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Directions for the following 5 (Five) items: Read the following 2 Passages and answer the items that follow. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

### PASSAGE 1

Due to the fall, the original relationship that Adam and Eve enjoyed with God was severed by sin. This affected the entire human race, corrupting the heart, mind, and will of every person born. Thus, people's natural actions and affections, whether viewed by man as bad or good, are never pleasing to God.

1. Which of the following **conclusions** can most properly drawn from the information above?
  - (a) Humanity is totally depraved
  - (b) People are as evil as they possibly could be
  - (c) People still make good choices from a human perspective
  - (d) Bad behaviour of few people can't generalised to whole humanity
2. Which among the following is the **most logical corollary** to the above passage?
  - (a) Moral lessons should be taught to students at elementary level
  - (b) There is a degradation of moral standards in society at large
  - (c) Fall of Adam and Eve is the reason behind human depravity
  - (d) No matter how good they may be, people never gain favour with God

### PASSAGE 2

Banking is an important sector for the country and economic growth rests largely on this industry. Employees work in a high-risk situation because they handle public money and work in an uneven playing field. The demand for 25 per cent raise, in the present economic scenario, where salaried employees are the worst affected in any given situation, is justified. The call for a strike is given in a desperate situation when all other conciliatory approaches have failed.

3. Which among the following is the **most logical and rational assumption** that can be made from the above passage?
  - (a) Call for a strike increases the possibility of meeting their demand for hike in wages
  - (b) NBFC functions more efficient than formal banking industry
  - (c) NPA is a looming crisis in banking industry
  - (d) Employees are forced to take desperate measures such as strike
4. Which of the following, if true, most seriously strengthens the argument above?
  - (a) Others sectors of economy are not given increment in wages
  - (b) Wage revision is due by more than two years
  - (c) Bank industry is not earning enough profits to give hike in wages
  - (d) Finance ministry will pitch in to solve the issue between bank management and bank employees



5. Which of the following, if true, most seriously weakens the argument above?
- (a) Customers have been intimidated about the strike in advance
  - (b) Private sector bank employees are given wage revision
  - (c) Bank employees are losing their wages for every day of their strike
  - (d) Strikes should not disrupt normal public life
6. A fruit seller had some Apples. He sells 30% Apples and still has 140 Apples. Originally, he had:
- (a) 288 Apples
  - (b) 300 Apples
  - (c) 672 Apples
  - (d) 200 Apples
7. In PQR College, 63% of students are less than 20 years of age. The number of students more than 20 years of age is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of number of students of 20 years of age which is 42. What is the total number of students in the PQR College?
- (a) 75
  - (b) 90
  - (c) 130
  - (d) 200
8. The total population of a Town increased from 18,000 to 22,500 in a decade. The average percentage increase of population per year of that Town is:
- (a) 2.37%
  - (b) 2.5%
  - (c) 3.6%
  - (d) 6.75%
9. By selling an article for Rs 600 more, Kumar would have made 5% profit on his sale instead of a 11% loss. What was his cost price?
- (a) Rs. 3750
  - (b) Rs. 4000
  - (c) Rs. 2250
  - (d) Rs. 6,000
10. Arthi made a profit of 25% when selling a Dress at Rs. 4,000. Find the cost price of the same dress.
- (a) Rs. 4,800
  - (b) Rs. 3,650
  - (c) Rs. 3,200
  - (d) Rs. 3,000
- Directions (11-15):* Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:
- In a college canteen, twelve students are sitting in two parallel lines in such a way that there are six students in each row at equidistance. G, H, I, J, K and L are sitting in row-1 and they face towards east. M, N, O, X, Y and Z are sitting in row-2 and they face towards the west. One student of one row faces the other student of the other row. M, who is sitting at one of the ends of the row, is second to the right of Y. G does not face M or Y. G is third to the left of L. There are two students between N and Z. There is only one student between I and J. I and J do not face M. H is the neighbour of I. X, who does not face J, is not the neighbour of N.
11. Who among the following faces L?
- (a) N
  - (b) Y
  - (c) X



- (d) Z
12. How many students are sitting between K and I?
- (a) One  
(b) Two  
(c) Three  
(d) Four
13. K is related to O in the same way as H is related to X. On this pattern L is related to
- (a) Z  
(b) M  
(c) Y  
(d) N
14. Which of the following statements is true about H?
- (a) N is not the neighbour of that student who faces H  
(b) I is not the immediate neighbour of H  
(c) K is second to the right of H  
(d) Y faces H
15. Who is sitting at the ends of the row?
- (a) M, Z  
(b) L, G  
(c) J, K  
(d) M, X

