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In pursuance of Rule 10(c) of the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission (Conduct of Examination) Rules, 2022, as amended upto date, the Provisional Answer Key(s) of General Studies-I and General Studies-II of **Question Booklet (Series A)** pertaining to the **J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination 2025** held on **07.12.2025** in two sessions, is hereby notified for seeking the objections from candidates.

General Studies-I

Test Booklet Question No. (Series A)	
Q1	D
Q2	C
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Q5	B
Q6	D
Q7	B
Q8	A
Q9	B
Q10	A
Q11	A

Test Booklet Question No. (Series A)	
Q12	D
Q13	A
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Q15	B
Q16	D
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Q18	B
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Q22	D

Test Booklet Question No. (Series A)	
Q23	B
Q24	A
Q25	A
Q26	B
Q27	D
Q28	D
Q29	A
Q30	D
Q31	B
Q32	C
Q33	D

Test Booklet Question No. (Series A)	
Q34	A
Q35	A
Q36	B
Q37	B
Q38	B
Q39	A
Q40	C
Q41	A
Q42	B
Q43	D
Q44	C
Q45	C
Q46	C
Q47	C
Q48	D
Q49	D
Q50	A
Q51	D
Q52	A
Q53	C
Q54	A
Q55	B
Q56	B

Test Booklet Question No. (Series A)	
Q57	A
Q58	A
Q59	D
Q60	C
Q61	A
Q62	C
Q63	C
Q64	B
Q65	A
Q66	A
Q67	A
Q68	C
Q69	D
Q70	C
Q71	B
Q72	D
Q73	D
Q74	C
Q75	D
Q76	A
Q77	B
Q78	B
Q79	A

Test Booklet Question No. (Series A)	
Q80	C
Q81	B
Q82	C
Q83	A
Q84	B
Q85	B
Q86	B
Q87	A
Q88	D
Q89	A
Q90	B
Q91	A
Q92	B
Q93	A
Q94	B
Q95	B
Q96	D
Q97	A
Q98	A
Q99	A
Q100	B

General Studies-II

Test Booklet Question No. (Series A)	
Q1	B
Q2	B
Q3	B
Q4	B
Q5	B
Q6	B
Q7	C
Q8	A
Q9	B
Q10	A
Q11	B
Q12	B
Q13	B
Q14	B
Q15	B
Q16	B
Q17	B
Q18	A
Q19	B
Q20	B
Q21	B
Q22	B
Q23	B
Q24	B
Q25	A
Q26	A
Q27	A
Q28	B
Q29	B
Q30	A
Q31	D
Q32	B
Q33	B
Q34	B

Test Booklet Question No. (Series A)	
Q35	B
Q36	C
Q37	C
Q38	C
Q39	A
Q40	B
Q41	B
Q42	B
Q43	B
Q44	A
Q45	B
Q46	B
Q47	B
Q48	D
Q49	A
Q50	C
Q51	B
Q52	B
Q53	A
Q54	B
Q55	B
Q56	D
Q57	D
Q58	C
Q59	C
Q60	C
Q61	D
Q62	C
Q63	A
Q64	A
Q65	D
Q66	B
Q67	A
Q68	D

Test Booklet Question No. (Series A)	
Q69	B
Q70	D
Q71	A
Q72	C
Q73	B
Q74	B
Q75	C
Q76	D
Q77	B
Q78	B
Q79	D
Q80	C
Q81	C
Q82	A
Q83	C
Q84	B
Q85	A
Q86	B
Q87	B
Q88	C
Q89	B
Q90	A
Q91	C
Q92	B
Q93	C
Q94	A
Q95	D
Q96	A
Q97	B
Q98	A
Q99	D
Q100	B

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The provisional answer key(s) are also available on the website of the Commission <http://www.jkpsc.nic.in>.

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Representation regarding objection(s) to any Question/Answer pertaining to the J&K Combined Competitive (Pre) Examination 2025 held on 07.12.2025.

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Correct Answer/Option as per candidate :

Signature of the Candidate

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Test Booklet Series

TEST BOOKLET - 2025
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Paper - I
(91)

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Maximum Marks: 200

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1. Consider the following Statements:

Assertion (A): Heavier objects fall faster than lighter ones.

Reason (R): Acceleration due to gravity is independent of the mass of the object.

Select the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) Both A and R are both correct and R is the correct explanation of A
- B) Both A and R are both correct and R is NOT the correct explanation of A
- C) A is correct, but R is NOT correct
- D) A is NOT correct, but R is correct

2. Consider the following statements regarding light:

- I. Reflection and refraction are optical phenomena.
- II. Both reflection and refraction involve a change in the speed of light.
- III. Refraction bends the path of light.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- A) Only I and II are correct
- B) Only II and III are correct
- C) Only I and III are correct
- D) I, II and III are correct

3. Which of the following statement about viruses and bacteria is correct?

- A) Viruses can reproduce independently outside living cells.
- B) Bacteria can live independently and reproduce by binary fission.
- C) Both viruses and bacteria are multicellular organisms.
- D) Viruses and bacteria are both visible under a light microscope.

4. Identify the correct match between digestive enzymes and the substances they act upon:

Digestive Enzymes

Elements Digested

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| 1. Amylase | carbohydrates |
| 2. Lipase | proteins |
| 3. Pepsin | fats |

How many of the above matches is/are correct?

- A) Only one match
- B) Only two matches
- C) All three matches
- D) None of the matches

5. Consider the following statements regarding genetic material and cell divisions:

- I. Genetic traits are carried by DNA.
- II. RNA is a double-stranded molecule.
- III. Mitosis leads to the formation of new cells, contributing to growth.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) Only I and II
- B) Only I and III
- C) Only II and III
- D) I, II and III

6. Consider the following pairs:

Plant Hormone

Function

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Auxin | Involved in phototropism |
| 2. Cytokinin | Stimulates cell division |
| 3. Gibberellin | Promotes stem elongation |
| 4. Absciscic acid | Promotes seed dormancy |

How many of the above pair(s) is/ are correctly matched?

- A) Only one pair
- B) Only two pairs
- C) Only three pairs
- D) All four pairs

7. A satellite moving in a circular orbit around the Earth has which of the following characteristic?

- A) Zero acceleration
- B) Constant speed but changing velocity
- C) Constant velocity
- D) Decreasing energy

8. Who among the following(s) was/were awarded the Nobel Prize posthumously?

- I. Erik Axel Karlfeldt
- II. Dag Hammarskjöld
- III. Pierre Curie

Choose the correct answer:

- A) Only I and II
- B) Only III
- C) I, II and III
- D) None of the above

9. Which of the following acts as the natural pacemaker of the human heart?
- A) AV node
 - B) SA node
 - C) Bundle of His
 - D) Purkinje fibers
10. Consider the following statements regarding Diethylene Glycol (DEG):
- I. It is an industrial solvent used in a variety of products, including antifreeze, brake fluid, and fabric and dye manufacturing.
 - II. The chemical is a standard ingredient in e-cigarette liquid.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- A) I only
 - B) II only
 - C) Both I and II
 - D) Neither I nor II
11. Consider the following statements regarding electricity:
- I. Static electricity does not flow through wires.
 - II. Lightning is an example of static electricity.
 - III. Electric current is always static in nature.
- Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?**
- A) Only I and II are correct
 - B) Only II and III are correct
 - C) Only I and III are correct
 - D) I, II and III are correct
12. Pure water has a pH of 7 at which of the following temperatures?
- A) 100°C
 - B) 51°C
 - C) 32°C
 - D) 25°C
13. Consider the following statements:
- I. Diamond and graphite are allotropes of carbon.
 - II. Both diamond and graphite are good conductors of electricity.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- A) I only
 - B) II only
 - C) Both I and II
 - D) Neither I nor II

14. Which of the indigenous air defence system was integrated with Akashteer during Operation Sindoor to automate low-level aerial threat response?
- A) Akash SAM
 - B) Barak-8
 - C) Prithvi Air Defence
 - D) S-400
15. Consider the following statements regarding the Lion-tailed Macaque (*Macaca silenus*):
- I. It is strictly arboreal in its habits.
 - II. It is endemic to the Western Ghats.
 - III. It is classified as "Critically Endangered" on the IUCN Red List and is protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- A) I, II and III
 - B) I and II only
 - C) II and III only
 - D) I and III only
16. Which of the following organisms breed only once in their lifetime (semelparous species)?
- I. Pelagic fishes
 - II. Oysters
 - III. Pacific salmon fish
 - IV. Bamboo
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:**
- A) I, II and IV
 - B) I and III
 - C) II and IV
 - D) III and IV
17. Recently, patches of coral reefs have been reported in which of the following locations in India?
- I. Ratnagiri
 - II. Malvan and Redi
 - III. Gaveshani Bank
 - IV. South Bombay
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- A) I, II and III
 - B) II and III
 - C) I, II, III and IV
 - D) III and IV

18. Identify the States in India that have approved Plastic Parks:

- I. Uttarakhand
- II. Maharashtra
- III. Madhya Pradesh
- IV. Jharkhand

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A) I, II, III and IV
- B) I, III and IV only
- C) II, III and IV only
- D) I and III only

19. Which of the following birds exhibit brood parasitism?

- I. Indigobird
- II. Common Cuckoo
- III. Honeyguide
- IV. Eagle
- V. Pigeon
- VI. Cowbirds

Choose the correct answer:

- A) I, II, IV, V and VI
- B) II, III, IV and V
- C) I, V and VI
- D) I, II, III and VI

20. Consider the following statements:

- I. Deep Ocean Mission, launched in 2021, focuses on sustainably harnessing ocean wealth and strengthening the Blue Economy, launched by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)
- II. India's first unmanned submersible vehicle 'MATSYA 6000' is being developed as part of the Samudrayaan Project under the Deep Ocean Mission.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I only
- B) II only
- C) Both I and II
- D) Neither I nor II

21. Find the correctly matched extinct species and their countries:

List-I (Species)	List-II (Countries)
1. Dodo	1. Mauritius
2. Quagga	2. Australia
3. Thylacine	3. Africa
4. Steller's sea cow	4. Russia

Which of the above pairs is/are correct?

