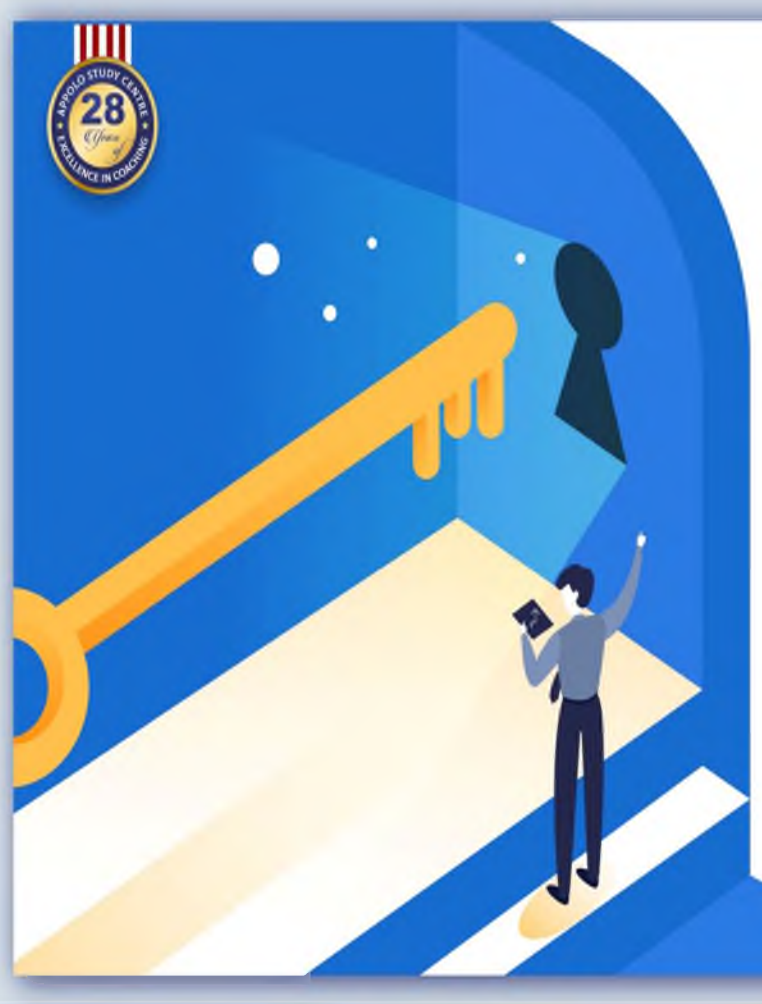


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101. Business letters do not conclude with
A. Yours faithfully B. Yours truly
C. Yours lovingly D. Yours sincerely
E. Answer not known

102. Thank you for your precious time and I hope to hear from you soon. Which type of letter consists the sentence?
A. Complaint letter **B. Business letter**
C. Order letter D. Informal letter
E. Answer not known

103. Identify the expression used in rejecting a Complaint letter.
A. **I'm afraid there isn't much we can do about it**
B. I cannot tell you how sorry I am
C. I wish it had never happened
D. Would you mind …?
E. Answer not known

104. "And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep"
These lines tell about _____.
A. Distance B. Rest **C. Promises**
D. Travel E. Answer not known

105. Which of the following statements are <u>true</u> about 'Sarojini Naidu'?
(i) Sarojini Naidu was a Freedom Fighter and a famous Poet.
(ii) Sarojini Naidu was a Musician and a famous Dancer.
(iii) Sarojini Naidu was called as "The Nightingale of India".
A. (i) only **B. (i) and (iii) only** C. (i) and (ii) only
D. (ii) and (iii) only E. Answer not known

106. What does the speaker ask from a fellow rover?
A. A bashful word **B. A merry yarn** C. A helping hand
D. A pleasant smile E. Answer not known

107. Identify the correct spelling of the word which denotes the following sentence:
A space from which most or all of the matter has been removed.

