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**Direction:** The following question carries one statement with one blank. Choose the most appropriate word from the options to fill the blank.

- The local goons tried to \_\_\_\_\_ him into retracting his complain.  
A. Scare                      B. Stalls  
C. Rendered                D. Forcing  
E. Destroyed
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of success depends completely on the amount of effort we put in.  
A. Ranges                    B. Drop  
C. Want                      D. Possibly  
E. Likelihood
- She lied blatantly, thus, driving the \_\_\_\_\_ of the police officers.  
A. Visiting                 B. Attention  
C. Duty                      D. Suspicion  
E. Supplies
- When the elephants saw so much water in the lake, they \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Happy                    B. Rejoiced  
C. Declined                D. Sentenced  
E. Awaited
- All the members had assembled \_\_\_\_\_ the chairman of the committee.  
A. Although                B. Except  
C. Because                 D. So  
E. Notwithstanding

**Direction:** In the following question, a sentence with four words printed in bold is given. One of these four words may be wrongly spelt or. If all the words printed in bold are correct, mark option (E), as your answer.

- The **prince** was **taken** aback but he did not **dare** to **enrage** his father.  
A. Prince                    B. Taken  
C. Dare                      D. Enrage  
E. None of these

**Direction:** In the following question, a sentence with four words printed in bold is given. One of these four words may be wrongly spelt or. If all the words printed in bold are correct, mark option (E), as your answer.

- As per the reports, the **financial** strain faced by the **campany** is just a

temporary **phase** and the company is likely to **prosper** shortly.

- Financial                    B. Campany  
C. Phase                     D. Prosper  
E. None of these

**Direction (8 – 10) :** In the following question, a sentence with four words printed in bold is given. One of these four words may be wrongly spelt or. If all the words printed in bold are correct, mark option (E), as your answer.

8. **Capitelism** is an economic system characterized by private **ownership** of the means of **production**, especially in the **industrial** sector.

- Capitelism                 B. Ownership  
C. Production             D. Industrial  
E. None of these

9. The **sage** made **plans** to send Shakuntala to her husband and **choose** an auspicious day for her **departure**.

- Sage                         B. Plans  
C. Choose                    D. Departure  
E. None of these

10. They've **appointed** a new **minester** to **replace** the one who just **retired**.

- Appointed                B. Minester  
C. Replace                 D. Retired  
E. None of these

**Direction (11 – 18) :** Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Some words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these.

The future of technology in education is the cloud. Technology can often be a barrier to teaching and learning. The cloud will go a long way to removing this barrier by removing the number of things that can go wrong. Schools will only need one major thing to be prepared for the future. They will not need software installed, servers or local file storage. Schools will need a fast robust internet connection. Infrastructure is paramount to the future of technology in education. Teaching and learning is going to be social. Schools of the future could have a traditional cohort of students, as well as online-only students who live across the country or even the world. Things are

already starting to move this way with the emergence of **massive** open online courses (MOOCs). Teachers can use the cloud to set, collect and grade work online. Students will have instant access to grades, comments and work via a computer, smartphone or tablet. Many schools are already doing this.

The cloud can also encourage independent learning. Teachers could **adopt** a flipped-classroom approach more often. Students will take ownership of their own learning. Teachers can put resources for students online for students to use. These could be videos, documents, audio podcasts or interactive images. All of these resources can be accessed via a student's computer, smartphone or tablet. What we must remember is that when schools adopt new technology and services, they must be evaluated. This way, as a school, you know if they are successful and what improvements are needed. The staff will also need training, you can't expect staff to use new technology if they are not confident users or creators. Any initiative is doomed to failure without well trained, confident staff who can see how technology can support and benefit teaching and learning. Plenty of schools have already embraced this, but there's still a way to go to **ensure** all schools are ready for the future of technology. It is time for all schools to embrace the cloud.

Source:

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/teacher-blog/2013/jun/19/technology-future-education-cloud-social-learning>

11. Which of the following is the most opposite in meaning to the word "Massive" as used in the passage?

- A. Insignificant
- B. Prominent
- C. Proactive
- D. Vast
- E. Sagacious

12. Which of the following can replace the word "Ensure" as given in the passage?

- A. To magnify
- B. Make enough
- C. To make sure
- D. Unstoppable
- E. To Give up

13. Which of the following is similar in meaning to the word "Adopt" as used in the passage?

- A. Embrace
- B. Deceptive
- C. Judicious
- D. Foster
- E. Triumph

14. In which of the following ways will cloud technology assist students to attain education?

- A. By providing access to videos, documents, interactive images, etc.
- B. All of the given options.
- C. By providing instant access to grades, comments and work.
- D. By providing the students with an opportunity to learn independently.
- E. None of the given options.