- A) 2 and 3 only
- B) 1 and 4 only
- C) 1, 3 and 4 only
- D) 1, 2 and 4 only

22. International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) became a treaty-based intergovernmental organization after ratification by five countries.

Which of the following combinations is/ are correct?

- A) India, Liberia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, and Nicaragua.
- B) India, Liberia, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Nicaragua.
- C) India, Ethiopia, Eswatini, Somalia, and Nicaragua.
- D) India, Liberia, Eswatini, Somalia, and Nicaragua

23. Consider the following statements regarding Carbon Pricing:

- I. Carbon pricing is a policy tool that puts a financial cost on greenhouse gas emissions, primarily methane
- II. It works by making emitters pay for the environmental damage caused by their pollution, encouraging them to reduce emissions

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I only
- B) II only
- C) Both I and II
- D) Neither I nor II

24. Consider the following statements regarding cotton production and GM crops in India:

- I. Bt. cotton is the only Genetically Modified (GM) crop approved for commercial cultivation in India.
- II. India is the world's third-largest cotton producer, after China and the United States

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I only
- B) II only
- C) Both I and II
- D) Neither I nor II

25. Consider the following statements:

- I. The Montreux Record is maintained under the Ramsar Convention as part of the List of Wetlands of International Importance.
- II. In India, Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan) and Chilika Lake (Odisha) are currently included in the Montreux Record.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I only
- B) II only
- C) Both I and II
- D) Neither I nor II

26. What is the permissible limit of noise pollution, prescribed by CPCB during night time?

- A) Less than 40 dB
- B) 40-70 dB
- C) 70-100 dB
- D) More than 100 dB

27. Amount of destruction caused by an earthquake is measured by:

- A) Richter Scale
- B) Intensity Scale
- C) Magnitude Scale
- D) Mercalli Scale

28. What is the correct increasing order of Global Warming Potential of Following Green House Gases?

- I. Methane
- II. Fluorinated Gases
- III. Carbon dioxide
- IV. Nitrous Oxide

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A) III, II, I, IV
- B) II, III, I, IV
- C) I, II, III, IV
- D) III, I, IV, II

29. Which of the following indicators are used to calculate the Physical Quality of Life Index (PQLI)?

- I. Infant mortality rate
- II. Life expectancy at age one
- III. Standard of living (income per capita)

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I and II only
- B) II and III only
- C) III only
- D) I, II and III

30. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): Currency depreciation always leads to an improvement in the trade balance.

Reason (R): The real exchange rate adjusts the nominal exchange rate for differences in Price levels (inflation) between countries.

Select the correct answer:

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- C) A is true, but R is false
- D) A is false, but R is true

31. Consider the following statements:

- I. The Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) facilitates currency convertibility among member countries.
- II. Under a flexible exchange rate system, the need for balance of payments adjustments through foreign exchange reserves is reduced.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I only
- B) II only
- C) Both I and II
- D) Neither I nor II

32. As per the Union Budget 2025-26, what target (in gigawatts) has been set for nuclear power capacity by the year 2047?

- A) 30 GW (gigawatts)
- B) 50 GW (gigawatts)
- C) 100 GW (gigawatts)
- D) 200 GW (gigawatts)

33. Consider the following initiatives:

- 1. PM SHRI
- 2. STARS
- 3. DIKSHA
- 4. ULLAS
- 5. PM POSHAN

Through how many of the above initiatives does the Government aim to achieve the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020?

- A) Only two
- B) Only three
- C) Only four
- D) All five

34. Which of the following sub-schemes of the 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan' programme are being implemented to achieve the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020?

- I. NISHTHA
- II. Vidya Pravesh
- III. District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs)
- IV. Rani Laxmibai Balika Vidyalaya

Which of the above are correct:

- A) I, II and III
- B) I, II and IV
- C) I, III, and IV
- D) II, III and IV

35. Match the following key deficit indicators with their respective values in percentage of GDP for the Financial Year 2025-26 as per the Union Budget of 2025-2026:

Deficit Indicators	Budget Estimates (Financial Year 2025-26)
i. Primary Deficit	a. 0.3 percent
ii. Effective Revenue Deficit	b. 4.4 percent
iii. Revenue Deficit	c. 0.8 percent
iv. Fiscal Deficit	d. 1.5 percent

Choose the correct answer:

- A) i-c, ii-a, iii-d, iv-b
- B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
- C) i-b, ii-d, iii-a, iv-c
- D) i-d, ii-c, iii-b, iv-a

36. Which of the following are e-initiatives of the 'Employees' State Insurance Corporation' (ESIC)?

- I. E-Pehchan
- II. E-Biz Platform
- III. ABHA Number Creation
- IV. UPI App for IPs
- V. GIS based Maps

Choose the correct answer:

- A) I, II, III and IV
- B) I, II, III and V
- C) II, III, and IV
- D) III, IV and V

37. Which of the followings are the key pillars of health policy?

- I. Preventive health care
- II. Early detection of ailments
- III. Free and low-cost treatment and medicines
- IV. Availability of doctors in urban areas
- V. Expansion of technology in health

Choose the correct answer:

- A) I, II, III and IV
- B) I, II, III and V
- C) I, IV, and V
- D) II, III, IV and V

38. Below mentioned countries are India's top five trade partners in the Financial Year 2024-25.

Choose the correct sequence of countries of India's foreign trade in terms of values in decreasing order.

- I. UAE
- II. USA
- III. China
- IV. Russia
- V. Saudi Arabia

Choose the correct order:

- A) I, II, III, IV, V
- B) II, III, I, IV, V
- C) III, IV, V, I, II
- D) IV, I, II, V, III

39. Consider the following statements regarding the 'PM e-Bus Sewa' scheme:

- I. PM e-Bus Sewa is a centrally sponsored scheme initiated in 2023.
- II. It aims to augment bus operations in urban areas with central assistance of 20,000 crore for developing 10,000 electric buses.
- III. More than 169 cities with population size between 3 lakh and 40 lakh, as per census 2011, are eligible to participate under the scheme.
- IV. The scheme shall remain valid up to March 2047.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A) I, II and III only
- B) I, II and IV only
- C) I, III and IV only
- D) II, III and IV only

40. Match the following Countries with the year in which these countries crossed the pre-pandemic GDP (constant prices, national currency):

Countries	Year
1. India	i. 2020
2. China	ii. 2021
3. Japan	iii. 2022
4. United Kingdom	iv. 2023

Choose the correct answer:

- A) 1-iv, 2-iii, 3-ii, 4-i
- B) 1-i, 2-ii, 3-iii, 4-iv
- C) 1-ii, 2-i, 3-iv, 4-iii
- D) 1-iii, 2-iv, 3-i, 4-ii

41. Match the following 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs):

Goals	Name of Goals
1. Goal 4	i. Gender Equality
2. Goal 5	ii. Quality Education
3. Goal 6	iii. Reduced Inequality
4. Goal 10	iv. Clean Water and Sanitation

Choose the correct answer:

- A) 1-ii, 2-i, 3-iv, 4-iii
- B) 1-iv, 2-iii, 3-ii, 4-i
- C) 1-i, 2-ii, 3-iii, 4-iv
- D) 1-iii, 2-iv, 3-i, 4-ii

42. How many houses have been completed under 'Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin' (PMAY-G) from 2016 till January 2025?