*Directions for the following 5 (Five) items:* Read the following 3 Passages and answer the items that follow. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

**PASSAGE 1**

The dollar index, which measures its value against other currencies, recently reached a four-year high. Policymakers in Beijing, Moscow and elsewhere who railed against the dollar-dominated global finance system as detrimental to world stability and vowed to find a replacement, show little real interest in dumping it. The amount of U.S. Treasury securities held in China stands at \$1.27 trillion, 75% more than in 2008.

16. When author says “Policymakers show little real interest in dumping it”, which among the following is the **most logical inference**?
- (a) convincing World Bank about drawbacks of dollar is not possible  
(b) finding replacement to dollar for global finance system is difficult  
(c) getting benefitted by higher dollar index in their trade with U.S.  
(d) None of the above
17. Which of the following, if true, raises the most serious doubt regarding the effectiveness of the dollar to increase American economic activity?
- (a) How long the dollar’s run lasts depend on the health of the global economy  
(b) No other currency has emerged to truly rival the dollar  
(c) A stronger dollar makes imported goods and foreign travel cheaper for many Americans



- (d) A stronger dollar makes U.S. exports more expensive abroad, so it can dent corporate profits

### PASSAGE 2

A consumer is confronted with product information served to her via websites, blogs, social sites, price comparison sites, product comparison sites, mobile platforms and from her friends down the street. She is no longer learning about a product from just a print or a TV commercial before she decides her brand choice.

18. Which among the following is the **most logical assumption** that can be made from the above passage?
- (a) Wealth of information available to consumers is increasing rapidly
  - (b) Consumers collect product information before they make purchases
  - (c) Marketers supply consumers with desired product information
  - (d) Product information is not always trusted by consumers

### PASSAGE 3

Ground water is depleting fast as land owners extract unlimited quantity of water for agriculture. A government agency recently suggested a technological solution to improve efficiency of irrigation through subsidised drip irrigation. The agency expects that subsidies will encourage land owners to switch to drip irrigation, thereby saving a lot of water for future use.

19. With reference to the above passage, which of the following is the **most valid assumption**?

- (a) A committee should be constituted to examine the reason behind fast depletion of ground water
- (b) Agriculture is the only sector that uses more water than any other sector
- (c) Water harvesting system should be established in each house
- (d) Efficient irrigation system can stem the depletion of groundwater

20. Which of the following, if true, would expose the flaw in the argument?

- (a) Without understanding how much water is available there is no point in encouraging drip irrigation
- (b) With subsidies available, farmers increase their irrigation area with no decrease in water extracted
- (c) Since 'new water' cannot be created, any effort to save water by token measures like encouraging drip irrigation doesn't yield any results
- (d) Any subsidy is utilised only by rich farmers, so providing subsidies is not going to improve the situation

21. The ratio of the present ages of Preethi and her mother is 3: 7. The mother's age at the time of Preethi's birth was 48 years. Find the mother's present age.

