b) 1800
- (c) 2040
- (d) 2000

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 University Grants Commission's decision to remove the mandatory requirement of getting research papers published in peer-reviewed journals before submitting a PhD thesis is a bid to stem the unhealthy practice of many scholars paying substandard, predatory journals to publish their papers without sufficient review, which has weakened the quality of India's doctoral education. Seen from this angle, the UGC's move is indeed the right one. Studies have shown that a majority of doctoral students publish in such journals, rather than go through the more time-consuming process of submitting their drafts to reputed journals, awaiting review and revising. Given the insufficiency of scholarships and stipends, many students are also in a hurry to complete their doctoral degrees rather than taking the time needed for quality research. The removal of a compulsory requirement is also in line with global regulatory standards. However, while paper publication is not mandated in most countries, it is certainly considered essential for any top researcher,

with many theses consisting in their entirety of published papers. The UGC has also emphasised that it would be advisable for scholars to publish papers in high-quality journals for their own sake, as it would add value to their PhD for any post-doctoral opportunities. The regulator hopes that by removing the mandatory requirement, it can help create a more conducive atmosphere for self-motivated research by students and universities, as is found in the IITs which do not have such a requirement. There is, however, some concern that the removal of mandatory requirements will result in a further dilution of quality, as the worth of a researcher and a university is judged on the basis of papers published and cited, with funding also dependent on such benchmarks. To encourage students to publish in reputed journals even without a mandatory requirement from now puts the onus on university research advisory councils and doctoral supervisors to up their game. Given that a reason students rush to publish is the need to quickly complete their PhDs due to financial constraints, higher levels of funding are urgently needed to ensure that the UGC's move does not backfire.

68. While removing the mandatory requirement of getting research papers published in peer reviewed journals before submitting the thesis, which among the following statement(s) from the above passage are/ is 'Pros' for quality of research?

- I. Paying substandard predatory journals to publish without sufficient review will cease as submission to reputed journals for review is no longer there.
- II. Time consuming process of submitting drafts to reputed journals and awaiting review and revising is no more there.
- III. A researcher now does not have to be judged on the basis of papers published and cited and thus no benchmarking of research work for future funding.
- IV. Early completion of PhD is feasible and savings on cost.

Please select the correct answer using the code below:

- (a) All of the above.
- (b) I, III and IV only.

- (c) I and IV only.
(d) I only.

69. From the above passage the following assumptions have been drawn:

I. With removal of mandatory requirement of getting research papers published in peer reviewed journals, though time and cost to complete Phd is saved, the research is likely to suffer due to lack of proper review and undue haste.

II. Proper funding of researchers would have ensured no dilution of research instead of removing mandated publication.

Which of the above assumption(s) is /are valid?

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

PASSAGE 2

Culture is a global public good and a critical enabler and driver of progress. Culture serves as a source of knowledge, values and communication, as a contributor to environmental sustainability and as a generator of economic activity and jobs. Respect for cultural diversity and the diversity of religions and beliefs, as well as intercultural dialogue and understanding, are also crucial for strengthening social cohesion and sustaining peace. Culture and respect for cultural diversity, however, remain undervalued and underutilized in the push for goals-related progress. Greater consideration of culture's role in supporting the achievement of specific goals – including within relevant indicators – would generate an important boost for strengthening cultural diversity and social cohesion.

70. Based on the above passage, which of the following statements best describes the assumptions that can be accurately drawn?

1. Culture serves as a knowledge source leading to economic activity and job creation.
2. Respecting cultural diversity has little impact on social cohesion and peace.

3. Culture's role in achieving global goals has been widely recognized and effectively incorporated into progress indicators.

Choose the incorrect statements:

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

71. Study the below arrangement and answer the questions

ETS O * M % I 2 H \$ U 3 A Z 4

How many such vowels are there in the above arrangement, each of which is immediately followed by a number but not immediately preceded by a consonant?

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

72. Pointing to a girl, Meera said, "Her father is the husband of my father's only daughter who doesn't have any brothers". How is Meera related to girl's father's mother?