15. Which of the following is/are (a) prerequisite(s) for the cloud technology to serve better as given in the passage?

- A) Well trained and confident staff who are well acquainted with the technology.
  - B) The schools must be adequately aided by the respective governments.
  - C) Schools well equipped with a fast-robust internet connection and strong internet servers.
- A. Only A
  - B. Only B
  - C. Only C
  - D. Both A and C
  - E. All of the above

16. Which of the following options represent the category of students mentioned in the phrase 'traditional cohort of student'?

- I. Students who join the open online courses.
  - II. Students who gather information from online sources.
  - III. Students who come to school and attend classes.
- A. Only I
  - B. Only II
  - C. Only III
  - D. Both I and III
  - E. Both I and II

17. Which of the following support the need for evaluation, after the schools adopt new technology and services?

- A. To train the staff and make them familiar with the usage of the new devices.

- B. To understand the need of students accessing the content via online mediums.  
 C. To track the rate of growth of the school in terms of student enrolment.  
 D. To know if the technology is successful and figure out the required improvements.  
 E. None of the above

18. In what way technology can act as a barrier to teaching and learning?  
 A. At present, Technology is incapable to handle the provision of online education.  
 B. The schools are against the non-traditional method of teaching i.e. online teaching.  
 C. Technology can be a medium to provide content, but learning cannot be imparted through it.  
 D. Access to a personal computer is a luxury not available to many students.  
 E. Not stated in the passage.

**Direction:** Read the sentence to find out whether there is an error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.

19. In ancient day (1)/ children were told stories (2)/ to impart wisdom (3)/ and to increase their knowledge. (4)  
 A. 1                                      B. 2  
 C. 3                                      D. 4  
 E. No error

**Direction (20 – 25) :** Read the sentence to find out whether there is an error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.

20. Four of the seven (1)/ man have since been (2)/ executed, and one killed (3)/ himself to avoid capture. (4)  
 A. 1                                      B. 2  
 C. 3                                      D. 4  
 E. No error

21. To prepare for the role, (1)/ the actor met the people who (2)/ had worked in close association(3)/ with the former Prime Minister. (4)  
 A. 1                                      B. 2  
 C. 3                                      D. 4  
 E. No error

22. An efficiency staff of workers (1)/ replenished the trays of (2)/ appetizers almost as (3)/ quickly as the guests emptied them. (4)  
 A. 1                                      B. 2  
 C. 3                                      D. 4  
 E. No error

23. The earth's crust float over (1)/ a core of molten rock and some (2)/ of its parts have a tendency to (3)/ move with respect to one another. (4)  
 A. 1                                      B. 2  
 C. 3                                      D. 4  
 E. No error

24. She has a deep regard (1)/ for humanitarian aid (2)/ workers who risk (3)/ everything to help poor. (4)  
 A. 1                                      B. 2  
 C. 3                                      D. 4  
 E. No error

25. The army quick (1) repressed the rebellion (2)/ in the provincial city (3)/ and restored order. (4)  
 A. 1                                      B. 2  
 C. 3                                      D. 4  
 E. No error

**Direction (26 – 30) :** Rearrange the following six sentences, (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F), in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph, then answer the questions that follow.

- A. During the construction of both type of buildings, a lot of fuel is burnt due to which a large amount of carbon dioxide is emitted in the atmosphere.  
 B. The major source of carbon dioxide is power plants.  
 C. Another twenty percent of carbon dioxide emitted in the atmosphere comes from burning of gasoline in the engines of vehicles.  
 D. Buildings, both commercial and residential represent a larger source of



C. 428  
E. 236

D. 272

41.  $244.28 + 22.42 + ? = 300$   
A. 42.13  
C. 33.3  
E. 46.44

B. 44.23  
D. 31.7

42. On giving a discount of 25% on the MRP of an article, the trader earns a profit of 20%. If the difference between the MRP & CP of the article is 180 Rs. What is the MRP of the article? (in Rs)