A. Vaccum B. Vacume **C. Vacuum**
D. Vacum E. Answer not known

108. Match the words in Column A with their suitable collocations in Column B :

Column A	Column B
(a) Legal	1. Money
(b) Raise	2. Priority
(c) High	3. Advice
(d) Top	4. Standard

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
A.	4	2	1	3
B.	1	3	4	2
C.	**3**	**1**	**4**	**2**
D.	1	4	3	2

E. Answer not known

109. Pick out the pair of words which sounds the same.
road, course
(a) roed, curse
(b) road, coarse
(c) rode, coarse
(d) rowed, coarse

A. Only (a) B. Only (b) C. Only (c)
D. Only (c) & (d) E. Answer not known

110. Passage : A newly introduced digital learning platform faced resistance from some teachers. They cited concerns about increased workload and the potential for technological glitches. However, student engagement increased, and data showed improved learning outcomes in specific subjects.

Question : Based on the above scenario, which statement(s) are most likely to be true?

(a) The digital platform is universally accepted by all stakeholders.
(b) The platform has demonstrated some positive impacts on student learning.
(c) Teachers are primarily concerned about the cost of the platform.
(d) There is a conflict between the perceived drawbacks by teachers and the observed benefits.

A. Both (b) and (d) B. Both (a) and (b) C. Both (a) and (d)
D. Both (b) and (c) E. Answer not known

111. Passage : A government agency introduced online portals for various public services. Which this reduced wait time and paperwork, it also created challenges for elderly citizens who were not digitally literate. The agency then initiated training programs and established help desks to assist the senior citizens, but resource constraints limited the reach of these support services.

Question : Based on the passage, which of the following is/are most likely true?

(a) The introduction of e-services has been universally beneficial.
(b) The agency recognized the need to address digital literacy barriers.
(c) Resource limitations affected the agency's support initiatives.
(d) E-services completely eliminated the need for physical service centers.

A. Both (a) and (b) B. Both (a) and (d) C. both (b) and (d)
D. Both (b) and (c) E. Answer not known

112. Which of the following is an Exclamatory sentence expressing strong surprise?
(a) You were detained!
(b) How wonderful she!
(c) What a surprise that was!
(d) Can you believe you were detained?

A. (a) B. (b) **C. (c)** D. (d) E. Answer not known

113. Which of the following is an imperative sentence?

A. No one will remember B. Well done! You got selected
C. Read the instructions carefully D. No pain No gain
E. Answer not known

114. Choose the correct tense form of the verb.
They _____ for five years.

A. are married B. have married C. were married
D. have been married E. Answer not known

115. Identify the sentence with correct passive voice for the given sentence :
Did he give you a call?

A. Was he given a call by you? **B. Were you given a call by him?**
C. Did the call given by you? D. Was you given a call by him?
E. Answer not known

116. Read the passage and choose the statements which <u>do not support</u> the ideas from the passage?
Organic agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of the soil and people. It relies on ecological processes and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. It promotes fair relationships and a good quality of life.
(1) Organic farming is a continuous system.
(2) It neither guarantees fair relationship and a good quality of life.
(3) It does not rely on the use of inputs.
(4) It promises less adverse effects.

A. (1) and (2) B. (1) and (4) **C. (2) and (3)**
D. (3) and (4) E. Answer not known

117. The annual science fair at Crestwood High School is a highly anticipated event that showcases the innovative projects of students from various grades. The winners receive scholarships and the opportunity to present their work at a regional competition. What is the main purpose of the annual science fair at Crestwood High School?

A. To sell science related merchandise
B. To recruit new students
C. To raise funds to school
D. **To showcase student projects and innovations**
E. Answer not known

118. Identify the correct transformation of the following Exclamatory sentence into Assertive sentence.

If the world could have peace!

A. I wish the world in peace
B. I wish to have peace in the world
C. I wish the world could have peace
D. I wish the world should have peace
E. Answer not known

119. Choose the correct negative for the given sentence.

"He is greater than I am"

A. I am not as great as him
B. I am not so great as he is
C. I am not as great as he is
D. I am not so great as him
E. Answer not known

120. Choose the correct Assertive for the given sentence.

"Aren't we friends"?

A. We have friends
B. We are not friends
C. We are friends
D. We have no friends
E. Answer not known

121. "Sit down and rest yourselves here on this bench" the imperative form of this statement will be

A. **'Please sit down and rest yourself here on this bench"'**
B. Sit down and take rest
C. Sit on this bench
D. Take rest on this bench
E. Answer not known

122. The Great Wall of China, one of the most iconic structures in the world, stretches over 13,000 miles across Northern China. Originally built to protect against invasions, it showcases impressive engineering and architectural skills from various dynasties. Today it is a UNESCO – World Heritage site and attracts millions of tourists each year.