- A) 1.69 crore
- B) 2.69 crore
- C) 3.69 crore
- D) 4.69 crore

43. Which of the following pairs of Chairperson and their respective Finance Commission are correctly matched?

- I. 10th Finance Commission - K C Pant
- II. 12th Finance Commission - Dr. C Rangarajan
- III. 13th Finance Commission - Vijay Kelkar
- IV. 14th Finance Commission - Dr. Y V Reddy

Choose the correct answer:

- A) I and II only
- B) I, II, and III only
- C) I, III, and IV only
- D) I, II, III, and IV

44. Which one of the following Acts provided for the establishment of a Public Service Commission in India for the first time?
- A) Indian Councils Act, 1861
 - B) Indian Councils Act, 1909
 - C) Government of India Act, 1919
 - D) Government of India Act, 1935
45. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?
- I. Education - Concurrent List
 - II. Income Tax - Concurrent List
 - III. Public Health - State List
 - IV. Census - Union List
- Choose the correct answer:**
- A) I and II only
 - B) I, II, and III only
 - C) I, III, and IV only
 - D) II, III, and IV only
46. Consider the following statements regarding the Advisory Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India:
- Statement-I :** It is not mandatory for the Supreme Court to provide its opinion on a Presidential reference.
- Statement-II :** The opinion given by the Supreme Court is binding in nature.
- Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?**
- A) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is the correct explanation for Statement-I
 - B) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I
 - C) Statement-I is correct but Statement-II is incorrect
 - D) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct
47. Consider the following statements regarding the Advocate General of the State:
- I. He / She is appointed by the Governor of a State
 - II. He / She holds office during the pleasure of the Governor
 - III. His / Her remuneration is determined by the State Legislature
- Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?**
- A) I
 - B) II
 - C) III
 - D) None of the above

48. Consider the following functionaries:

- I. Chief Justice of India
- II. Cabinet Secretary
- III. Chief Election Commissioner
- IV. Union Cabinet Ministers

The correct sequence in the order of precedence is:

- A) II, III, I, IV
- B) II, I, III, IV
- C) I, II, III, IV
- D) I, IV, III, II

49. With reference to the jurisdiction of the Lokpal, consider the following public authorities:

- I. Prime Minister
- II. Union Ministers
- III. Members of Parliament
- IV. Official of the Central Government

Which of the above come under the jurisdiction of the Lokpal?

- A) I only
- B) I and III only
- C) II and IV only
- D) I, II and IV

50. When a Money Bill is presented to the President of India for her assent, which of the following powers does she exercise?

- I. She may give her assent to the bill
- II. She may withhold her assent to the bill
- III. She may return the bill for reconsideration of the Parliament

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) I and II only
- B) I and III only
- C) I only
- D) I, II and III

51. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): The Chairperson of NITI Aayog is appointed by the Prime Minister.

Reason (R): The NITI Aayog was created by an executive resolution of the Government of India.

The correct answer is:

- A) A and R are both correct and R is the correct explanation of A
- B) A and R are both correct and R is NOT the correct explanation of A
- C) A is correct, but R is NOT correct
- D) A is NOT correct, but R is correct

52. Which of the following authorities' salaries, allowances, and pensions are charged upon the Consolidated Fund of India?

- I. Judges of the Supreme Court
- II. Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- III. Chief Election Commissioner

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) I and II only
- B) I and III only
- C) III only
- D) I, II and III

53. Consider the following pairs regarding the veto powers of the President of India:

Veto Powers of the President

Implication

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|--------------------|--|
| 1. Absolute Veto | President withholds his/her assent to a bill passed by the Parliament |
| 2. Suspensive Veto | President returns a bill (other than a money bill) for reconsideration of the Parliament |
| 3. Pocket Veto | President neither gives assent nor returns the bill when Parliament is not in session |
| 4. Line-Item Veto | President can reject specific provisions or items in a bill (mainly financial bills) |

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- A) Only one
- B) Only two
- C) Only three
- D) All four

54. Through which Constitutional Amendment was sub-clause (1A) added to Article 75, stating that the total number of Ministers, including the Prime Minister, shall not exceed 15% of the total number of members of the House of the People?

- A) 91st Amendment
- B) 86th Amendment
- C) 89th Amendment
- D) 95th Amendment

55. Consider the following statements regarding 37th constitutional amendment:

- I. Article 239A was added by 37th Amendment.
- II. Article 239A has been made applicable to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir by the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

Choose the correct Statement/s:

- A) I only
- B) II only
- C) Both I and II are correct
- D) None of the above

56. Who among the following served as Vice-President of India?

- I. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
- II. Dr. Zakir Hussain
- III. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed
- IV. Giani Zail Singh

Choose the correct answer:

- A) I
- B) I and II
- C) I, II and III
- D) I, II, III and IV

57. Arrange the following states in descending order according to the number of times President's Rule has been imposed:

- I. Uttar Pradesh
- II. Tamil Nadu
- III. Madhya Pradesh
- IV. Karnataka

Select the correct answer:

- A) I - IV - II - III
- B) I - II - IV - III
- C) IV - I - III - II
- D) II - III - I - IV

58. Arrange the following states in the ascending order of their representation (seats) in the Council of States (Rajya Sabha):

- I. West Bengal
- II. Rajasthan
- III. Punjab
- IV. Karnataka

Choose the correct answer:

- A) III - II - IV - I
- B) III - IV - II - I
- C) IV - I - II - III
- D) II - III - IV - I

59. Which of the following pairs of states and their formation dates is correctly matched?

- I. Arunachal Pradesh - 1986
- II. Telangana - 2013
- III. Goa - 1986
- IV. Uttarakhand - 2001

Choose the correct answer:

- A) Only I
- B) I and III
- C) II and IV
- D) None

60. How many national parties participated in the first Lok Sabha election of India held in 1952?

- A) 12
- B) 13
- C) 14
- D) 15

61. In which Article of the Indian Constitution is the provision related to the audit of Panchayat accounts mentioned?

- A) 243 J
- B) 243 I
- C) 243 L
- D) 243 K

62. Which of the following pairs accurately represent dominant castes in state politics in India?

- I. Lingayats : Karnataka
- II. Patidars : Gujarat
- III. Vokkalingas : Tamil Nadu
- IV. Kammas : Andhra Pradesh

Select the correct answer:

- A) I and II only
- B) I, II, and III only
- C) I, II, and IV only
- D) I, III, and IV only

63. Consider the following statements regarding the **Blue Flag Certification**:

- I. It is an internationally recognised eco-label awarded by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) in Denmark.
- II. The Chandrabhaga Beach in Odisha was the first in India to receive the Blue Flag Certification.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I only
- B) II only
- C) Both I and II
- D) Neither I nor II

64. Which of the following traditional cultivation techniques practiced by the **Kondh tribes** is under threat due to the monocropping of **Eucalyptus**?

- A) Jhum cultivation
- B) Dongar cultivation
- C) Poonam Krishi cultivation
- D) Apatani wet rice cultivation

65. Recently, the Union Cabinet granted Classical Language Status to five languages. Consider the following statements regarding the revised criteria for a language to be conferred with Classical status:

- I. High antiquity of its early texts or recorded history, spanning at least 1500-2000 years.
- II. A body of ancient literature/texts considered a valuable heritage by successive generations of speakers.
- III. The literary tradition should be original and not borrowed from another speech community.
- IV. The language must be currently spoken by more than 50 million people.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) I, II and III only
- B) II and IV only
- C) I, III and IV only
- D) All four statements

66. Consider the following institutions and their corresponding domains under India's National Quantum Mission (NQM):

Institution	Domain
1. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru	i. Quantum Computing Hub
2. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras	ii. Quantum Communication Hub
3. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay	iii. Quantum Materials and Devices Hub
4. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi	iv. Quantum Sensing and Metrology Hub

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

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|----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| A) | i | ii | iv | iii |
| B) | i | iii | ii | iv |
| C) | ii | i | iv | iii |
| D) | iii | iv | i | ii |
67. Consider the following statements with reference to the "Gaganyaan Mission" of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):
- The mission aims to place astronauts in a geostationary orbit.
 - It comprises two uncrewed flights followed by one crewed mission.
 - The human-rated launch vehicle for the mission is derived from LVM3.
- Which of the statement(s) given above is/are incorrect?
- I only
 - I and II only
 - II and III only
 - I and III only
68. Consider the following statements regarding the Nipah Virus (NiV):

- It is an orthopoxvirus.
- NiV is a zoonotic disease transmitted from animals to humans.
- Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) is the preferred laboratory test for NiV.
- The incubation period ranges from 4 to 14 days on average.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one
- Only two
- Only three
- All four

69. With reference to India's international humanitarian missions, consider the following pairs:

Operations

1. Operation Dost
2. Operation Ganga
3. Operation Kaveri
4. Operation Ajay

Purpose

- Earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria
Evacuation of Indians from the Ukraine Conflict
Evacuation of Indians from Sudan
Rescue from the Israel-Hamas conflict

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- A) 1 pair
- B) 2 pairs
- C) 3 pairs
- D) 4 pairs

70. Consider the following technologies:

- I. Natural Language Processing
- II. Quantum Computing
- III. Audio Processing
- IV. Computer Vision

Which of the above are supported by Hugging Face's AI model hub?

- A) I, II and III
- B) I, II and IV
- C) I, III and IV
- D) I, II, III and IV

71. Match the following:

Global Awards to Prime Minister Narendra Modi

1. The Grand Cross of the Order of Honour
2. The Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu
3. The Order of the Holy Apostle Andrew the First
4. The Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour

By Countries

- i) Russia
- ii) Greece
- iii) France
- iv) Papua New Guinea

Match the correct option:

- A) 1-i, 2-ii, 3-iii, 4-iv
- B) 1-ii, 2-iv, 3-i, 4-iii
- C) 1-iii, 2-i, 3-iv, 4-ii
- D) 1-iv, 2-iii, 3-ii, 4-i

72. As per the Constitution of India, the State can impose reasonable restrictions on the freedom of speech and expression, on which of the following grounds?