A. 400  
C. 540  
E. 510

B. 480  
D. 420

43. Diameter of a circular field is equal to the side of a square field. If the total cost of fencing the circular field is Rs 440 (@ of Rs 5 per meter), what is the perimeter of the square fields? (in metre)

A. 104  
C. 128  
E. 112

B. 116  
D. 88

44. A boat takes 5 hrs to travel 105 km downstream. The speed of the boat in downstream is 1.4 times of the speed of the boat in upstream. What is the speed of the current? (in kmph)

A. 3  
C. 3.5  
E. 5

B. 4  
D. 2.5

45. Ratio of milk to water in X litres of mixture is 4:1. Half of the mixture is taken out & 24 liters of water is added to remaining mixture such that quantity of milk & water in Resultant mixture become same. What is the value of X?

A. 60 litres  
C. 100 litres  
E. None of these

B. 80 litres  
D. 40 litres

46. Difference of two sides of rectangle is 5 cm (length > breadth). Breadth of Rectangle is equal to the side of square whose area is  $144 \text{ cm}^2$ . Find the perimeter of rectangle.

A. 38 cm  
C. 58 cm  
E. None of these

B. 17 cm  
D. 19 cm

47. Speed of boat in still water is 21 kmph & speed of current is 3 kmph. The boat completes round trip from A to B & then back to A in 7 hrs. Find the distance between A & B.

A. 36 km  
C. 72 km  
E. 144 km

B. 48 km  
D. 84 km

48. Ali travels at a speed of X kmph to cover a distance of 36 km in 54 min. Shyam takes 30 mins to cover same distance. Find the difference of their speed.

A. 40 km/hr  
C. 36 km/hr  
E. None of these

B. 24 km/hr  
D. 32 km/hr

49. Some amount is deposited at the rate of 20% compound interest per annum. Difference between interest accrued at end of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year is 1200 Rs. Find the value of P?

A. 24,000 Rs.  
C. 36,000 Rs.  
E. None of these

B. 30,000 Rs.  
D. 40,000 Rs.

50. A takes 20% more time than B and they both completes the work in  $8\frac{2}{11}$  days. Find in how much time A can do the half of the work.

A. 9days  
B. 18days  
D. 15days

C. 12days  
E. 21days

**Direction (51 – 55) :** Find the wrong term in given number series.

51. 12, 15, 17, 21, 26, 32, 39

A. 12  
C. 17  
E. 26

B. 15  
D. 21

52. 6, 7, 11, 20, 32, 61, 97

A. 11  
C. 32  
E. 97

B. 20  
D. 61

53. 5000, 250, 100, 30, 12, 6, 3.6

A. 5000  
C. 100  
E. 12

B. 250  
D. 30

54. 120, 128, 125, 140, 130, 145, 135

A. 120

B. 128

C. 125  
E. 130

D. 140

55. 1440, 240, 48, 12, 4, 3, 2  
A. 48  
C. 4  
E. 2

B. 12  
D. 3

**Direction (56 – 60) :** Read carefully the following data carefully and answer the following Questions.

Number of pen sold by four stores A, B, C and D the on 5 different days of the week from Monday to Friday is given in the table.

DAY	A	B	C	D
MON	27	33	21	9
TUE	32	31	28	29
WED	38	50	34	16
THU	16	26	15	13
FRI	36	45	20	24

56. On Friday, out of total number of pen sold by stores B, C and D, 20%, 15% and 75% respectively were of brand X, what is the total number of pen of brand X sold by stores B, C and D together on Friday?  
A. 50  
C. 40  
E. 30

B. 20  
D. 42

57. Find the Average number of pens sold by store A on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

A. 35  
C. 25  
E. 32

B. 30  
D. 28

58. What is the ratio between the total number of pen sold by stores B, C and D together on Monday and that sold by the same stores on Thursday?

A. 5 : 7  
C. 4 : 7  
E. 6 : 5

B. 7 : 6  
D. 7 : 5

59. On Saturday the number of pen sold by store A was  $\frac{5}{9}$ th of that sold on Friday by the same store. What was the number of pen sold by store A on Saturday?

A. 10  
C. 20

B. 15  
D. 25

E. 23

60. What is the difference between number of pen sold by store A on Wednesday and the total number of pen sold by stores C and D on the same day?

