

INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION
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WRITTEN TEST FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Test Booklet :

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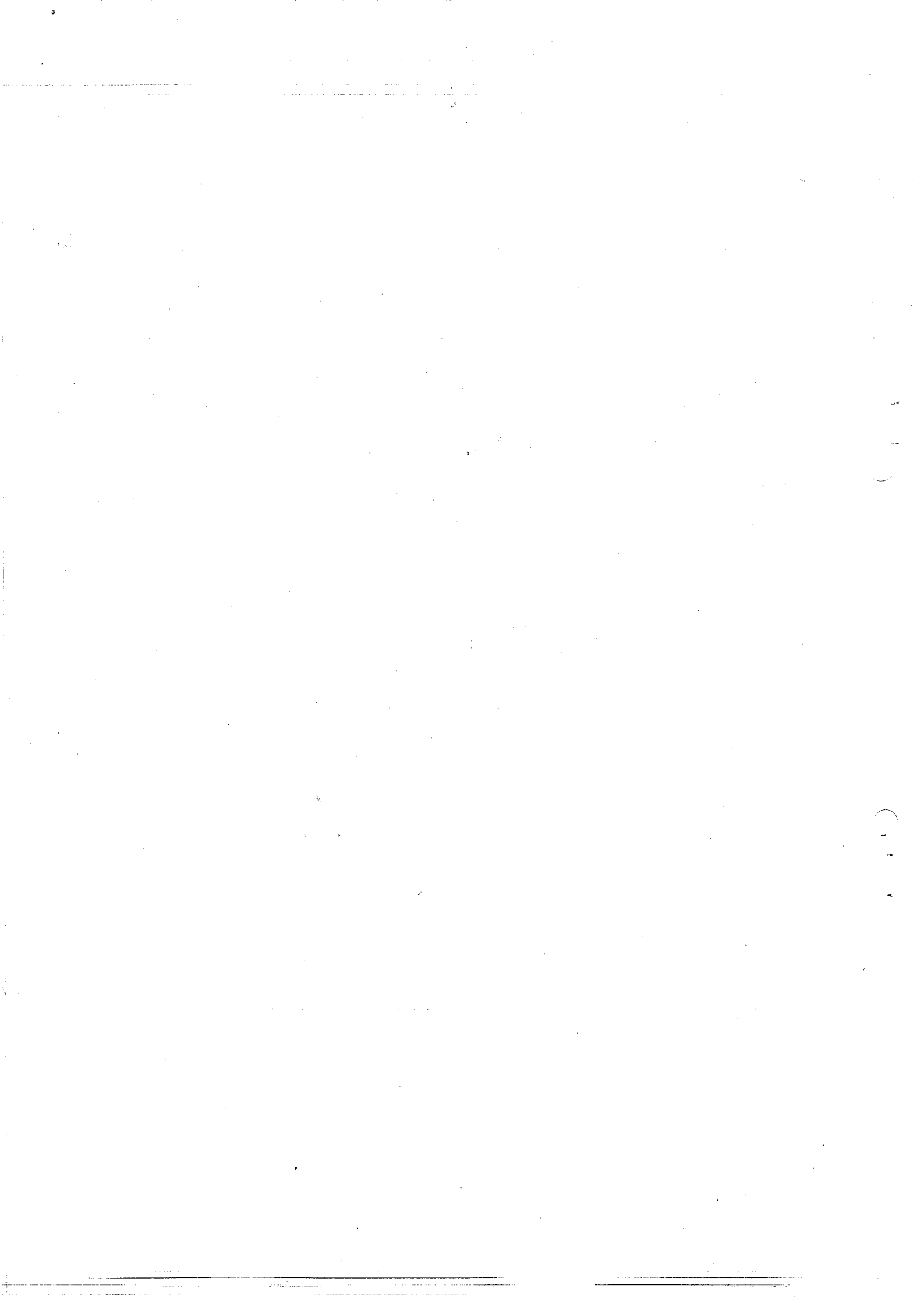
Time : 1000 hrs to 1230 hrs.