- (a) 84 yrs
- (b) 42 yrs
- (c) 36 yrs
- (d) None of these



22. A piece of Rod 70 cm in length was cut into pieces, the ratio of whose lengths was 3: 7. Find the length of longest piece.
- (a) 21 cm  
(b) 70 cm  
(c) 49 cm  
(d) 7cm
23. P can do a piece of work in 10 days, and Q can do the same work in 20 days. With the help of R, they finished the work in 4 days. R can do the work in how many days, working alone?
- (a) 10 Days  
(b) 20 Days  
(c) 30 Days  
(d) 40 Days
24. P can do a piece of work in 9 days and Q in 18 days. They begin together, but P goes away three days before the work is finished. The work lasts for
- (a) 6 Days  
(b) 8 Days  
(c) 12 Days  
(d) 10 Days
25. The length and breadth of rectangle Play Ground is 56m and 44 m respectively. If a concrete path of width 4 m is made outside and along the length & breadth of rectangle. Find the area of concrete path.
- (a) 864 metre<sup>2</sup>  
(b) 432 metre<sup>2</sup>  
(c) 216 metre<sup>2</sup>  
(d) 108 metre<sup>2</sup>
26. A girl leaves from her home. She first walks 30 meters in North-West direction and then 30 meters in South-West direction. Next, she walks 30 meters in South-East direction. Finally, she turns towards her home. In which direction is she moving?
- (a) North-East  
(b) North-West  
(c) South-East  
(d) South-West
27. If  $P + Q$  means P is the husband of Q.  $P \div Q$  means P is the sister of Q and  $P \times Q$  means P is the son of Q, which of the following show A is the daughter of B?
- (a)  $C \times B \div A$   
(b)  $B \div C \times B$   
(c)  $D \times B + C \div A$   
(d)  $A \div D \times B$
28. If all the letters in the words are arranged in reverse alphabetical order and then after all the words are arranged in alphabetical order from left to right, then which of the following word is 2nd from the right end thus formed?
- (a) PLG  
(b) UND  
(c) TNK  
(d) NIC
29. In a group, there were 115 people whose proofs of identity were being verified. Some had passport, some had voter id and some had both. If 65 had passport and 30 had both, how many had voter id only and not passport?
- (a) 30  
(b) 50  
(c) 80



(d) None of the above

30. Choose the best option which fills the blanks to make some logic.

uvwxyuv\_\_au\_\_a\_\_a\_\_

(a) aaaaa

(b) uvaaw

(c) uvaaa

(d) waaaa

*Directions for the following 5 (Five) items:* Read the following 1 Passage and answer the items that follow. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

### PASSAGE 1

History is an account of events that have happened in the past. It is about the real people and the real things. It does not deal with mere ideas and ideals or what should have been. On the other hand, it is a study of what has been. History does not deal with individuals alone. It is concerned with nations and societies. It is not limited to kings and queens, but all human beings. It includes all men and women, rich and poor irrespective of their background in terms of religion, caste etc. The study of History helps us to know our roots, strengths and achievements and gives us a sense of pride as well as direction. What we call progress would be non-existent if we do not have proper knowledge and understanding of our past. There is a general belief that history deals with the past, which we think is dead. In reality, our past has important lessons for the present and the future. History records this legacy that has an important bearing on our lives. In essence, history relates the story of cooperative actions of a large number of men and women in their quest for a better life. But not everything is recorded and everything recorded is not recorded in writing. What is not recorded in

writing is called Prehistory. You will be surprised to know that the period of prehistory is much longer than the recorded time, which we term as history. So to reconstruct the life of prehistoric humans, historians and anthropologists study tools, weapons, ornaments, cave dwellings and cave paintings made by our ancestors. History refers to that period of human evolution for which written records are available. Such writings are found on rocks, pillars, copper plates and more recently paper.

31. Which of the following statement(s) are being disputed by the author in the above given passage?

1. History is only about past
  2. History is about the real people and the real things
  3. History is not a study of what has been but what has been perceived to be
  4. History does not deal with all human beings
- Choose from the options given below

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 and 4 only

(c) 3 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

32. "There is a general belief that history deals with the past, which we think is dead". What does this imply?

- (a) In reality, our past has important lessons for the present and the future
- (b) History records this legacy that has an important bearing on our lives
- (c) History relates the story of cooperative actions of a large number of men and women in their quest for a better life
- (d) Not everything is recorded in history but everything not recorded also is important



33. What link does the author draw between records and history?
- (a) But not everything is recorded and everything recorded is not recorded in writing
  - (b) What is not recorded in writing is called Prehistory
  - (c) The period of prehistory is much longer than the recorded time, which we term as history
  - (d) History refers to that period of human evolution for which written records are available
34. Which of the following observations is/are consistent with the passage?
1. The study of History gives us a sense of direction
  2. The only progress of society is past progress
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2
35. What is the main purpose of this passage?
- (a) To redefine conceptions of history
  - (b) To point out the difference between history and prehistory
  - (c) To highlight the significance of history
  - (d) To analyse the relation between history and progress
36. The length of a Play Ground is thrice its breadth. A playground measuring 180 sq. m occupies  $\frac{1}{15}$ th of the total area of the Play Ground. The length of the Play Ground is
- (a) 60 m
  - (b) 30 m
  - (c) 40 m
  - (d) 90 m
37. The average salary of 30 officers in a Company is Rs.120 and the average salary of laborers is Rs. 40. Find the total number of laborers if the average salary of the Company is Rs. 50.
- (a) Rs. 180
  - (b) Rs. 420
  - (c) Rs. 240
  - (d) Rs. 210
38. For 9 innings, Arjun has a certain run rate. In the tenth inning, he scores 100 runs, thereby increasing his run rate by 8 runs. What is his new run rate?
- (a) Rs. 22
  - (b) Rs. 26
  - (c) Rs. 28
  - (d) Rs. 32
39. A Bus without stoppages travels at the rate of 50 km per hour and with stoppages travels at the rate of 45 km an hour. How many minutes does the Bus stop on an average per hour?
- (a) 6 min
  - (b) 10 min
  - (c) 5 min
  - (d) 8 min
40. A Bus during its journey travels 30 minutes at a speed of 40 km/hr, another 45 minutes at a speed of 60 km/hr and 2 hours at a speed of 70 km/hr. Find its average speed (approximately).
- (a) 50 km/hr
  - (b) 63 km/hr
  - (c) 55.5 km/hr