A. 10  
C. 12  
E. 16

B. 15  
D. 14

**Direction:** In the following question two equations are given in variables X and Y. You have to solve these equations and determine relation between X and Y.

$$61. x^2 + 5x + 4 = 0$$
$$y^2 + 4y + 3 = 0$$

A. If  $X > Y$   
C. If  $X \geq Y$   
E. If  $X=Y$  or No relation can be established

B. If  $X < Y$   
D. If  $X \leq Y$

**Direction (62 – 66) :** In the following question two equations are given in variables X and Y. You have to solve these equations and determine relation between X and Y.

$$62. (x - 9)^2 = 0$$
$$Y = \sqrt{81}$$

A.  $X > Y$   
C.  $X \geq Y$   
E.  $X=Y$  or No relation can be established

B.  $X < Y$   
D.  $X \leq Y$

**Direction:** In the following question two equations are given in variables X and Y. You have to solve these equations and determine relation between X and Y.

$$63. 6x^2 + 5x + 1 = 0$$
$$15y^2 + 8y + 1 = 0$$

A. If  $X > Y$   
C. If  $X \leq Y$   
E. If  $X=Y$  or No relation can be established

B. If  $X < Y$   
D. If  $X \geq Y$

**Direction:** In the following question two equations are given in variables X and Y. You have to solve these equations and determine relation between X and Y.

$$64. x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$$
$$y^2 - 5y + 6 = 0$$

A. If  $X > Y$   
C. If  $X \geq Y$   
E. If  $X=Y$  or No relation can be established

B. If  $X < Y$   
D. If  $X \leq Y$

**Direction:** In the following question two equations are given in variables X and Y. You have to solve these equations and determine relation between X and Y.

$$65. x + 18 = 32$$

$$y^2 = 196$$

- A. If  $X > Y$                       B. If  $X < Y$   
C. If  $X \geq Y$                       D. If  $X \leq Y$   
E. If  $X=Y$  or No relation can be established

**Direction (66 - 70) :** Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Ten people are sitting in two parallel rows having five people in each row, in such a way that there is an equal distance between adjacent persons. In row 1 - A, B, C, D and E are seated (but not necessarily in the same order) and all of them are facing north. In row 2 - P, Q, R, S and T are seated (but not necessarily in the same order) and all of them are facing south. Therefore, in the given seating arrangement, each member seated in a row faces another member of the other row.

E sits second from one of the extreme ends. Only one person sits between the one who faces E and P. R sits to the immediate right of P. As many people sit to the right of R as to the right of B. D sits second to the left of B. The one who faces D sits to the right of S. Two people sit between S and Q. The one who faces Q is an immediate neighbour of C.

66. Who amongst the following sits second to the left of the person who faces P?

- A. C                                      B. D  
C. E                                      D. A  
E. None of these

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

- A. T                                      B. R  
C. A                                      D. D  
E. Q

68. Which of the following is true regarding C?

- A. C sits second to the left of E  
B. C sits opposite to that of S  
C. Three people sit between the one who faces C and T  
D. Two people sit between C and D  
E. None of these

69. Who amongst the following faces R?

- A. C                                      B. D  
C. A                                      D. B  
E. None of these

70. How many people sit between the one who faces Q and the one who faces S?

- A. 1                                      B. 2  
C. 3                                      D. 4  
E. 5

**Direction (71 - 75) :** In each of the questions below are given few statements followed by two conclusions. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follow from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

71. **Statements:**

- Only a few tags are bags.  
Only a few bags are cubes.  
Only cubes are hugs.

**Conclusions:**

- I. Some cubes being tag is a possibility.  
II. All bags being tag is a possibility.  
A. If conclusion I follows  
B. If conclusion II follows  
C. Either conclusion I or conclusion II follows  
D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows  
E. Both the conclusions follow

72. **Statements:**

- Generally toys are cartoons.  
Every cartoon is play.  
Frequently cartoons are demand.  
None of the play is horrible.

**Conclusions:**

- I. Only plays are cartoons.  
II. All horrible being toys is a possibility.  
A. If conclusion I follows  
B. If conclusion II follows  
C. Either conclusion I or conclusion II follows

D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

E. Both the conclusions follow

**73. Statements:**

Occasionally grass is raw.

No yolk is oval.

A few pots are grass.

All raw is yolk.

**Conclusions:**

I. A few pots are raw.

II. Some grass is not oval.

A. If conclusion I follows

B. If conclusion II follows

C. Either conclusion I or conclusion II follows

D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

E. Both the conclusions follow

**74. Statements:**

Mostly greens are earth.

