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Flout

(a) Poke
(b) Rude
(c) Defy
(d) Rash

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

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Q27. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select ‘No substitution required’.

Raju did very well in the exam, he must study well.

(a) he must have studied well
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Q28. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

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(c) heated
(d) cold

Q29. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

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The main theme of the given passage is:

(a) slow population growth in India and China

(b) China's worsening economic growth

(c) China's declining population

(d) India's working-age population

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What is the estimated world population by the middle of this year?

(a) 1.411 billion

(b) 900 million

(c) 1.256 billion

(d) 8.045 billion

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Identify whether the given statements are true or false.

A. India's working-age population was 900 million in 2021.

B. In the next ten years, India's working-age population will be more than 1 billion.

(a) A is true and B is false.

(b) Both A and B are true.
(c) Neither A nor B is true.
(d) A is false and B is true.

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'Along with the flagging population data.' Here, 'flagging' means all of the following EXCEPT:

(a) contracting
(b) waning
(c) dwindling
(d) ascending

Q33. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

King Sagara, an ancestor of King Bhagiratha, once conducted an ashwamedha yagna to extend his dominion. When the horse went astray, the king sent his 60,000 sons to find the horse. Unfortunately, in the course of the quest, they ended up disrupting the intense meditation of sage Kapila, at whose abode they found the horse. Kapila burnt them all to ashes, sending them all to the netherworld—an act he instantly regretted when he realised what had happened. After breaking the news to King Sagara, he mentioned that the souls of King Sagara's sons could attain salvation only if the heavenly Ganga could be persuaded to flow over their ashes.

It was Bhagiratha, whose austere penance and devotion pleased Lord Shiva so much so that he persuaded Ganga to descend to the earth. Ganga consented, but the problem arose that the earth would probably be unable to bear the intensity of Ganga's flow and even be shattered in the process. Thus, a solution was devised: Ganga would first land on Shiva's head and the locks of his hair would minimise the impact. Still, the force of Ganga's landing was such that it split into seven tributaries, three of which flowed east and three of them west. The seventh stream followed King Bhagiratha to the place where his ancestor's ashes lay. The river's waters instantly purified them. This is also the origin of the belief that the Ganga's waters can purify mortal souls of all their sins.

The above story is mainly about:

(a) the sage Kapila's anger for King Sagara's sons
(b) the coming of the river Ganga to the earth
(c) the ashwamedha yagna by King Sagara
(d) Lord Shiva holding the Ganga in his locks

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'It was Bhagiratha, whose austere penance….' The word 'austere' here means:

(a) rustic
(b) bare
(c) subdue
(d) severe

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This story is a:

(a) historical story
(b) true story
(c) fable
(d) mythological story

Q37. Comprehension:

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

Astronomers have discovered 62 new moons orbiting the ringed planet Saturn.

Though some of the moons had been (1)_____ as early as 2019, it takes more than sighting an object close to a planet to (2) _____ it is a moon and not an asteroid making a brief close passage to that planet.

Performing a painstaking (3) _____ of matching objects detected on different nights over the course of 24 months, the team tracked 63 objects that they ended up confirming as moons. One of (4) _____ satellites was revealed back in 2021, with the remaining 62 moons gradually announced over the past few weeks.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.

(a) product
(b) process
(c) progress
(d) practice

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Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.

(a) spot
(b) spots
(c) spotting
(d) spotted

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Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.

(a) those
(b) these
(c) this
(d) that

Q40. Comprehension:

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Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.

(a) confirm
(b) consent
(c) settle
(d) sanction

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QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

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Q61. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Faithful

(a) Devoted
(b) Fickle
(c) Wavering
(d) Untrustworthy

Q62. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

Giving cause for legal action

(a) Objectionable
(b) Actionable
(c) Legalizing
(d) Lawful

Q63. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.

The lawyer told the father of the accused, “There is a rumour that he has some connection in that crime.”

(a) The lawyer told the father of the accused that there was a rumour that he has had some connection in that crime.
(b) The lawyer told the father of the accused that there was a rumour that he had some connection in that crime.
(c) The lawyer told the father of the accused that there had been a rumour that he had some connection in that crime.
(d) The lawyer told the father of the accused that there was a rumour that he was having some connection in that crime.

Q64. Some sentences are given below. While the first and the last sentences (1 and 2) are in the correct order, the sentences in between are jumbled up. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

1.“Do you still recognise me?” I asked.

A.The woman looked at me searchingly.

B.“I am Mrs. S’s daughter”.

C.I came closer and stood on the step.

D.She opened the door a little.