Match the items in Column A with their answers in Column B :

Column A	Column B
(a) The Great wall of China	1. Protect against invasions
(b) The Great wall was built	2. Millions each year
(c) The length of the Great wall	3. UNESCO World Heritage site
(d) The number of Visitors	4. Over 13,000 miles

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
A.	**3**	**1**	**4**	**2**
B.	2	4	1	3
C.	1	3	2	4
D.	4	2	3	1

E. Answer not known

123. Match the following :

(a) Bromatology	1. Study of fruits and seeds
(b) Thalassophobia	2. Dancing
(c) Carpology	3. Fear of sea or water
(d) Chorophobia	4. Study of food

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
A.	**4**	**3**	**1**	**2**
B.	3	2	4	1
C.	4	2	3	1
D.	3	4	2	1

E. Answer not known

124. Choose the correct expansion for the given Abbreviation : "SWOT".
A. Strengths, Work, Opportunities and Thought
B. Strengths, Willingness, Objectives and Team work
C. Strength, Wish, Orderliness and Thrusts
D. **Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threat**
E. Answer not known

125. Some derivatives are given in the options. They are arranged in a sequence of Verb, Noun and Adjective. Identify the incorrect sequence.

	Verb	Noun	Adjective
(1)	Continue	Continual	Continuation
(2)	Admit	Admission	Admissible
(3)	Decisive	Decision	Decide
(4)	Excite	Excitement	Excitable

A. (1) and (4) B. (2) and (3) **C. (1) and (3)**
D. (3) and (4) E. Answer not known

126. Which of the following is true about the word 'aircraft'?
A. 'Aircraft' has a regular plural form by adding an 'S' at the end.
B. **'Aircraft' is used the same for both singular and plural, with no change in form.**
C. 'Aircraft' changes to 'aircrafts' when used in the plural form.
D. 'Aircraft' is a plural noun and cannot be used in the singular
E. Answer not known

127. Fill in the blanks with suitable Homonyms :
Government has at last agreed to _____ excise duty on cloth.
A. wave B. way **C. waive** D. waif E. Answer not known

128. Choose the Antonym of the underlined word :
The economic success of tech entrepreneurs serves as a paradigm for other startups in the industry.
A. Prototype B. Pattern C. Model **D. Anomaly** E. Answer not known

129. Despite the challenging circumstances, she remained _____ in her determination to succeed.
(a) absolute (b) hard (c) impeccable (d) steadfast
A. Only (a) B. Only (b) C. Only (c)
D. Only (d) E. Answer not known

130. Having failed thrice, she didn't want to apply again. 'Having failed' is a
A. present participle B. past participle C. present perfect participle
D. perfect participle E. Answer not known

131. Identify the gerund in the following passage :
An annoying child started torturing her kind hearted mother who was shopping after finishing her day work, along with her ailing mother in the evening.
A. finishing B. annoying **C. torturing**
D. shopping E. Answer not known

132. Choose the correct verbs to fill the sentence.
"He _____ (complete) his home work before I _____ him".
A. completed, would meet B. completed, meet **C. completed, met**
D. completes, meet E. Answer not known

133. Find out the right order of the sentence.
thief/police/the/the/down/brought
A. Down the thief the police brought
B. The thief down brought the police
C. The police brought the thief down
D. The police brought thief the down
E. Answer not known

134. Arrange the jumbled statements in logical form and choose the correct order.
(a) This, however, prioritizing a careful consideration of the potential for untoward challenges.
(b) The inference of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing various sectors of society.
(c) Eventually, there is a growing demand for effective ethical frameworks to channelize AI development and intervention.
(d) In essence, the aim is to maximize the advantages of AI while minimizing the disadvantages of AI.
A. (b), (a), (c), (d) B. (a), (c), (d), (b) C. (d), (b), (a), (c)
D. (b), (a), (d), (c) E. Answer not known