A few rivers are soil.

All earth is mountain.

No mountain is river.

**Conclusions:**

I. All soil being mountain is a possibility.

II. Some greens are river.

A. If conclusion I follows

B. If conclusion II follows

C. Either conclusion I or conclusion II follows

D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

E. Both the conclusions follow

**75. Statements:**

All solids are cloud.

All solids are trains.

A few clouds are fun.

No fun is danger.

**Conclusions:**

I. A few trains are definitely not fun.

II. Some danger is cloud.

A. If conclusion I follows

B. If conclusion II follows

C. Either conclusion I or conclusion II follows

D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

E. Both the conclusions follow

**Direction (76 - 78) :** Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

P is 20m to the west of Q. Q is 30m to the north of R. S is 15m west of R. T is 45m to the north of S. U is 15m to the south of P. V is 15m to the north of R.

76. What is the distance between U and V?

A. 10m

B. 5m

C. 15m

D. 20m

E. None of these

77. In which direction is point T with respect to point R?

A. North

B. North-west

C. South-east

D. South

E. None of these

78. If X is 5m to the east of P, then what is the distance between point X and point T?

A. 5m

B. 7m

C. 12m

D. 15m

E. 17m

**Direction (79 - 83) :** Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Eight people are sitting around a circular table facing towards the centre of the table. There are two people sitting between P and Q (either left or right). R sits to the immediate right of Q. S sits second to the left of R. There are three people sitting between S and T. U is an immediate neighbour of T. Three people are sitting between U and V. W sits second to the left of V.

79. How many people are sitting between S and W when counted from the left of S?

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

E. 5

80. What is the position of T with respect to R?

A. Immediate left

B. Immediate right

C. Second to the left

D. Second to the right

E. None of these

81. Who among the following are the immediate neighbours of W?

A. P, V

B. T, U

C. T, V  
E. T, P

D. P, U

82. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and hence form a group. Which is the one that doesn't belong to that group?

- A. PW                                      B. QS  
C. UT                                      D. RQ  
E. VP

83. Who sits to the immediate right of V?

- A. S    B. P  
C. Q    D. U  
E. None of these

84. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'PRODUCE' which have as many letters between them in the word (in both forward and backward directions) as they have between them in the english alphabetical series.

- A. One                                        B. Two  
C. Three                                      D. More than three  
E. None

**Direction (85 – 87) :** In each of the questions, relationships between some elements are shown in the statements. These statements are followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. Read the statements and give the answer.

**85. Statements:**

$P < A < R \leq V; J \leq R > Z$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $J \leq V$   
II.  $Z < P$   
A. Only conclusion I is true  
B. Only conclusion II is true  
C. Either conclusion I or conclusion II is true  
D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II is true  
E. Both conclusion I and II are true

**86. Statements:**

$Q = R > S = T \leq U$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $T < Q$   
II.  $U \geq R$   
A. Only conclusion I is true  
B. Only conclusion II is true  
C. Either conclusion I or conclusion II is true  
D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II is true  
E. Both conclusion I and II are true

D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II is true

E. Both conclusion I and II are true

**87. Statements:**

$A < B = C \leq D; B < K$

**Conclusions:**

- I.  $K > D$   
II.  $A < C$   
A. Only conclusion I is true  
B. Only conclusion II is true  
C. Either conclusion I or conclusion II is true  
D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II is true  
E. Both conclusion I and II are true

88. If it is possible to make a meaningful word, using the 2nd, 4th and 6th letters of the word 'UNILATERAL', then which letter is third letter from left of the word thus formed? If no such word is formed, mark the answer as 'X'. If more than one word can be formed mark the answer as 'Z'.

- A. Z    B. N  
C. L    D. X  
E. T

**Direction (89 – 93) :** Study the following data carefully and answer the questions accordingly.

E ? 3 M Z 8 A 5 > 9 7 \$ T + B 6 @ I O V  
# E 9 U © 5

89. If all the symbols and numbers are dropped from the given arrangement and then the letters are rearranged in descending order according to dictionary then which of the following will be the eighth from the right end?

- A. O    B. Z  
C. V    D. T  
E. None of these

90. What will come at a place of question mark (?) in the following series?

38Z, 579, T6B, ?

- A. 9#E    B. @VO  
C. I#V    D. OE#  
E. None of these

91. Which of the following is the ninth element to the left of @?

- A. A    B. >





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