2.She kept staring at me in silence.

(a) BADC
(b) BACD
(c) BDAC
(d) BCAD

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Q65. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.

I gifted a soft toy to my daughter.

(a) A soft toy was being gifted to my daughter by me.
(b) A soft toy is gifted to my daughter by me.
(c) To my daughter was gifted a soft toy by me.
(d) A soft toy was gifted to my daughter by me.

Q66. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Sanitise

(a) Sacrifice
(b) Pollute
(c) Devote
(d) Purify

Q67. Some sentences are given below. While the first and the last sentences (1 and 2) are in the correct order, the sentences in between are jumbled up. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

1.Ranga is the accountant's son.

A.He returned to his village after his studies were over.

B.He is one rare breed of village folk who loved studies.

C.On his return the villagers milled around his house to see whether he has changed or not.

D.He had gone to Bangalore to pursue his studies.

2.His idea about marriage are now quite different.

(a) BCDA
(b) BCAD
(c) BDAC
(d) BDCA

Q68. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

Reptiles _____ from amphibians. For a long period of 160 million years in earth's history, reptiles were the dominant form of life on the planet and _____ in an enormous variety of shapes and sizes.

(a) developed; continued
(b) evolved; existed
(c) came; exhausted
(d) involved; lived

Q69. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

(a) Caucus
(b) Noticeable
(c) Subpoena
(d) Milennium

Q70. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.

An ultralight airplane is very different from a conventional airplane. It is looking like a lawn chair with wings.

(a) looked like
(b) No substitution required
(c) looks like
(d) look like

Q71. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word.

The young girl is very audacious in every activity.

(a) Bright
(b) Ferocious

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(c) Timid
(d) Bold

Q72. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.

The seller shall dispatch the parcel soon to Chennai.

(a) The parcel might be dispatched by the seller to Chennai soon.
(b) The parcel can be dispatched by the seller to Chennai soon.
(c) The parcel may be dispatched by the seller to Chennai soon.
(d) The parcel will be dispatched soon to Chennai by the seller.

Q73. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

An official appointed to resolve a dispute

(a) Soothsayer
(b) Arbitrator
(c) Advocate
(d) Confidante

Q74. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error.

The students were able to get better from college early so they went to the movies.

(a) went to the movies
(b) college early so they
(c) to get better from
(d) The students were able

Q75. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

Fingernails and toenails helped our _____ to climb trees, peel fruits and use simple tools. While their colour and condition offer clues about your _____health. Nail polish turns them into fashion accessories.

(a) predecessor; universal
(b) forefather; all in all
(c) ancestors; overall
(d) general; altogether

GENERAL AWARENESS

Q76. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.

The ashrams / used / were / the centres / of / knowledge and learning / as

(a) The ashrams were used as the centres of knowledge and learning.
(b) Knowledge and learning were used as the centres of the ashrams.
(c) As The ashrams of knowledge and learning were used the centres.
(d) The centres of the ashrams were used as knowledge and learning.

Q77. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

The police could not / hold on the people / for long as they / gathered in large numbers

(a) The police could not
(b) for long as they
(c) hold on the people
(d) gathered in large numbers

Q78. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.

An elaborate network / is / the plot of /schemes and tricks / of Much Ado About Nothing

(a) The plot of schemes and tricks is an elaborate network of Much Ado About Nothing
(b) The plot is of schemes and tricks an elaborate network of Much Ado About Nothing.

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(c) The plot of Much Ado About Nothing is an elaborate network of schemes and tricks.
(d) An elaborate network of Much Ado About Nothing is the plot of schemes and tricks.

Q79. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

A.It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say he is one who never inflicts pain

B.He is mainly occupied in merely removing the obstacles which hinder the free and unembarrassed action of those about him, and he concurs with their movements rather than takes the initiative himself.

C.The true gentleman in like manner carefully avoids whatever may cause a jar or a jolt in the minds of those with whom he is cast; all clashing of opinion, or collision of feeling, all restraint, or suspicion, or gloom, or resentment; his great concern being to make everyone at their ease and at home.

D.His benefits may be considered as parallel to what are called comforts or conveniences in arrangements of a personal nature: like an easy chair or a good fire, which do their part in dispelling cold and fatigue, though nature provides both means of rest and animal heat without them

(a) DBAC
(b) ABCD
(c) BACD
(d) DCBA

Q80. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

(a) Accompanied
(b) Affection
(c) Accomodate
(d) Appearance

Q81. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

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My son exclaimed with joy that it was an attractive site.

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Q84. Select the correct direct narration of the given sentence.

Madhav applauded her, saying that she had done well.