135. Choose the correct answer :
The setting of the play "The Dying Detective" is in _____.

A. Sherlock Hlomes's House B. Victor Savage's House
C. Dr. Watson's House D. Mrs. Hudson's House
E. Answer not known

136. Choose the right matches among them :
1. INSV - International Naval Ship Vessel
2. INSV Tarini - Second Sail Boat of Indian Navy
3. Tara Tarini - Temple in Tanjore district in Tamil Nadu
4. Tarini - Means 'Saviour' in Sanskrit
A. 1 and 3 are correct **B. 2 and 4 are correct** C. 3 and 4 are correct
D. 2 and 3 are correct E. Answer not known

137. Select the correct suffix and form a correct word.
"He identifies himself as a supporter of the (right) _____ policies".
A. ing B. ness **C. ist** D. ful E. Answer not known

138. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words :
"One who can use both hands with equal care"
A. Costemonger B. Novice **C. Ambidextrous**
D. Sophist E. Answer not known

139. Fill in the blanks using the suitable homophones from the options given below :
Though Indian Farmers earn a good yield, they cannot save much as they have several _____(1)_____s to support. They are _____(2)_____ on the rains even now in the age of scientific agriculture. ____(3)_____ Agriculturist, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan has given many suggestions to impvove fertility of the soil still an outbreak of flood seems ____(4)_____ in some areas which affects the yield.
(a) Eminent (b) Imminent (c) Dependant (d) Dependent
A. (1) – (d), (2) – (c), (3) – (b), (4) – (a)
B. (1) – (c), (2) – (d), (3) – (a), (4) – (b)
C. (1) – (d), (2) – (c), (3) – (a), (4) – (b)
D. (1) – (a), (2) – (b), (3) – (d), (4) – (c)
E. Answer not known

140. When Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine lived, people were very superstitious. They believed that there were four fluids in the body, which matched four elements; earth, air, fire and water. Also they held the belief that thoughts, ideas and feelings come from the brain, and not the heart as others of his time believed.
What does the above passage talk about?
A. Aesculapius
B. Hippocrates the Father of Medicine
C. Four elements and their influence on human behaviour
D. **Popular medical beliefs during Hippocrates crim**
E. Answer not known

141. The use of radioactive isotopes has helped in the diagnosis and prevention of diseases and in the development of agricultural methods. Adverse climatic conditions, inadequate provisions for storage and transport problems account for a heavy loss of agricultural and marine produce.
Findout the meaning of the wor 'Adverse' _____.
A. favourable B. pleasant **C. hostile**
D. positive E. Answer not known

142. The serene lake was surrounded by pine trees, their reflections shimmering on the water's surface. The early morning mist hovered above the lake creating a magical atmosphere as the sun began to rise, casting its golden rays across the landscape.
Which question is applicable to the given passage?
A. How deep is the lake?
B. How can we avoid water pollution?
C. What is the history of the lake?
D. What is the time of the day that is described in the passage?
E. Answer not known

143. Identify the question type:
_____ questions encourage open discussion and allow the speaker share his/her opinion, especially one that relates to creative and critical thinking.
A. Divergent B. Rhetoric **C. Open-ended**
D. Close-ended E. Answer not known

144. The _____ type of question has a dependent clause and not a main clause.
A. Wh-type B. Question tag **C. Embedded question**
D. Variable question E. Answer not known

145. Passage : Sustainable practices are crucial for ecological balance. Urban green spaces mitigate pollution. Community-driven conservation fosters long term impact. Collective action is key to a healthier planet.
Question : Which of the following statements best express the main ideas of the passage?
(a) Urban green spaces have minimal impact on pollution.
(b) Sustainable practices are vital for ecological balance.
(c) Community-driven conservation is important for long-term impact.
(d) Individual action is more important than collective action.
A. (a) and (d) **B. (b) and (c)** C. (c) and (d)
D. (a) and (c) E. Answer not known

146. Drug awareness is crucial for promoting health and safety in communities. Understanding the effects of drugs, both legal and illegal can help individuals' informed choices. Substance abuse can lead to serious health issues, addiction and social problems. Education about the risks associated with drug use is essential.
Which of the following can be a consequence of substance abuse?
A. Improved social relationships
B. Serious health issues and addiction
C. Increased academic performance
D. Enhanced physical fitness