- I. Sovereignty and integrity of India
- II. Public Order
- III. Contempt of Court
- IV. Defamation

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) I and III only
- B) I, II and IV only
- C) II and IV only
- D) I, II, III and IV

73. The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) has at present:

- A) 10 member states, 14 observer states and 2 dialogue partners
- B) 14 member states, 2 observer states and 10 dialogue partners
- C) 10 member states, 10 observer states and 10 dialogue partners
- D) 10 member states, 2 observer states and 14 dialogue partners

74. The Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency's mission and vision are

- I. to lead the energy transition.
- II. to speed up the transition to partial renewable energy
- III. to build a culture of excellence.
- IV. to maintain the highest standards of quality and sustainability

Choose the correct option:

- A) Only I, II & III are correct
- B) Only II, III & IV are correct
- C) Only I, III & IV are correct
- D) Only I, II & IV are correct

75. Match the following:

Proponents of Indian Music

- 1. Channulal Mishra
- 2. Krishnarao Shanjar Pandit
- 3. Bhimsen Joshi
- 4. Pandit Yashpal

Indian Gharanas

- i) Agra Gharana
- ii) Kirana Gharana
- iii) Gwalior Gharana
- iv) Banaras Gharana

Match the correct option:

- A) 1-i, 2-ii, 3-iii, 4-iv
- B) 1-ii, 2-iv, 3-i, 4-iii
- C) 1-iii, 2-i, 3-iv, 4-ii
- D) 1-iv, 2-iii, 3-ii, 4-i

76. Mirabai Chanu:

- I. won a silver medal in the IWF Senior World Weightlifting Championship 2025
- II. won a gold medal in the IWF Senior World Weightlifting Championship 2017
- III. won a silver medal in the IWF Senior World Weightlifting Championship 2022
- IV. won a gold medal in the Paris Olympics 2024

Choose the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) Only I, II & III are correct
- B) Only II, III & IV are correct
- C) Only I, III & IV are correct
- D) All are correct

77. Consider the following statements regarding the Indus Valley Civilization:

- I. The buildings at Harappa were more elaborately constructed than those at Mohenjo-Daro.
- II. Mohenjo-Daro had a large tank (Great Bath) located within the Citadel mound.
- III. The granary is the largest building discovered at Harappa.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I and II
- B) II only
- C) I and III only
- D) I, II and III

78. Match the following Buddhist Councils with their respective venues:

Council	Venue
1. First Buddhist Council	a. Rajgriha
2. Second Buddhist Council	b. Vaishali
3. Third Buddhist Council	c. Kashmir
4. Fourth Buddhist Council	d. Pataliputra

How many of the above pairs is/are incorrectly matched?

- A) Only one pair
- B) Only two pairs
- C) Only three pairs
- D) All pairs are correctly matched

79. Consider the following locations:

- I. Surat
- II. Madras
- III. Bombay

In how many of the above-given locations did the British East India Company establish their factories during the reign of Mughal emperor Jahangir?

- A) Only one
- B) Only two
- C) All three
- D) None

80. Consider the following monuments:

- 1. Taj Mahal
- 2. Agra Fort
- 3. Red Fort
- 4. Shalimar Bagh

In how many of the above monuments has the pietra dura (inlay work with semi-precious stones) technique been used?

- A) Only one
- B) Only two
- C) Only three
- D) All four

81. Which of the following foreign accounts provide contemporary evidence about the Vijayanagara Empire?

- I. Abdur Razzaq's writings
- II. Domingo Paes' travel account
- III. Ibn Battuta's Rihla
- IV. Niccolò de' Conti's travelogue

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A) I, II and III only
- B) I, II and IV only
- C) II and III only
- D) All four

82. Consider the following statements regarding the provisions of the Cripps Mission (1942):
- I. The provinces were to enjoy full autonomy and could choose to remain outside the proposed Indian Union.
 - II. The Mission proposed the establishment of a Constituent Assembly after the war to frame India's Constitution.
 - III. The Muslim League rejected the offer because it did not explicitly recognize the demand for Pakistan.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I and II only
- B) I and III only
- C) I, II and III
- D) II and III only

83. With reference to the Government of India Act, 1935, consider the following statements:

- I. It introduced provincial autonomy with ministries responsible to the elected provincial legislatures.
- II. It retained the overriding powers of the Governor-General in both provincial and central administration.
- III. It established bicameral legislatures at the Centre and in all provinces without exception.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I and II only
- B) I and III only
- C) II and III only
- D) I, II and III

84. With reference to the Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress (1929), consider the following statements:

- I. It was presided over by Subhas Chandra Bose.
- II. The resolution of 'Purna Swaraj' was adopted at this session.
- III. It was decided to celebrate 26 January 1930 as Independence Day.
- IV. It approved participation in the Round Table Conference.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I and IV only
- B) II and III only
- C) I, II, and III only
- D) II, III, and IV only

85. Consider the following personalities:

1. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
2. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
3. Ishan Chandra Roy
4. Ram Mohan Roy
5. Sambhunath Pal
6. Tomma Dora

How many of the above personalities were associated with the Pabna Agrarian Revolt (1873-76)?

- A) Only two
- B) Only three
- C) Only four
- D) Only five

86. With reference to journals in Modern Indian History, consider the following pairs:

Journal	Founder / Associated Person
1. Kesari	Surendranath Banerjee
2. Bengalee	Bal Gangadhar Tilak
3. Sudharak	Gopal Krishna Gokhale
4. Indian Mirror	Keshab Chandra Sen

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- A) Only one pair
- B) Only two pairs
- C) Only three pairs
- D) All four pairs

87. Glucose is classified as:

- A) Aldohexose
- B) Ketohexose
- C) Aldopentose
- D) Ketopentose

88. Ramcharita was written by:

- A) Tulsi Das
- B) Banabhatta
- C) Padmagupta
- D) Sandhyakaranandin

89. The saffron cultivation in Kashmir was introduced by:
- A) Mijjhantika
 - B) Arvala
 - C) Sakyasimha
 - D) Asvaghosha
90. Choose the **incorrect** statement about the findings of 1st water census of Jammu and Kashmir from the following statements:
- A) Majority of the water bodies in Jammu and Kashmir are located in rural areas.
 - B) More than half of total water bodies in Jammu and Kashmir are lakes.
 - C) There are less than 10000 water bodies in Jammu and Kashmir.
 - D) More than 50% of the water bodies are publicly owned in the UT.
91. Which of the following statements about coral reefs in India:
- Statement 1:** The Fourth Global Coral Bleaching Event (GCBE4) has not impacted the coral reefs of India. regions such as the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Gulf of Mannar, Lakshadweep, and the Gulf of Kachchh.
- Statement 2:** Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) have been established across India to limit human activities, and promote ecosystem and coral reef recovery.
- Statement 3:** Coral species are not protected under Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- How many statement(s) is/are correct ?**
- A) Only one statement
 - B) Only two statements
 - C) All statements are correct
 - D) No statement is correct
92. The equator does **NOT** pass through which of the following African countries?
- A) Gabon
 - B) Cameroon
 - C) Kenya
 - D) Somalia

93. Which among the following district of J&K is covered under the NAVYA (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational training for Young Adolescent Girls) initiative?
- Baramulla
 - Badgam
 - Pulwama
 - Kupwara
94. Consider the following statements about the Surinsar-Mansar lake:
- Statement-1 :** It was designated as a Ramsar site in 2005.
- Statement-2 :** This site does not host migratory birds.
- Statement-3 :** It has a rich diversity of aquatic fauna.
- Which of the above statement (s) is/are correct ?**
- Only 1 and 2
 - Only 1 and 3
 - Only 2 and 3
 - All the statements are correct.
95. The longitudinal extent of India is:
- $70^{\circ}7' \text{ E}$ to $97^{\circ}25' \text{ E}$
 - $68^{\circ}7' \text{ E}$ to $97^{\circ}25' \text{ E}$
 - $67^{\circ}7' \text{ E}$ to $96^{\circ}25' \text{ E}$
 - $68^{\circ}7' \text{ E}$ to $95^{\circ}25' \text{ E}$
96. Consider the following statements regarding the *Human Poverty Index (HPI)* developed by the UNDP:
- The **HPI-1** measures human poverty in developing countries, focusing on deprivation in longevity, knowledge, and standard of living.
 - The **HPI-2** measures human poverty in industrialised countries, incorporating an additional dimension of social exclusion.
 - The Human Poverty Index has been replaced by the **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)** in the Human Development Reports since 2010.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- I and II only
 - II and III only
 - I and III only
 - I, II, and III

97. Match the indigenous cattle breeds with their corresponding regions of origin in India:

Name of the breed	Region of Origin
a. Bargur	i. Karnataka
b. Hallikar	ii. Kerala
c. Vechur	iii. Tamil Nadu
d. Bachaur	iv. Bihar