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Flout

(a) Poke
(b) Rude
(c) Defy
(d) Rash

Q86. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

There is no point developing bad blood with your neighbours.

(a) Enmity
(b) Friendship
(c) Business relations
(d) Family relations

Q87. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.

Raju did very well in the exam, he must study well.

(a) he must have studied well
(b) No substitution required
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Q88. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Quarrels result in_____ confrontations and bring all conversations to a complete standstill.

(a) disputed
(b) hot
(c) heated
(d) cold

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(c) China's declining population
(d) India's working-age population

Q90. Comprehension:

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Q.30 What is the estimated world population by the middle of this year?

(a) 1.411 billion
(b) 900 million
(c) 1.256 billion
(d) 8.045 billion

Q91. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

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Identify whether the given statements are true or false.

A. India's working-age population was 900 million in 2021.

B. In the next ten years, India's working-age population will be more than 1 billion.

(a) A is true and B is false.
(b) Both A and B are true.
(c) Neither A nor B is true.
(d) A is false and B is true.

Q92. Comprehension:

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SubQuestion No : 32

'Along with the flagging population data.' Here, 'flagging' means all of the following EXCEPT:

(a) contracting
(b) waning
(c) dwindling
(d) ascending

Q93. Comprehension:

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

King Sagara, an ancestor of King Bhagiratha, once conducted an ashwamedha yagna to extend his dominion. When the horse went astray, the king sent his 60,000 sons to find the horse. Unfortunately, in the course of the quest, they ended up disrupting the intense meditation of sage Kapila, at whose abode they found the horse. Kapila burnt them all to ashes, sending them all to the netherworld—an act he instantly regretted when he realised what had happened. After breaking the news to King Sagara, he mentioned that the souls of King Sagara's sons could attain salvation only if the heavenly Ganga could be persuaded to flow over their ashes.

It was Bhagiratha, whose austere penance and devotion pleased Lord Shiva so much so that he persuaded Ganga to descend to the earth. Ganga consented, but the problem arose that the earth would probably be unable to bear the intensity of Ganga's flow and even be shattered in the process. Thus, a solution was devised: Ganga would first land on Shiva's head and the locks of his hair would minimise the impact. Still, the force of Ganga's landing was such that it split into seven tributaries, three of which flowed east and three of them west. The seventh stream followed King Bhagiratha to the place where his ancestor's ashes lay. The river's waters instantly purified them. This is also the origin of the belief that the Ganga's waters can purify mortal souls of all their sins.

SubQuestion No : 33

The above story is mainly about:

(a) the sage Kapila's anger for King Sagara's sons
(b) the coming of the river Ganga to the earth
(c) the ashwamedha yagna by King Sagara
(d) Lord Shiva holding the Ganga in his locks

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Identify the option that arranges the given events in the correct sequence of their occurence.

A. King Sagara's sons were burnt by sage Kapila.

B. King Bhagiratha persuaded Ganga to flow to the earth.

C. King Sagara performed an ashwamedha yagna.

D. The souls of the dead sons would not get salvation until Ganga flowed over their ashes.

E. However, the flow had to be restrained by Shiva by holding it in his locks.

(a) ADCBE
(b) CADBE

(c) ACEBD
(d) CAEDB

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SubQuestion No : 35

'It was Bhagiratha, whose austere penance….' The word 'austere' here means:

(a) rustic
(b) bare
(c) subdued
(d) severe

Q96. Comprehension:

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

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SubQuestion No : 36

This story is a:

(a) historical story
(b) true story
(c) fable
(d) mythological story

Q97. Comprehension:

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

Astronomers have discovered 62 new moons orbiting the ringed planet Saturn.

Though some of the moons had been (1)_____ as early as 2019, it takes more than sighting an object close to a planet to (2) _____ it is a moon and not an asteroid making a brief close passage to that planet.

Performing a painstaking (3) _____ of matching objects detected on different nights over the course of 24 months, the team tracked 63 objects that they ended up confirming as moons. One of (4) _____ satellites was revealed back

in 2021, with the remaining 62 moons gradually announced over the past few weeks.

SubQuestion No : 37

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.

(a) product
(b) process
(c) progress
(d) practice

Q98. Comprehension:

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SubQuestion No : 38

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.

(a) spot
(b) spots
(c) spotting
(d) spotted

Q99. Comprehension:

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SubQuestion No : 39

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.

(a) those
(b) these
(c) this
(d) that

Q100. Comprehension:

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SubQuestion No : 40

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.

(a) confirm

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(b) consent
(c) settle
(d) sanction

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