E. Answer not known

147. Identify the right Figure of Speech in the following sentence :
"She has many mouths to feed".
A. Epithet **B. Synecdoche** C. Hyperbole
D. Euphemism E. Answer not known

148. Connect the given single word with another single word given in the choices to make two Compound words: Fire, Bon.
A. Cook, Stove B. Flame, Matches C. Man, Fire
D. Stick, Fire E. Answer not known

Note - The options C & D are correct. Fireman, bonfire and fire stick are all compound Words

149. Identify the British English word for "Overpass".
A. Flyover B. Gatepass C. Bypass
D. Crossroads E. Answer not known

150. In architecture, much more than any of the other fine arts, there is a marked time lag between the _____ of ideas and their _____ in the shape of completed building.
A. dawn, predictability **B. emergence, application**
C. creation, welcoming D. tradition, modernization
E. Answer not known

151. Which of the following words are paired with wrong meaning?
1. Glossolalia - Abusive Criticism
2. Fastidious - Hard to please
3. Vituperate - Non-meaningful speech
4. Expurgate - Remove all objectionable matter
A. 1 and 2 **B. 1 and 3** C. 2 and 3
D. 3 and 4 E. Answer not known

152. From the lesson, "A Visitor from Distant Lands" the foreign visitors are
1. Pepper
2. Potatoes
3. Ladies finger
4. Tomatoes
5. Chillies
A. 2, 4, 5 **B. 2, 3, 4, 5** C. 1 and 5
D. 1, 3, 5 E. Answer not known

153. Which of the following statements are incorrect?
1. Besides mechanical skills, Isaac Newton had a taste for Mathematics.
2. Isaac made a clock using wheels and weights.
3. Isaac calculated the force of a breeze by the length of his jump.
4. Isaac Newton was born in a village in Ireland.

A. 1 and 3 B. 2 only **C. 2 and 4**
D. 4 only E. Answer not known

154. Fill in the blanks using the words given in the options.
It is usual that a person _____ his feet, when he walks alone; and _____ if it is dark. His breath begins to _____ and so his eyes _____.

1. shudders
2. wink
3. stamps
4. gasp

A. 1, 3, 2, 4 B. 3, 1, 2, 4 C. 1, 4, 2, 3
D. 3, 1, 4, 2 E. Answer not known

155. Scenario : A citizen, Mr. Akash has various concerns and needs that require interaction with different State Government departments. Match Mr. Akash's needs with the appropriate department(s).

Column A (Mr. Akash's Needs)

1. Mr. Akash needs to obtain land records for his ancestral property.
2. Mr. Akash wants to enroll his children in government schools and understand the curriculum.
3. Mr. Akash wishes to report a water supply issue in his locality and seek a solution.
4. Mr. Akash wants to apply for a loan for agricultural purposes and seek advice on modern farming techniques.

Column B (Departments)
(a) Agriculture – Farmers Welfare Department
(b) School Education Department
(c) Revenue and Disaster Management Department
(d) Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department
(e) Finance Department
(f) Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department

A. 1. – (a), 2. – (b), 3. – (d), 4. - (c)
B. 1. – (c), 2. – (b), 3. – (d), 4. - (a)
C. 1. – (b), 2. – (c), 3. – (a), 4. - (d)
D. 1. – (d), 2. – (c), 3. – (a), 4. - (b)
E. Answer not known

156. The term "monopoly" refers to _____.
A. powerlessness **B. ownership** C. incapacity
D. incompetence E. Answer not known

157. "O'er the yellow pebbles dancing"
Find the poetic device used here.
A. Simile **B. Personification** C. Refrain
D. Anaphora E. Answer not known

158. Which of the following phrases are correct, according to the poet Tupac Shakur?
The power of the _____.
1. Mind can learn
2. Anger can rage
3. Sun can cool us
4. Foe can relax us
A. 1 and 2 B. 3 and 4 C. 1 and 3 D. 2 and 4 E. Answer not known

159. A statement is followed by two inferences I and II. You have to decide which of the given inferences, if any, follow from the statement :
Statement : We don't retrieve information or images or words from memory registers. Computers do all of these things but we do not.
Inference :
(I) We are not as advanced as computers.
(II) We are different from computers.
A. Only inference (I) follows **B. Only inference (II) follows**
C. Both inferences follow D. None of the inference follows
E. Answer not known