Choose the correct match:

	a	b	c	d
A)	iii	i	ii	iv
B)	ii	iv	iii	i
C)	iv	iii	i	ii
D)	iii	iv	ii	i

98. Recently, archaeologists conducted the first-ever scientific dating of a sarcophagus (terracotta coffin), along with burial offerings such as carnelian beads, indicating trade contacts with northern regions during the Harappan period. The newly discovered site is:

- A) Kilnamandi
- B) Adichanallur
- C) Sivagalai
- D) Rakhigarhi

99. Arrange the following **Biosphere Reserves of India** in the **chronological order of their establishment**:

1. Gulf of Mannar, Tamil Nadu
2. Simlipal, Odisha
3. Pachmarhi, Madhya Pradesh
4. Agasthyamalai, Tamil Nadu/Kerala
5. Kachchh, Gujarat

Choose the correct Answer:

- A) Gulf of Mannar, Simlipal, Pachmarhi, Agasthyamalai, Kachchh
- B) Gulf of Mannar, Pachmarhi, Simlipal, Agasthyamalai, Kachchh
- C) Simlipal, Gulf of Mannar, Pachmarhi, Kachchh, Agasthyamalai
- D) Kachchh, Agasthyamalai, Pachmarhi, Simlipal, Gulf of Mannar

100. With reference to disaster management in India, consider the following statements regarding "**Operation Megh Rahat**" launched by the Indian Army in 2014:

- I. It was a major Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operation conducted in Jammu and Kashmir.
- II. The operation was launched in response to severe landslides triggered by an earthquake.
- III. It involved large-scale deployment of troops, engineering task forces, and helicopters to rescue civilians and restore essential infrastructure.
- IV. The operation was jointly carried out by the state government in collaboration with non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I, II and III only
 - B) I and III only
 - C) I, III and IV only
 - D) II, III and IV only
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Passage for Questions (1-5):

In the evolving architecture of global power, the multi-polar world represents a decisive shift from the unipolar dominance of the post-Cold War era toward a more distributed balance of influence. Within this dynamic configuration, India occupies a uniquely strategic position. No longer content to be a passive observer, India aspires to function as a balancing power—bridging the ideological divide between established Western democracies and emerging non-Western coalitions. Its foreign policy reflects a nuanced pragmatism, rooted in the tradition of non-alignment yet reinterpreted through the lens of 21st-century realpolitik.

India's approach to global diplomacy emphasizes strategic autonomy, which allows it to engage with multiple power blocs without being constrained by rigid alliances. This flexibility enables India to participate in platforms such as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), the BRICS alliance, and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) simultaneously. Rather than aligning itself permanently with any single camp, India seeks to safeguard its national interests while contributing to a more equitable international order.

However, India's role in a multi-polar world is not without challenges. It must navigate competing expectations from major powers, manage complex regional dynamics, and address domestic vulnerabilities that influence its external posture. Furthermore, India's pursuit of strategic influence is often tested by global issues such as climate change, energy security, and technological dependency. Balancing moral diplomacy with economic pragmatism remains a delicate task.

Ultimately, India's vision for the multi-polar world is neither confrontational nor subordinate. It seeks a redefinition of global governance based on inclusivity, sovereignty, and mutual respect. In this framework, power is not the monopoly of a few nations but a shared responsibility shaped by cooperation, dialogue, and the collective pursuit of stability.

1. According to the passage, India's concept of *strategic autonomy* primarily allows it to:
- A) Isolate itself from all major global alliances.
 - B) Maintain flexibility by engaging with multiple power blocs.
 - C) Fully align with Western democracies for security guarantees.
 - D) Avoid participation in regional organizations altogether.

2. The passage suggests that India's foreign policy in the 21st century differs from traditional non-alignment because it:
- A) Rejects all moral or ideological principles.
 - B) Combines independence with pragmatic engagement in global institutions.
 - C) Seeks military alliances to counter regional threats.
 - D) Focuses exclusively on economic diplomacy without political consideration.
3. Which of the following best captures the author's view of India's role in the multi-polar world?
- A) India is attempting to dominate weaker states in Asia.
 - B) India functions as a mediator that bridges diverse global power structures.
 - C) India seeks to replace the United States as the world's leading superpower.
 - D) India prefers neutrality and complete disengagement from global politics.
4. The passage implies that one of India's key challenges in maintaining its global position is:
- A) Overreliance on Western financial institutions.
 - B) Managing both domestic vulnerabilities and external pressures.
 - C) Complete dependence on energy imports from the Middle East.
 - D) Lack of participation in international organizations.
5. The tone of the passage is best described as:
- A) Critical and dismissive of India's diplomacy.
 - B) Analytical and balanced in its evaluation of India's foreign policy.
 - C) Emotional and nationalistic in support of India's rise.
 - D) Simplistic and descriptive without critical insight.

Passage for Questions (6-10):

In the modern era of technological convenience, the sedentary lifestyle has emerged as one of the most insidious threats to human well-being. Characterized by prolonged periods of physical inactivity, especially sitting, this lifestyle is paradoxically associated with progress. Urbanization, automation, and digitalization have collectively minimized the need for bodily exertion, confining individuals to desks, screens, and vehicles. Yet beneath this veneer of comfort lies a silent epidemic: studies have correlated sedentary behaviour with increased risks of cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, depression, and even premature mortality.

However, the problem transcends physical health. A sedentary routine erodes cognitive sharpness, diminishes productivity, and undermines emotional resilience. Paradoxically, people often mistake mental busyness for physical engagement, failing to recognize that intellectual effort does not compensate for physiological stagnation. The human body, evolved for movement, demands dynamic equilibrium—where activity and rest coexist in harmony.

Countering sedentarism requires more than occasional workouts; it necessitates a cultural and psychological shift. Modern individuals must relearn the art of movement—taking stairs instead of elevators, walking during calls, or simply stretching at intervals. Moreover, educational and workplace institutions must redesign their structures to promote kinetic awareness, integrating motion into daily rhythms rather than treating exercise as an optional afterthought. The antidote to a sedentary life is not merely exercise, but a reorientation of values, a conscious reclamation of vitality against the inertia of convenience.

6. According to the passage, the sedentary lifestyle is described as "insidious" primarily because it:
- A) Encourages technological innovation while discouraging creativity.
 - B) Appears harmless but leads to severe long-term consequences.
 - C) Requires minimal effort to maintain physical fitness.
 - D) Results only from urban overcrowding and lack of space.
7. The author suggests that combating sedentary behaviour demands:
- A) Strict regulation of screen time and digital devices.
 - B) Occasional participation in high-intensity workouts.
 - C) A cultural transformation that values movement in everyday life.
 - D) Exclusive dependence on gym-based physical exercise.

8. The paradox mentioned in the passage refers to the fact that:

- A) Technological advancement coexists with declining physical health.
- B) People are more active but less productive in modern times.
- C) Automation has reduced mental workload while increasing stress.
- D) Rest and exercise have become indistinguishable concepts.

9. The author's tone in the passage can best be described as:

- A) Nostalgic and sentimental
- B) Analytical and cautionary
- C) Indifferent and neutral
- D) Optimistic and celebratory

10. **Assertion (A):** Sedentary lifestyles contribute to both physical and psychological deterioration.

Reason (R): Continuous inactivity disrupts the body's natural need for movement and balance.

Select the correct answer:

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

Passage for Questions (11-15):

Critical thinking has become a cornerstone of higher education, fostering intellectual rigor, creativity, and independent judgment. It is not merely the accumulation of knowledge but the ability to analyse, evaluate, and synthesize information to arrive at reasoned conclusions. In an era of information abundance, where digital media and open-access resources flood students with diverse and often conflicting perspectives, the capacity to discern credibility and relevance is more crucial than ever.

The role of critical thinking extends beyond academic performance. It cultivates problem-solving skills, ethical reasoning, and reflective judgment, equipping students to navigate complex societal and professional landscapes. By challenging assumptions, questioning established norms, and considering multiple viewpoints, learners develop a flexible and adaptive mindset. This, in turn, enhances innovation, civic engagement, and lifelong learning.

However, fostering critical thinking is not without challenges. Traditional rote-based pedagogies, examination-oriented curricula, and hierarchical classroom structures often discourage questioning and intellectual independence. Higher education institutions must therefore integrate active learning strategies, discussion-based seminars, and interdisciplinary approaches that encourage curiosity and analytical reasoning. In doing so, they can transform education from a mere process of knowledge transmission into a platform for cultivating discernment, responsibility, and transformative thinking.

11. According to the passage, critical thinking in higher education primarily involves:
 - A) Memorizing and reproducing factual information
 - B) Analysing, evaluating, and synthesizing information
 - C) Following prescribed instructions without questioning
 - D) Relying exclusively on digital resources
12. The passage implies that critical thinking contributes to:
 - A) Only academic success without real-world application
 - B) Problem-solving, ethical reasoning, and adaptive judgment
 - C) Passive learning and rote memorization
 - D) Limiting students to traditional disciplinary boundaries
13. A major challenge to fostering critical thinking in higher education is:
 - A) Excessive interdisciplinary collaboration
 - B) Rote-based teaching and examination-oriented curricula
 - C) Overemphasis on group discussion and debate
 - D) Encouragement of questioning and curiosity
14. Which of the following best captures the author's perspective on the purpose of higher education?
 - A) Higher education is only for knowledge accumulation.
 - B) It should cultivate discernment, responsibility, and transformative thinking.
 - C) It primarily functions to prepare students for standardized testing.
 - D) It should focus solely on vocational training.