(d) 48 km/hr

41. How many 9's are followed by and preceded by numbers divisible by 2?

8 9 6 5 3 5 9 6 8 3 4 9 6 5 2 6 9 7 3 7 2 9 4 1

3 7 9 4 1 7 3 4 9 8 4 5 3 9 7 6 1 5 3 1 9 5 7 4

2 9 6 8 5 3 2 9 5 7 4 8 9 4 5 1

(a) 12

(b) 6

(c) 8

(d) 10

42. In a class, there are 40 students. Some of them passed the examinations and others failed. Raman's rank among the student who have passed is 13<sup>th</sup> from top and 17<sup>th</sup> from bottom. How many students have failed?

(a) 11

(b) 10

(c) 9

(d) Cannot be determined

43. 8, 24, 12, ?, 18, 54

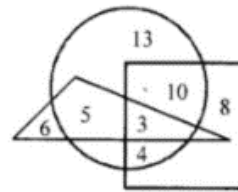
(a) 28

(b) 36

(c) 46

(d) 38

44. In the above diagram, square represents women, triangle represent the sub-inspectors of police and circle represents the graduates. Which numbered area represents women graduate sub-inspectors of police?



(a) 5

(b) 3

(c) 8

(d) 13

45. A statement is given followed by two assumptions, (1) and (2). You have to consider the statement to be true, even if it seems to be at variance from commonly known facts. You are to decide which of the given assumptions can definitely be drawn from the given statement. Indicate your answer.

**Statement:** Theoretical education does not bring in economic advancement and it leads to a steady loss of confidence and money in the country.

**Assumptions:**

(1) There is close relationship between development of confidence and economic development

(2) Theoretical education makes priceless contribution for development of confidence.

(a) Only 1 is implicit

(b) Only 2 is implicit

(c) Both 1 and 2 are implicit

(d) Both 1 and 2 are not implicit

Directions for the following 6 (Six) items: Read the following 4 Passages and answer the items that



follow. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

### PASSAGE 1

Native to Southeast Asia, Burmese pythons began appearing regularly in Florida more than 15 years ago. It's likely that pythons brought in as pets had either escaped or were released into the wild, and then—like so many retirees before them—fell in love with the Sunshine State's tropical climate. Today there are as many as 100,000 Burmese pythons living amid the wetlands of South Florida, though no one really knows. Pythons can disappear when they want to, which is most of the time. Yet scientists have linked a drastic decline in small mammals in Florida to the pythons. Removing a huge portion of all the mammals from Florida is going to have a dramatic impact on the ecosystem.

46. Which is the **critical inference** that can be made from the above passage?
- (a) The Burmese python is not a native of Florida
  - (b) Burmese pythons threaten to disrupt Florida's ecosystem
  - (c) No one knows how many Burmese there pythons are in Florida
  - (d) There is a significant plant to suppress the python population in Florida

### PASSAGE 2

A borrower's debt-to-income ratio is one of the most critical factors in the loan review process because it helps determine an individual's ability to repay. It is calculated by totalling the borrower's monthly debt obligations and dividing that number by gross monthly income. The debt figure includes monthly payments on any outstanding loans, credit card balances, and child support obligations, as well as the proposed mortgage payment and associated

housing expenses, such as maintenance fees, real estate taxes and property insurance. Technically, a ratio of 43% is the ceiling for a 'qualified mortgage.' So, lenders should reject borrowers with higher debt ratios.