160. Scenario : You are trying to find out if a local library has a copy of a specific book for you to borrow. Write an email to the library asking if the book is available and if they have a hold system.
Type of Query
(a) Book Availability and Hold Inquiry
(b) Library Service Request
(c) Resource Information
(d) Borrowing Inquiry
A. Only (a) B. Only (c) C. Only (b)
D. (a), (b), (d) E. Answer not known

161. Which of the following is incorrectly paired?
1. Instilled values - to be strong
2. Greatest Gift - Dad's presence
3. Dad, A hero - to the World
4. Dad, not a hero - to the poet
A. 1 and 2 B. 2 and 4 **C. 3 and 4** D. 1 only E. Answer not known

162. Which is the smallest planet in the solar system?
A. Sun **B. Mercury** C. Earth D. Venus E. Answer not known

163. Which poet is known as "The Poet of the People"?
A. Edgar Albert Guest B. Henry Van Dyke C. Sarojini Naidu
D. John Masefield E. Answer not known

164. Scenario : A new policy regarding Rural Development is being formulated by the Ministry of Rural Development. The policy document is currently being reviewed by various departments before it is presented to the Cabinet for approval. During this process, several administrative actions and terms came into play.

Question : Considering the scenario, which of the following administrative actions or terms are likely to be involved in the policy formulation and approval process? Select all that apply.

(a) Noting
(b) Sanction
(c) Abeyance
(d) Tender

A. (a) and (b) B. (a) and (c) C. (b) and (d)
D. (c) and (d) E. Answer not known

165. Passage : The Scientist stared at the graph, her brow furrowed in concentration. The data points formed an unexpected pattern, deviating significantly from the predicted curve. She muttered to herself. 'This changes everything'.

Question : What can be inferred about the Scientist's reaction to the data?

A. She is pleased with the results
B. She is confused by the results
C. She is indifferent to the results
D. She is concerned about the results
E. Answer not known

166. What is the function of the "CC" field in an email?

A. To mark an email as urgent
B. To sent the mail to a specific person only
C. To sent a copy of the email to additional recipients
D. To attach files to email
E. Answer not known

167. Which Article deals with the use of Hindi or English communication between states and the union?

A. Article 343 B. Article 350 **C. Article 346**
D. Article 345 E. Answer not known

168. Scenario : A local resident is reviewing a document released by the municipal corporation regarding new regulations for waste disposal.

Question : Which of the following words or phrases would be considered an 'official term' rather than a 'general term' in the context of this document? Select all that apply.

(a) Trasth
(b) Ordinance
(c) Solid waste management
(d) Garbage

A. (b) and (c) B. (a) and (d) C. (a) and (c)
D. (b) and (d) E. Answer not known

169. Identify the regular verb.

A. Go **B. Talk** C. Eat D. Sing E. Answer not known

170. Pick out the main verb in the following sentence :
I have had dinner.
A. have **B. had** C. have had D. had have E. Answer not known

171. Modify the imperative sentence into appreciative statement.
"Work faster"

A. Do work faster, Don't waste time.
B. Please work faster.
C. Wonderful initiative in picking up the pace.
D. You should work fast to achieve more.
E. Answer not known

172. Choose the correct inquisitive interrogative for the given imperative.
"Please help me".
A. Can you help me? B. You help me? C. Will help me?
D. Did you help me? E. Answer not known

173. What is a primary, benefit of 'bi-directional referrals'?
A. Increased competition between providers
B. **Enhanced collaboration and patient care**
C. Reduced communication between parties
D. Limited access to services
E. Answer not known

174. The outdated term for a female administrator of an estate is _____.
A. Administratrix B. Administress C. Adminishetor
D. Admin E. Answer not known

175. The term "task force" means _____.
A. An armed force for a special operation
B. An individual with specialized knowledge
C. **A temporary team within the organization**
D. A group of volunteers with no specific skills
E. Answer not known

176. Identify the sentence that correctly uses Future Perfect Continuous Tense.
A. **By next year, she will have been working at the company for five years**
B. By next year, she shall have worked at the company for five years
C. By next year, she will work at the company for five years
D. By next year, she will be working at the company for five years
E. Answer not known

177. Choose the sentence with correct Subject Verb agreement.
A. The cat run fast B. The dogs barks loudly C. She play the piano
D. He walks to school E. Answer not known

178. Identify the Part of Speech of the underlined word:
The music sounds melodious in the quiet hall.
A. Adverb **B. Adjective** C. Verb D. Noun E. Answer not known

179. Passage : The artist's paintings were filled with dark colours. Silent figures stood against barren landscapes. This created a sense of unease. Viewers felt a deep sense of isolation while observing the art.