15. The passage suggests that in the context of information abundance, critical thinking is essential because:
- A) It allows students to memorize all available information.
 - B) It helps students discern credible, relevant, and conflicting perspectives.
 - C) It eliminates the need for interdisciplinary study.
 - D) It encourages reliance on authoritative texts alone.

Passage for Questions (16-20):

The relationship between reason and faith has been a central concern in philosophy, theology, and intellectual history. Reason, grounded in logic, evidence, and critical inquiry, seeks to explain the world through observation and analysis. Faith, in contrast, involves belief in principles or realities that may transcend empirical verification, often grounded in spiritual, moral, or religious convictions. While these approaches are frequently portrayed as oppositional, history reveals numerous attempts to reconcile them, suggesting that reason and faith can coexist in complementary ways.

Medieval thinkers like Thomas Aquinas argued that reason could illuminate and support faith, showing that rational reflection and divine revelation need not contradict one another. Similarly, contemporary discourse often emphasizes that ethical and existential questions—such as the purpose of life, justice, and human dignity—cannot be fully addressed by reason alone. Faith provides a framework of values and meaning, while reason ensures coherence, critical assessment, and responsible application of those beliefs.

Nevertheless, the coexistence of reason and faith requires careful navigation. Uncritical adherence to faith can lead to dogmatism, while exclusive reliance on reason may produce moral relativism or existential emptiness. A balanced engagement encourages dialogue, humility, and openness, allowing individuals to integrate empirical knowledge with ethical and spiritual insight. In this sense, the interplay of reason and faith fosters a more comprehensive understanding of human experience, bridging the empirical and the transcendent.

16. According to the passage, reason and faith are often seen as:
- A) Complementary by nature without conflict
 - B) Oppositional, though historically reconciled in many cases
 - C) Identical in their methods of inquiry
 - D) Mutually exclusive in all intellectual traditions
17. The passage suggests that faith contributes primarily by:
- A) Providing empirical evidence for scientific theories
 - B) Offering ethical and existential frameworks of meaning
 - C) Eliminating the need for critical thinking
 - D) Resolving mathematical and logical problems

18. The author implies that reliance solely on reason may result in:
- A) Moral relativism and existential emptiness
 - B) Spiritual enlightenment
 - C) Dogmatic adherence to traditions
 - D) Universal acceptance of faith-based claims
19. According to the passage, the historical example of Thomas Aquinas demonstrates that:
- A) Faith is always superior to reason
 - B) Reason can support and illuminate faith
 - C) Reason and faith should never interact
 - D) Faith alone can provide empirical knowledge
20. The author's perspective on the coexistence of reason and faith can best be described as:
- A) Dismissive of faith in favour of empirical reasoning
 - B) Advocating for a balanced dialogue integrating both
 - C) Sceptical of all forms of rational inquiry
 - D) Promoting exclusive spiritual belief without analysis

Passage for Questions (21-25)

In the contemporary information ecosystem, the proliferation of misinformation has emerged as a profound threat to social cohesion and democratic governance. Misinformation, defined as false or misleading content disseminated without adequate verification, undermines the capacity of individuals to make informed decisions. The rapid dissemination of such content through social media, online news platforms, and instant messaging networks accelerates its impact, often outpacing the corrective mechanisms of fact-checking and editorial oversight.

The consequences of pervasive misinformation extend beyond isolated errors in judgment. When repeated and amplified, false narratives corrode public trust in institutions, media, and expert authority. Citizens become sceptical of official reports, scientific findings, and policy directives, fostering cynicism and polarization. This erosion of trust is particularly destabilizing during crises such as pandemics, natural disasters, or political upheavals, where coordinated action relies on shared understanding and confidence in credible information sources.

Addressing this challenge requires both structural and cognitive interventions. Media literacy, critical thinking, and public awareness campaigns are essential to equip individuals with the skills to evaluate information critically. Simultaneously, institutions must enhance transparency, accountability, and responsiveness to reinforce credibility. The interplay between technological regulation, ethical journalism, and informed citizenship is crucial to mitigating misinformation's corrosive effects and restoring the trust necessary for functional societies.

21. According to the passage, misinformation primarily threatens society by:
- A) Limiting technological innovation
 - B) Undermining informed decision-making and public trust
 - C) Increasing literacy and critical thinking
 - D) Strengthening institutional authority

22. The passage suggests that repeated exposure to false narratives leads to:
- A) Enhanced confidence in media sources
 - B) Scepticism, polarization, and erosion of trust in institutions
 - C) Rapid problem-solving during crises
 - D) Complete elimination of misinformation
23. The author implies that combating misinformation requires:
- A) Solely technological restrictions on social media
 - B) A combination of media literacy, critical thinking, and institutional accountability
 - C) Ignoring false content to avoid spreading it
 - D) Focusing exclusively on punitive measures against individuals
24. Which of the following scenarios exemplifies the erosion of trust described in the passage?
- A) Citizens relying on multiple credible sources to verify information
 - B) Communities ignoring official health guidelines due to conflicting online rumours
 - C) Journalists publishing verified scientific studies
 - D) Governments providing timely and transparent updates during crises
25. The tone of the passage can best be described as:
- A) Analytical and cautionary
 - B) Optimistic and reassuring
 - C) Humorous and satirical
 - D) Detached and indifferent

Passage for Questions (26-30)

The revival of traditional knowledge systems represents an important cultural and intellectual shift in the modern world. For centuries, local and indigenous forms of knowledge rooted in ecological balance, holistic health, and community cooperation were overlooked in favour of Western scientific methods. Today, as societies face growing crises in environment, health, and ethics, these traditional systems are being re-evaluated for the sustainable wisdom they contain. Examples include Ayurvedic medicine, organic farming, traditional water conservation, and climate-responsive architecture, all of which reveal a deep understanding of the relationship between humans and nature.

However, revival must not mean blind imitation of the past. Traditional knowledge should be studied critically and adapted thoughtfully within current scientific and social frameworks. The real challenge lies in keeping its original essence alive while making it suitable for modern realities. This goal can be achieved only through collaboration among scientists, scholars, and local practitioners who can connect ancient insight with modern innovation.

At a deeper level, the resurgence of traditional knowledge invites societies to rethink the meaning of progress. It promotes a circular and cooperative vision of life, rather than one focused only on material or industrial advancement. In this sense, traditional wisdom is not a relic to be admired but a living foundation for creating a more balanced and sustainable future.

26. According to the passage, traditional knowledge systems are being revived mainly because they:
- A) Offer sustainable approaches to modern global challenges.
 - B) Help preserve cultural heritage without practical use.
 - C) Reject all methods of scientific reasoning.
 - D) Are supported by global corporations.
27. The author suggests that the revival of traditional knowledge should:
- A) Avoid being treated as unquestionable or perfect.
 - B) Completely replace modern scientific systems.
 - C) Focus only on its religious aspects.
 - D) Depend solely on government funding.
28. The passage implies that true revival of traditional wisdom requires:
- A) Complete separation from modern technology.
 - B) A balance between authenticity and adaptation.
 - C) Dependence on historical texts alone.
 - D) Exclusion of interdisciplinary collaboration.

29. The tone of the passage can best be described as:

- A) Nostalgic and emotional.
- B) Analytical and constructive.
- C) Indifferent and neutral.
- D) Critical and dismissive.

30. **Assertion (A):** The revival of traditional knowledge systems is vital for building sustainable futures.

Reason (R): These systems are based on harmony between human existence and the natural environment.

Select the correct answer:

- A) Both A and R are true, and R correctly explains A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R does not explain A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

31. _____ is the power of touch in communication.

- A) Body posture
- B) Eye contact
- C) Paralanguage
- D) Haptics

32. Which interpersonal skill is MOST important when solving a conflict?

- A) Dominating the conversation.
- B) Empathy and impartiality
- C) Avoiding the conflict
- D) Taking sides quickly

33. If the Defence Minister is advocated by the Defence secretary to solve the problem connecting to the Military services based on some general principles, then he is offering this solution based on:

- A) Inductive reasoning
- B) Deductive reasoning
- C) Case studies
- D) None of these

34. Which of the following best illustrates **semantic noise**?

- A) Static in a telephone line
- B) Misunderstanding caused by unfamiliar words or jargon
- C) Poor handwriting in a letter
- D) Interruptions during a speech

35. Empathy in interpersonal communication involves:

- I. Understanding others' feelings.
- II. Judging others' perspectives.
- III. Responding sensitively to emotions.
- IV. Ignoring personal biases to remain objective.