47. Which among the following is the **most logical and rational assumption** that can be made from the above passage?
- (a) Debt-to-income ratio is one of the most fundamental ratio to be considered before investing in a company
  - (b) Lender should consider only the CIBIL score to assess repaying capacity of the borrower
  - (c) Lender should exercise discretion before sanctioning any loan
  - (d) From lender's point of view, debt-to-income ratio is a reliable indicator to assess borrower's repaying capacity
48. Which of the following, if true, weakens the argument?
- (a) There are many borrowers who can make higher down payment while borrowing
  - (b) Friends and relatives often help borrowers with down payment
  - (c) Utility expenses keep increasing as inflation rises
  - (d) Higher debt can be compensated for by future salary hikes or increased profits from business

### PASSAGE 3

Microfinance firms are eyeing an improvement in their cost of funds with bank credit becoming cheaper following a base rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India last month. Micro lenders primarily



source their credit from banks and then lend it to people in the rural areas. With the base rate cuts announced by the RBI, the interest rates charged by microfinance are expected to come down.

49. Which among the following is the **most logical and rational inference** that can be made from the above passage?

- (a) Banks usually reduce their interest rate whenever RBI announces cut in base rate
- (b) RBI announces reduction in base rate whenever inflation spikes
- (c) RBI reduces or increases base rate after taking stock of total cash flow in the economy
- (d) Microfinance firms need not follow the footsteps of RBI announcement

#### PASSAGE 4

Yoga, both as a philosophy and a practice, has outlasted most ancient-schools of thought. For some, yoga is yet another school of thought based on the Vedas, but for the layman, it is a universal practice. Yoga has many definitions. It means a “link”, a state where one is totally and completely absorbed. It has been defined as action without any motivation; it is also a state of equanimity.

Patanjali, who is responsible for compiling the teachings of yoga from different sources into a compact text called the Yoga Sutra, defined yoga as the ability to direct the mind on to a chosen path and then experience the state totally and accurately. When this ability is realised, then there is also an awareness and a blossoming of one’s potential. The practice that leads to this experience is called yoga practice. The purpose of this practice, therefore, is to remove all obstacles that

prevent us from perceiving our greatest potential. This is why the yoga discipline includes breathing and body exercises and an examination of both mental attitudes and human relationships—in fact, it includes everything that will help in the growth of an individual. Since all these practices are wholesome, there is a greater awareness of our strengths and weaknesses. This leads us to look at the many aspects of our life and we gradually become aware of the fact that the solution to our physical and mental shortcomings lies within us. This is the essence of yoga’s contribution to the healing process.

50. The best definition of yoga that we can draw from the passage is that yoga

- (a) Is an ancient philosophy followed by old schools of thought
- (b) Is a condition of evenness of mind and temper
- (c) Is a state of action and absorption
- (d) Is a practice to get an awareness of our physical and mental shortcomings

51. The purpose of yoga practice is

- (a) To help the perfect growth of an individual to realise his potential
- (b) To discipline the body by breathing and through body exercises
- (c) To make the individual aware of his strengths and weaknesses
- (d) To remove all the hindrances in the way of realising one’s full potential



52. A sum of money, at compound interest rate amounts to eight times of itself in 3 years. In how many years will it be 512 times of itself?

- (a) 28 Year
- (b) 24 Year
- (c) 9 Year
- (d) 16 Year

53. Pipe P and Q running together can fill a cistern in 6 minutes. If P takes 5 minutes less than Q to fill the cistern, then the time in which Q alone can fill the cistern will be

- (a) 15 min
- (b) 10 min
- (c) 30 min
- (d) 25 min

54. Three candidates, X, Y & Z contested an election and received 1800, 3300 and votes 3900 respectively. What percent of the total votes did X get?

- (a) 20%
- (b) 40%
- (c) 45%
- (d) 70%

55. P started a business investing Rs. 90000. After 3 months, Q joined him with a capital of Rs. 120000. After another 6 months, R joined them with a capital of Rs. 180000. At the end of the year, they made a profit of Rs. 40000. What would be R's share in it?