Question : Complete the following sentence with the options given that accurately reflect the implied meaning of the passage :
The artist's use of dark colours and silent figures suggests a feeling of _____.
A. Joyful celebration **B. deep isolation** C. profound unease
D. vibrant community E. Answer not known

180. Passage : First, the scientists gathered data from the experiment. Next, they analyzed the results. Then, they formed a hypothesis. Finally, they published their findings.
Question : Complete the following sentence with the given options that accurately reflect the sequence of events in the passage.
After analyzing the results, the scientists _____ and then _____.
(a) Gathered data
(b) Formed a hypothesis
(c) Published their findings
(d) Ignored the data
A. (b) and (c) B. (a) and (d) C. (b) and (a)
D. (c) and (a) E. Answer not known

181. Sentence : The city's problems were numerous and complex.
Question : Choose the best replacement for 'problems' that suggests the severity and urgency of the issues.
A. concerns B. issues **C. crises**
D. situations E. Answer not known

182. Sentence : I concur with your assessment.
Question : Which of the following words or phrases could be substituted for 'concur with' without changing the meaning?
(i) disagree with
(ii) agree with
(iii) am in agreement with
(iv) dispute
A. Only (ii) **B. (ii) and (iii)** C. Only (iii)
D. None of the above E. Answer not known

183. Complete the following sentence by choosing the most appropriate words from the options provided. Select one word for each blank.
The international climate mission aimed to (Blank 1) global carbon emissions through the (Blank 2) of sustainable energy technologies.

Blank 1 : (a) exacerbate (b) mitigate (c) amplify (d) propagate.
Blank 2 : (a) proliferation (b) stagnation (c) depletion (d) curtailment.
A. 1 – (a), 2 – (b) **B. 1 – (b), 2 – (a)** C. 1 – (c), 2 – (c)
D. 1 – (d), 2 – (d) E. Answer not known

184. _____ in the exact conversion of text from one language to another.
A. Transcription **B. Transliteration** C. Encoding
D. Decoding E. Answer not known

185. 'Don't ask for it unless you want it'.
Identify the speaker and listener of the above statement?
A. Peter said to Tom B. Polly said to Tom C. Tom said to Polly
D. Tom said to Peter E. Answer not known

186. Identify the statements which are incorrect?
1. Jim Corbett was a French hunter and tracker.
2. Jim Corbett preferred to hunt alone.
3. Jim Corbett was always against game hunting.
4. Robinson Crusoe was Jim Corbett's colleague.
A. 1 and 4 B. 2 and 3 C. 1 and 3 D. 2 and 4 E. Answer not known

187. Which of the following sentences contains an error in punctuation?
A. The meeting is scheduled for 10.00 AM, please be on time.
B. I need to buy milk, eggs and bread.
C. After the movie, we went out for dinner.
D. **She loves to travel; especially for Europe.**
E. Answer not known

188. Which of the following options correctly combines the two sentences into a compound sentence using an appropriate coordinating conjunction?
Sentence 1 - She wanted to go for a walk.
Sentence 2 - It started raining heavily.
(a) She wanted to go for a walk, but it started raining heavily.
(b) She wanted to go for a walk; therefore, it started raining heavily.
(c) She wanted to go for a walk and it started raining heavily.
(d) She wanted to go for a walk, because it started raining heavily.
A. (a) B. (b) C. (c) D. (d) E. Answer not known

189. Indirect to direct speech:
The teacher said that something is better than nothing.
A. The teacher said, "something was better than nothing".
B. The teacher said, "something would be better than nothing".
C. **The teacher said, "something is better than nothing".**
D. The teacher said, "something were better than anything".
E. Answer not known

190. Read the following news item and identify the statements which are best implied in it.

Jal Shakti Abhiyan

National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti launched a campaign, "catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls" on 22nd March 2021 on World Water Day to urge the states and all stakeholders to create Rain Water Harvesting Structures (RWHS), suitable to their climatic conditions and sub-soil strata, with people's active participation.