Select the correct answer by using the code:

- A) I, II, and IV only
- B) I and III only
- C) II and IV only
- D) I and IV only

36. A district hospital is facing an acute shortage of essential vaccines. An influential politician's family member demands priority access, while rural health workers are requesting the limited doses for tribal children who are more vulnerable and underserved.

As the District Health Officer, what would be the most appropriate and ethical course of action?

- A) Prioritize the politician's request to avoid political backlash and maintain administrative cooperation.
- B) Distribute the vaccines strictly on a first-come, first-served basis.
- C) Allocate the available doses based on medical vulnerability and equity in public health outreach.
- D) Delay the decision and request additional vaccine supplies before making any distribution.

37. A major religious procession is planned in a communally sensitive area that has previously witnessed clashes over route disputes and loudspeaker use. This year, the event coincides with a large political rally nearby. Intelligence reports warn of possible flare-ups if provocative speeches or chants occur. Religious groups, however, insist on conducting full traditional celebrations without any restrictions.

As the senior district official responsible for maintaining law and order, what would be the most balanced course of action?

- A) Allow the procession as requested to avoid offending religious sentiments, but increase police deployment
- B) Cancel the political rally citing security risk and allow the festival with conditions
- C) Restrict both events equally and arrange alternate routes and time slots in consultation with leaders
- D) Allow only the religious event to continue as it holds traditional significance

38. You are a police officer on duty at a highway checkpoint when a minister's car is stopped for routine inspection. At the same time, you receive information that a child has gone missing nearby and immediate action is required. Your senior officer instructs you to prioritize escorting the minister instead of responding to the missing child report.

In this situation, what should you do?

- A) Obey your senior's instruction and escort the minister.
 - B) Argue with your senior about the urgency of the child's case.
 - C) Immediately deploy your team to search for the missing child while respectfully informing your senior about the situation.
 - D) Ignore the missing child case and follow your superior's order completely.
39. A local MLA has organized an unauthorized road blockade demanding compensation for farmers. The protest has drawn a large crowd, blocking a national highway and disrupting public traffic. The situation is tense and politically sensitive.

As the District Magistrate (DM) or Superintendent of Police (SP), what should be your most appropriate course of action?

- A) Engage the MLA diplomatically to persuade withdrawal of the blockade, while preparing for legal action and arranging alternate routes for commuters.
 - B) Allow the protest to continue since it involves political sensitivities.
 - C) Arrest the MLA immediately to restore order.
 - D) Seek written approval from the Chief Minister before taking any action.
40. In a city, a surge in vector-borne diseases coincides with increased garbage accumulation due to an ongoing strike by sanitation workers. The municipal corporation faces public criticism and rising patient admissions.

As the Municipal Health Officer, what should be your priority action?

- A) Publicly blame sanitation workers to pressure them to end the strike.
- B) Coordinate emergency waste disposal with private contractors while negotiating with workers.
- C) Deploy health camps only, ignoring sanitation until the strike ends.
- D) Wait for municipal leadership to resolve the strike before taking any action.

41. While evaluating bids for a government project, one of the participants privately offers you a "small favour" in exchange for favourable consideration, claiming that "such practices are normal everywhere."

What would be the most ethical course of action?

- A) Politely decline the offer and ignore the incident
- B) Reject the offer and immediately report the attempt to higher authorities
- C) Accept the offer but ensure that the selection process remains fair
- D) Delay the decision to avoid confrontation

42. A destitute widow has illegally occupied a piece of government land to build a small hut. An eviction notice is due for execution.

What is the most appropriate course of action?

- A) Evict her immediately as per legal provisions
- B) Provide temporary shelter under welfare schemes and initiate legal regularization if permissible
- C) Allow her to stay, ignoring the legal provisions
- D) Delay the eviction indefinitely to avoid public criticism

43. As the District Education Officer, you receive credible information that some teachers in remote schools are marking attendance for their absent colleagues. These teachers are locally influential and popular in the community.

What would be the most appropriate and ethical course of action?

- A) Ignore the issue since teaching activities are continuing
- B) Privately warn the teachers to correct their behaviour
- C) Conduct surprise inspections, collect evidence, and initiate disciplinary action as per rules
- D) Transfer the concerned teachers quietly without any formal inquiry

44. Consider the following statements:

Statement 1: All graduates are teachers.

Statement 2: All ministers must be politicians.

Statement 3: No politician is a graduate.

Which of the following conclusions can be logically drawn from the above statements?

- A) Some teachers are graduates.
- B) All teachers are loyal.
- C) Some teachers are ministers.
- D) No conclusion can be drawn.

45. Consider the following statements:

Statement 1: All scholars are microbiologists.

Statement 2: Some microbiologists are scientists.

Conclusions:

- a. All scholars are scientists.
- b. Some scholars are scientists.
- c. Some scientists are microbiologists.
- d. Some microbiologists are scholars.

Which of the conclusions logically follow from the above statements?

- A) All of the four
- B) c and d only
- C) c only
- D) None of the four

46. The following question consists of six statements a, b, c, d, e, and f followed by four groups of three statements each. Identify the group or groups in which the third statement logically follows from the first two statements.

Statements:

- a. Every car is a bus
- b. Some buses are trains
- c. Several trains are not buses
- d. A lot of cars are not trains
- e. Many cars are trains
- f. No car is a train

Options:

- A) a e c
- B) a e b
- C) a d f
- D) a d c

47. If (i). $84 \div 21 = 9$; (ii). $56 \div 32 = 6$
(iii). $37 \div 41 = 5$

The above operations are done using some logic,

Using same logic find number replaces '?' in the following:

$$87 \div 15 = ?$$

Options:

- A) 0
- B) 9
- C) 7
- D) 3

48. Arrange the following words in dictionary order:

- I. Resume
- II. Reside
- III. Resist
- IV. Resolution

Options:

- A) II, IV, I, III
- B) IV, II, I, III
- C) II, I, IV, III
- D) II, III, IV, I

49. Four pairs of words are given below. In three of these pairs, the words bear a similar relationship. Identify the pair in which the relationship is different from the others.

Options:

- A) Cooker: Rice
- B) Cloth: Garments
- C) Leather: Footwear
- D) Clay: Earthen pots

50. Find the pair that exhibits the same relationship as the one given below:

Horse: Stable :: ?

Options:

- A) Cat : Kitten
- B) House : Dog
- C) Cow : Barn
- D) Lion : Forest

51. The following table shows the number of students in five different classes of a school:

Class	Students
A	50
B	60
C	70
D	80
E	90

What is the percentage of students in Class C with respect to the total number of students in all five classes?

- A) 15%
- B) 20%
- C) 25%
- D) 30%

52. Find the pair that exhibits the same relationship as the one given below:

840 : 735 :: 630 : ?

Options:

- A) 540
- B) 525
- C) 420
- D) 740

53. Introducing Madhan, a woman said, "His wife is the only daughter of my mother". How is Madhan related to the woman?

Options:

- A) Husband
- B) Brother
- C) Grand father
- D) Son

54. This morning five employees arrived at the office. The following information is known:

P entered before Q, but after R.

S entered before T, but after Q.

In what order did they enter the office?

Options:

- A) TSPQR
- B) RPQST
- C) RQPST
- D) PQRST

55. Find the figure that correctly represents the water image of the given figure from the options provided below.

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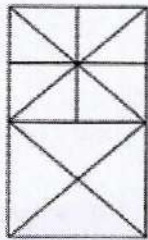


Options:

- A) **LETKEM**
- B) **WVBKEL**
- C) **WABKEL**
- D) **TEJYAM**

56. How many triangles can be identified in the given figure?

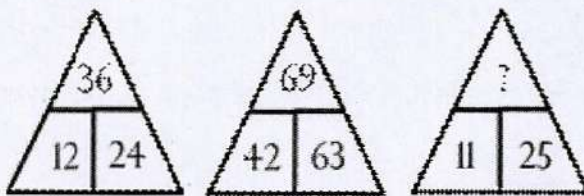
Question figure:



Options:

- A) 24
 - B) 29
 - C) 21
 - D) 26
57. In the given figures, the number at the top is obtained by applying a certain logic to the numbers at the bottom. Using the same logic, find the number that should replace the question mark.

Question figure:



Options:

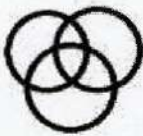

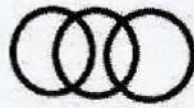
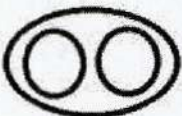
- A) 36
 - B) 0
 - C) 14
 - D) 27
58. Select the set in which the relationship among the three numbers is the same as that in the given set (5, 12, 13).
- A) (3, 10, 14)
 - B) (7, 26, 28)
 - C) (3, 4, 5)
 - D) (9, 10, 12)

59. Three of the following four letter clusters follow a similar pattern, while one does not. Identify the letter cluster that is different from the rest.

- A) ACEG
- B) EGIK
- C) MOQT
- D) IKMO

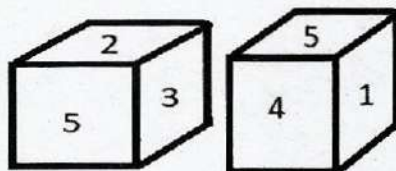
60. Which of the following Venn diagrams best represents the relationship among Teachers, Men, and Women?