- (a) Rs. 7000
- (b) Rs. 6000
- (c) Rs. 5000

(d) Rs. 8000

56. Rs.1400 is divided among P, Q and R so that P receives half as much as Q and Q half as much as R. Then R's share is:

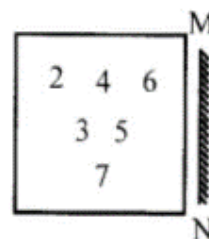
- (a) Rs. 200
- (b) Rs. 300
- (c) Rs. 800
- (d) Rs. 600

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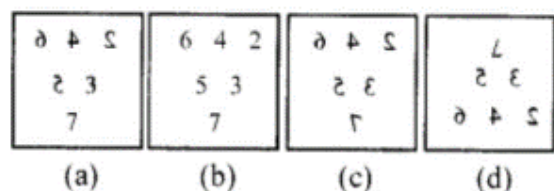
13	54	?
7	45	31
27	144	68

- (a) 44
- (b) 6
- (c) 14
- (d) 4

58. Which of the answer figures is exactly the mirror image of the given pattern of numbers when the mirror is held at MN.

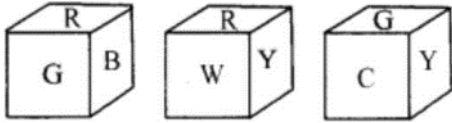


**Answer Figures :**





59. Three position of a cube are shown below. What will come opposite to face containing 'R'?



- (a) Y  
(b) G  
(c) W  
(d) C
60. If John celebrated his victory day on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 1965, when will he celebrate his next victory day on the same day?
- (a) 5<sup>th</sup> January 1970  
(b) 5<sup>th</sup> January 1971  
(c) 5<sup>th</sup> January 1973  
(d) 5<sup>th</sup> January 1974
61. Which of the following Conclusions follows based on the given Statements.

**Statements:**

No Rain is Game

Some Games are Chain

No Chain is Lane

**Conclusions:**

(I) Some Chains are not Rain

(II) Some Games are Lane

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Both conclusion I and II follow

(d) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

*Directions for the following 5 (Five) items: Read the following 2 Passages and answer the items that follow. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.*

**PASSAGE 1**

The concept of decentralised public distribution system (PDS) rests on the principles of localised procurement, storage and distribution. The emphasis is on the participation of people—especially the marginalised and women and on a holistic approach that interrogates biodiversity, natural resource management, rural livelihoods and empowerment. The inclusion of local knowledge and expertise at every stage would make such a PDS truly participatory. Such a PDS would focus on the food crops that are locally produced. In some locations, this might be millets, while in other it might be endemic varieties of rice and wheat. Being made a part of PDS would enhance the demand for these food grains and augment their production.

The storage of these grains would also be undertaken by the local communities, at village or panchayat level, thus reducing storage and transport costs, and generating employment for a few rural household.

62. Which of the following assumptions about current Public Distribution System is/are made in the above passage?

1. Localisation is better than centralisation
2. PDS has a bearing on the consumption pattern of the people
3. A lot of money is spent in transporting food grains

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



63. According to the passage, which of the following is/are advantages of Decentralised Public Distribution System?

1. Protection of endemic varieties
2. Preserving traditional knowledge
3. Employment opportunities

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

64. Decentralisation of PDS system would

1. Correct the lacuna of the present system
2. Revive traditional agricultural practices
3. Made PDS more relevant at the local level
4. Ensure greater economy & efficiency of its operation

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

### **PASSAGE 2**

Western sanctions once 'targeted' and now blanket, are turning into a form of collective punishment. They are designed, we are told, to force the Islamic government to return to the nuclear negotiating table. Western policies are also seem to believe punishing the Iranian people might lead them to blame their own government for their misery and take it upon themselves to force a change in the regime's behaviour, or even a change in the regime itself. But as the old British maxim recognised, deprivation in Iran is a recipe for the status quo. Iran's government and its people have never been

isolationists. But as sanctions take their toll on the livelihoods of Iranians who want to continue to do business and communicate with the outside world, their energy to question their government's policies and to agitate for change is waning. That means for fewer opportunities to promote American values and win minds, if not hearts (which we Americans have won in the past but are now in danger of losing).

65. What is the crux the passage?

- (a) Sanctions have to punish the Iranian government and Iranian people  
(b) Iranians cannot be won with economic sanctions  
(c) Iranian government cannot be brought to nuclear-negotiation table by their people  
(d) Western sanctions fail to serve their purpose at Iran

66. Why is the British maxim mentioned in the above passage?

- (a) To explain the nature of Iranians  
(b) To describe nature of Iranian government  
(c) To establish west's opinion about Iran  
(d) To point out the flaw in western approach to Iran

67. Find the side of the largest square TILES which can be paved on the floor of a room 5 meters 44cm long and 3 meters 74 cm broad.