- (a) Mother
(b) Daughter
(c) Aunt
(d) Daughter in Law

73. Sukriti was born on 5th October 2022. Mrudula was born seven days before Sukriti. The day of Independence day fell on Sunday. Which day was Mrudula born?

- (a) Tuesday
(b) Wednesday
(c) Thursday
(d) Friday

74. A month starts from Monday and has 31 days. If the 2nd and 4th Saturday & all Sundays are holidays, what is the number of working days if there is a festival holiday on 26th and 27th of that month?

- (a) 22 days



- (b) 24 days
- (c) 26 days
- (d) 28 days

Directions for the following 2 (two) items:

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

PASSAGE 1

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said the structure of legal profession is "feudal, patriarchal and not accommodating of women" and there is a need to have a democratised and merit-based process for entry of more women and marginalised sections of society. "One thing which we need to understand is that the judiciary has a feeding pool. The feeding pool which determines who enters the judiciary is largely dependent on the structure of the legal profession." "So when we talk of having more women in the judiciary, it's equally necessary for us to lay building blocks for the future by creating access to women now. The first step is entering the chambers of senior lawyers which is an old boys club," he said. "How do you gain access to chambers by tapping your connections? Until we have a democratised and merit-based access to the entry point in the legal profession we will not have more women and will not have more people belonging to marginalised sections," he said.

He said the live streaming of court proceedings was a new experiment that gave an insight into what technology can do to transform the legal system and said proceedings of high courts and district judiciary should also be live streamed. "One of the greatest dangers in a Constitutional democracy is the danger of being opaque. When you open up your process you generate a degree of accountability, transparency and generate a sense of responsiveness to the needs of the citizens," he said. "So the question is should a Supreme Court judge in which the country has invested so much be dealing with small cases like pension and maintenance. My answer is yes because that is indeed the role of the Supreme Court," he said. Mr. Chandrachud said the ability of courts to thrive as a

judicial institution in a democracy lies in the confidence that it generates in the minds of the people.

75. Which of the following statements best reflect the critical message of the above passage?

- (a) The live streaming of the court proceedings has made the legal system more transparent.
- (b) The ability of the courts to thrive as a judicial institution in a democracy lies in the perception that it generates in the minds of the people.
- (c) Legal system needs to be inclusive in entry and structure, transparent and accountable in delivery, meeting needs of justice of people across the board.
- (d) Need to have a democratised and merit-based process for entry of more women and marginalised sections of society into the legal profession.

76. Which of the following statements do not contribute for courts to thrive as a judicial institution according to the above passage?

- I. The confidence the courts generates in the minds of the people.
- II. The feudal and patriarchal structure not accommodating of women.
- III. The live streaming of court proceedings.
- IV. The chambers of senior lawyers which acts like an old boys club.

Select the correct answer using the following code:

- (a) All of the above
- (b) I, II and III
- (c) II and IV
- (d) III and IV

77. Centre of the city has three parks, one in the shape of rectangle and two in the shape of square. The perimeter of two squares parks are 480 cm and 720 cm respectively. The area of a rectangular park is equal to the difference between the areas of these two square parks The breadth of the rectangular park is 60 cm.

How much money the corporation should spend for fencing the rectangular park if the cost of fencing is Rs. 5 per cm?

- (a) Rs 7200

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- (b) Rs 8400
- (c) Rs 3600
- (d) Rs 9000

Directions for Questions 78 to 79: Study the information given below to answer these questions

78. Using all the letters of the word ENOUGH.

How many words start with a vowel but end with a consonant?

- (a) 224
- (b) 316
- (c) 212
- (d) 216

79. Using all the letters of the word ENOUGH.

How many different words can be formed that start and end with vowel?

- (a) 126
- (b) 108
- (c) 144
- (d) 216

80. In 1995, age of Laxmikant was eight times that of his brother Pyarelal. In 2003, Laxmikant's age becomes ten times that of Pyarelal's age in 1995. What were the ages of Laxmikant and Pyarelal respectively in the year 2005?

- (a) 32 years and 4 years
- (b) 32 years and 8 years
- (c) 42 years and 14 years
- (d) 52 years and 13 years

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