Options:

- A) 
- B) 
- C) 
- D) 

61. Two different positions of the same dice are shown below. If the number 6 is on the bottom face, then which number will appear on the top face?

Question figure:

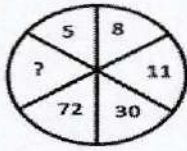


Options:

- A) 3
- B) 1
- C) 2
- D) 5

62. Find the missing number:

Question figure:



Options:

- A) 100
B) 121
C) 132
D) 99
63. The table below shows the number of students (in hundreds) enrolled in five different colleges over four years.

College	2020	2021	2022	2023
A	12	15	18	21
B	10	12	15	20
C	08	10	12	14
D	15	18	22	25
E	09	11	13	16

In 2023, if 60% of the students in College D and 50% of those in College E were female students, what was the total number of male students (in hundreds) in these two colleges in 2023?

- A) 18.0
B) 20.5
C) 22.5
D) 23.0
64. Find the next number in the given series:
43, 53, 61, 71, 79, 89, _?
- A) 101
B) 98
C) 99
D) 103
65. Find the next number in the given series:
2, 1, 24, 6, 720, 120, 40320, -?
- A) 8160
B) 56740
C) 64280
D) 5040

66. Chandru is the brother of Bhanu and Divakar is the grandfather of Evan. Bhanu is the daughter-in-law of Divakar and Ajay is the father of Evan. **How is Chandru related to Evan?**

- A) Paternal Aunt
- B) Maternal Uncle
- C) More than one of the above
- D) None of the above

67. Six members, Princess, Queen, Raj, Subash, Tarik and Umra, are related as follows: Tarik is the brother of Princess's husband. Umra is the mother of Tarik. Queen is the daughter of Subash and Princess, and the granddaughter of Raj.

On the basis of the above information, how is Raj related to Tarik?

- A) Father
- B) Son
- C) Brother
- D) Uncle

68. S, A, T, Y, B and M are sitting in a row. A and B are at the ends. S and T are in the center. M is sitting to the left of A.

Who is to the right of Y?

- A) A
- B) T
- C) S
- D) Data insufficient

69. Aarav, Bala, Chandini, Devi, and Esther are sitting on a bench. Aarav is sitting next to Bala, while Chandini is sitting next to Devi. Devi is not sitting with Esther, who occupies the left end of the bench. Chandini is positioned second from the right. Aarav is seated to the right of both Bala and Esther, and he is also sitting next to Chandini.

Based on this information, at which position is Aarav sitting?

- A) Between Bala and Devi
- B) Between Bala and Chandini
- C) Between Esther and Devi
- D) Between Chandini and Esther

70. A cube is painted blue on all its faces and then cut into 216 equal smaller cubes of identical size.

How many of these smaller cubes have exactly one face painted blue?

- A) 36
 - B) 72
 - C) 100
 - D) 96
71. What are the maximum possible number of pieces that can be cut from a large cube, by doing only 15 cuts?
- A) 216
 - B) 125
 - C) 225
 - D) 150
72. In a class of 150 students, the number of girls is two-thirds the number of boys. Gowri is ranked 60th from the top, and there are 20 girls ahead of her in rank.
- How many boys are ranked below Gowri?**
- A) 60
 - B) 39
 - C) 51
 - D) 59
73. Rajam starts driving from her friend's house 13 km towards the south, then she turns right and drove 10 km, and then she turned left and drove 7 km. She finally turns left and drove 25 km to reach beach. What is the shortest distance between her friend's house and the beach?
- A) 28 km
 - B) 25 km
 - C) 21 km
 - D) 27 km

74. The reflex angle between the hands of a clock at 9.55 is:

- A) 313.5°
- B) 327.5°
- C) 330°
- D) 325°

75. Select the pair that best expresses a relationship similar to the one expressed in the given pair:

Cockpit: Pilot :: Bridge : ?

Choose the correct answer:

- A) Teacher
- B) Sailor
- C) Captain
- D) Driver

76. Find the correct logic from the given equations and, based on the same logic, solve the following:

If $5 \odot 4 = 41$, $7 \odot 2 = 53$, $11 \odot 3 = 130$, then what is the value of $8 \odot 5$?

Choose the correct answer:

- A) 78
- B) 63
- C) 56
- D) 89

77. If '+' means '-', '-' means '×', '÷' means '+', and '×' means '÷', then what will be the value of the following expression?

$$21 \times 7 \div 4 - 5 + 3 = ?$$

Choose the correct answer:

- A) 56
- B) 20
- C) 32
- D) 144

78. Which one of the following numbers must be subtracted from 5340 to obtain a perfect square?
- A) 14
 - B) 11
 - C) 12
 - D) 18
79. What is the remainder when 987654321 is divided by 99?
- A) 0
 - B) 26
 - C) 32
 - D) 27
80. How many positive integers less than 20 are coprime to 20?
- A) 10
 - B) 11
 - C) 8
 - D) 7
81. The sum of the cubes of first 'n' natural numbers is 784.
What is the square of the sum of those 'n' numbers?
- A) 841
 - B) 900
 - C) 784
 - D) 625
82. In a 30-day month beginning with a Sunday, a museum records an average of 720 visitors on Sundays, and the number of visitors on each of the other days is half of that number.
What is the average number of visitors per day during the month?
- A) 420
 - B) 408
 - C) 540
 - D) 520

83. While entering the test marks of a class, Arun's marks were entered as 98 instead of 68. As a result, the average marks of the class increased by 0.5.

What is the number of pupils in the class?

- A) 10
- B) 20
- C) 60
- D) 73

84. The average monthly income of A and B is Rs.4320, that of B and C is Rs.5280, and that of A and C is Rs.6020.

What is the monthly income of A?

- A) 3410
- B) 5060
- C) 4050
- D) 6160

85. What is the remainder when $53^{147} - 27^{147}$ is divided by 26?

- A) 0
- B) 25
- C) 1
- D) 2

86. In how many different ways can 840 be expressed as a product of two positive factors?

- A) 20
- B) 16
- C) 10
- D) 12

87. What is the largest possible decimal number that can be written explicitly using standard roman numeral symbols?
- A) 3000
 - B) 3999
 - C) 1000
 - D) 2999
88. In a school, there are three sections A, B, and C having 120, 144, and 192 students respectively. These students are to be divided into groups of equal strength, such that each group consists of students from only one section.
- What is the least possible number of groups that can be formed?
- A) 24
 - B) 48
 - C) 19
 - D) 23
89. The sides of a right-angled triangular park are in the ratio 5: 12: 13. If the sum of all sides is 120 meters.
- What is the area of the park?
- A) 520 m^2
 - B) 480 m^2
 - C) 120 m^2
 - D) 360 m^2
90. Three fair dice are thrown simultaneously. What is the probability that the sum of the numbers obtained on the three dice is 16?
- A) $\frac{1}{36}$
 - B) $\frac{5}{216}$
 - C) $\frac{1}{54}$
 - D) $\frac{1}{72}$

91. A question paper consists of four questions, each having two possible answers, YES or NO.
In how many different ways can a student answer at least one question?
- A) 81
B) 16
C) 15
D) 80
92. If $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + x^3 = 441$,
Find the value of x :
- A) 21
B) 6
C) 20
D) 7
93. The perimeter of a rectangle is 68 cm, and its diagonal measures 26 cm. What is the area of the rectangle?
- A) 480
B) 676
C) 240
D) 560
94. In a 10 km marathon race, A beats B by 1000 meters, and B beats C by 1250 meters. By how many meters does A beat C in the same race?
- A) 2125 m
B) 1250 m
C) 2250 m
D) 2150 m
95. The speed of a boat in upstream is 52 km/h, while its downstream speed is $50/3$ m/s.
What is the speed of the stream?
- A) 56 km/h
B) 8 km/h
C) 40 km/h
D) 4 km/h

96. A man travels 48 km at a speed of 12 km/h, 72 km at a speed of 18 km/h and 120 km at a speed of 10 km/h.
What is his average speed for the entire journey?
- A) $12 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$
B) $10 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$
C) $18 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$
D) $16 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$
97. Twenty workers can complete a piece of work in 80 days. They worked together for 56 days, and then work stopped for 16 days due to bad weather. How many more men should be employed immediately after the stoppage so that the work is still completed within the original 80 days?
- A) 60 men
B) 40 men
C) 0 men
D) 56 men
98. A certain sum of money becomes 8 times itself in 15 years at compound interest. In how many years will it become 16 times itself at the same rate of interest?
- A) 20 years
B) 30 years
C) 25 years
D) 28 years
99. Find the simple interest due on Rs. 12500 for 219 days at 10% per annum.
- A) Rs. 1125
B) Rs. 960
C) Rs. 900
D) Rs. 750
100. Two vessels contain mixtures of liquids A and B in the ratios 7: 3 and 4: 1 respectively. If equal quantities of these two mixtures are mixed together in a third vessel, what will be the resulting ratio of liquid A to liquid B?
- A) 2:1
B) 3:1
C) 5:1
D) 4:1