- (a) 56 cm



- (b) 42 cm  
(c) 38 cm  
(d) 34 cm
68. 3 different pieces of Aluminum are of varying length are given to a student which are 44cm, 22 cm, 55 cm respectively. He has to form rods of maximum length such that no Aluminum waste is left. Find the maximum length of such rod.
- (a) 28 cm  
(b) 14 cm  
(c) 42 cm  
(d) 11 cm
69. Simplify using BODMAS rule  $(105 + 206) - 550 \div 52 + 10$
- (a) 399  
(b) 289  
(c) 298  
(d) 299
70. In the series, the first term of an Arithmetic Progression is 15 and the last term is 85. If the sum of all terms is 750, what is the 6th term?
- (a) 30  
(b) 40  
(c) 45  
(d) 55
71. A boat rows 24 km upstream in 6 hours and a distance of 35 km downstream in 7 hours. Then the speed of the boat in still water is
- (a) 4.5 km/hr  
(b) 4 km/hr  
(c) 5 km/hr  
(d) 5.5 km/hr
- Directions (72-76):* Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:  
There are eight persons namely S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z lives on eight different floors from one to eight. The ground floor is number 1 and the top floor is number eight. X lives on odd number floor but does not live on the 3rd floor. Z lives immediately below X. More than two-person lives between Z and Y. There are six-person living between S and Y. V lives immediately above W but lives below T. U is not anywhere below T.
72. Who lives on floor number five?
- (a) U  
(b) S  
(c) Z  
(d) T
73. How many persons live between W and X?
- (a) One  
(b) Three  
(c) Five  
(d) None of these
74. Who lives immediately above V?
- (a) Z  
(b) T

(c) Y

(d) W

75. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group?

(a) Y

(b) V

(c) T

(d) X

76. Who lives on the 2nd floor?

(a) X

(b) S

(c) U

(d) None of these





*Directions for the following 4 (Four) items:* Read the following 1 Passage and answer the items that follow. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only.

**PASSAGE 1**

Environmental degradation is a major causal factor in enhancing and perpetuating poverty, particularly among the rural poor, when such degradation impacts soil fertility, quantity and quality of water, air quality, forests, wildlife and fisheries. The dependence of the rural poor, in particular, tribal societies, on their natural resources, especially biodiversity, is self-evident. Women, in particular, face greater adverse impacts of degradation of natural resources, being directly responsible for their collection and use, but rarely for their management. The commitment of time and effort in collection of these resources has a direct impact on the capacity of rural women to devote time to raising and educating children, enhancing their earning skills, or participating in gainful livelihoods. The poor are also more vulnerable to loss of resilience in ecosystems. Large reductions in resilience may mean that the ecosystems, on which livelihoods are based, break down, causing distress. The loss of environmental resource base can result in certain groups of people being made destitute, even if overall, the economy shows strong growth. Further, urban environmental degradation, through lack of (or inappropriate) waste treatment and sanitation, industry and transport related pollution, adversely impacts air, water, and soil quality, and differentially impacts the health of the urban poor. This, in turn, affects their capability to seek and retain employment, attends school, and enhances gender inequalities, all of which perpetuate poverty.

77. Which of the following can be inferred from the above passage?

1. The development of women gets constrained because they are not involved in managing environmental resources
2. Women do not take effective responsibility when it comes to managing Environment

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

78. Which of the following propositions can be conclusively drawn from the passage?

- (a) Women are more vulnerable to Environmental degradation than the urban poor
- (b) The burden of environmental degradation is more in rural areas than in the urban areas
- (c) The poor, more than the rich, have to bear the costs of environmental degradation
- (d) Environmental degradation is the most important factor causing urban as well as rural poverty

79. What might be, according to the author, the single most important determining factor of poverty?

- (a) Loss of capabilities
- (b) Loss of resilience
- (c) Inability to manage environmental distress
- (d) Increasing commitment of time and effort



80. Environmental degradation serves to enhance and perpetuate poverty due to the fact that

- (a) The poor are more dependent on natural resources
- (b) The poor are not the ones responsible for causing environmental degradation
- (c) Women are vulnerable to effects of environmental degradation
- (d) All the above