1. The centre encourages the states to act according to their climatic conditions.
2. Involvement of the State Government only can improve RWHS.
3. RWHS implies only for government structures.
4. RWHS requires peoples' participation.

A. 1 and 2 B. 3 and 4 C. 2 and 3 **D. 1 and 4** E. Answer not known

191. Translate the following sentence into English.
சூரியன் மறைவதற்குள் தோட்டக்காரர் செடிகளுக்குத் தண்ணீர் ஊற்றியிருப்பார்.
A. **The plants would have been watered by the gardener before sunset.**
B. The plants will be watered by the gardener before sunset.
C. The plants are being watered by the gardener before sunset.
D. The plants had been watered by the gardener before sunset.
E. Answer not known

192. Sentence : I have finished my work.
Question : Which of the following Tamil sentences best conveys the meaning of the given sentence?
(a) நான் என் வேலையை முடித்தேன்.
(b) நான் என் வேலையை முடித்துவிட்டேன்.
(c) நான் என் வேலையை முடித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறேன்.
(d) நான் என் வேலையை முடிப்பேன்.
A. Only (c) **B. Only (b)** C. Both (c) and (b)
D. Both (a) and (d) E. Answer not known

193. Which of the following Tamil sentences best capture the meaning of the English idiom : "He is trying to make ends meet".
(a) அவர் இரண்டு முனைகளையும் சந்திக்க வைக்க முயற்சிக்கிறார்.
(b) அவர் செலவுகளை சமாளிக்க முயற்சிக்கிறார்.
(c) அவர் வருமானத்தை அதிகரிக்க முயற்சிக்கிறார்.
(d) அவர் ஒரு வேலையினை முடிக்க முயற்சிக்கிறார்.
A. Only (a) **B. Only (b)** C. Only (c)
D. Both (b) and (c) E. Answer not known

194. Translate the following sentence into Tamil :
"Will your luggage be packed before the train's arrival"?

A. **இரயில் வருவதற்குள் உங்கள் உடமைகள் கட்டப்பட்டுவிடுமா?**
B. இரயிலில் வரும்போது உங்கள் உடமைகள் கட்டப்பட்டதா?
C. இரயில் வரும் முன்பு உங்கள் உடமைகள் கட்டப்படுமா?
D. இரயில் வரும் முன்பு உங்கள் உடமைகளை கட்டிவிட்டீர்களா?
E. Answer not known

195. The word 'Presumption' means _____.
A. presuppose B. pretend C. idea taken as true
D. assumption E. Answer not known

196. Which of the following words are correctly paired?
(1) Connoisseur - A person who has a very deep knowledge in a specific field
(2) Condominium - An error to be corrected especially in a printed text
(3) Corrigendum - A territory ruled by two or more countries
(4) Congenital - A condition of anomaly from the time of birth
A. (2) and (3) **B. (1) and (4)** C. (1) and (2)
D. (3) and (4) E. Answer not known

197. The Superlative form of 'Mohan is better than any other student in the college' is
A. Mohan is one of the best students in the college
B. Mohan is a best student of our college
C. **Mohan is the best student in our college**
D. None of the above
E. Answer not known

198. Choose the correct sentence pattern :
His words filled them with terror.
A. SVOC **B. SVOA** C. SVCA D. SVIODO E. Answer not known

199. The Complex form of the simple sentences :
A fox once met a lion. The fox had never seen a lion before is
A. **A fox who had never seen a lion before met him**
B. A fox who have never seen a lion before met him
C. A fox had never seen a lion before
D. A fox had never met a lion before
E. Answer not known

200. Match the statements given in Column A with their question tag in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Column A	Column B
(a) I am a hardworking person	1. can't she?
(b) Her sister can teach English	2. didn't she?
(c) She came to college	3. do we?
(d) We don't watch movies	4. aren't I?

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
A.	**4**	**1**	**2**	**3**
B.	3	2	4	1
C.	3	4	2	1
D.	1	4	3	2

E. Answer not known