	No. of questions
Part- A : Arithmetic, Test of Reasoning etc. (Objective type)	36
Part- B : English Grammar	32
Part- C : Area	36
Part- D : Descriptive type	02

INSTRUCTIONS



1. The question paper is in the form of test booklet.
2. A separate OMR answer sheet is provided to all candidates for answering Part-A, Part-B and Part-C.
3. A separate answer booklet is provided to all candidates for answering Part-D (Descriptive type). **Answer to be written by pen only.**
4. Each objective question is provided with a text and figures wherever applicable with multiple answers a), b), c) and d), which includes one correct answer.
5. Refer answer sheet instructions and use **HB pencil** for answering all the questions.
6. All questions, except Part-D, carry equal marks.
7. Multiple answers for a question will be regarded as wrong answer.
8. Although the test stresses on accuracy more than speed, it is important for you to use your time as effectively as possible.
9. Do not waste time on questions which are too difficult for you. Go on to other questions and come back to the difficult ones later.
10. Enter your name and roll number correctly on the OMR answer sheet.
11. Enter all information as per the instructions given in the answer sheet.
12. Space available in the Question booklet could be used for rough work, if required and no separate sheet will be provided.
13. At the end of the test (1) Written test Call Letter with photograph (2) OMR Answer Sheet and (3) Descriptive Answer sheet and (4) Test Booklet shall be returned to the Invigilator.



1. **Who wrote the first web browser?**
 - [a] Bill Gates
 - [b] Marc Andreessen and Eric Bina
 - [c] Tim Berners-Lee
 - [d] Steve Jobs

2. **When was the Constitution of India enacted, signed and adopted by the Constituent Assembly?**
 - [a] January 26, 1950
 - [b] December 11, 1946
 - [c] December 9, 1946
 - [d] November 26, 1949

3. **Who among the following have a right to vote in the Vice-Presidential election, but not in the Presidential election?**
 - [a] Judges of the Supreme Court.
 - [b] Ministers who are not members of either of the houses of the State.
 - [c] Nominated members of the Parliament.
 - [d] Members of Parliament who are absent from all meetings of the Houses for a period of sixty days without the permission of the House.

4. **Phillaur in Punjab, Azamgarh and Bijnor in UP. What links the winners of the 1989 elections in these three constituencies?**
 - [a] Five-time winners
 - [b] All BSP candidates
 - [c] All members of the first Lok Sabha
 - [d] There are no links.

5. **Unripe fruits contain**

[a] amino acid	[b] uric acid
[c] lactic acid	[d] malic acid

6. **Who was the first person to introduce the logarithm tables?**

[a] Benjamin Franklin	[b] T. A. Edison
[c] Napier	[d] Einstein

7. **Which plan was formulated against the backdrop of severe inflationary pressure? (The period of the plan was 1974-1979 but was terminated by the Janata Government in 1978, one year before the scheduled period.)**
 - [a] Fifth Five Year Plan
 - [b] Second Five Year Plan
 - [c] Third Five Year Plan
 - [d] Sixth Five Year Plan

8. **This famous business personality earned money by repairing toy trains when he was 13. His father escaped from the British Police in 1920 and landed in the USA with \$20 in his pocket and later married an American schoolteacher and settled in Philadelphia. His corporate headquarters is known as The Mountain. Identify him.**

[a] Nani Gopal Bose	[b] Amar Gopal Bose
[c] Anand Gopal Bose	[d] Shashikant Bose

9. "I would have been a biscuit-maker," he said, when asked in an interview what he would have been had it not been for his current job! Biscuit manufacturing would not have been a problem for him, as his father has been running Luckyland Biscuits for the past three decades, and it now is the third-biggest biscuit maker in Sri Lanka. Name him.
- [a] Sanath Jayasuriya
[b] Maravan Attapattu
[c] Rumesh Ratnayake
[d] Muttiah Muralidharan
10. The prolific Sir Donald Bradman, who passed away recently, was dismissed for a duck in his last Test innings and hence could not finish his career with an average of 100. Who denied him that singular honour?
- [a] Eric Hollies [b] Larwood
[c] Tyldesley [d] Jim Laker
11. Which is the biggest church in India?
- [a] St. Cathedral, Goa
[b] The Rachol Seminary, Goa
[c] Basilica of Bom Jesus, Goa
[d] Church of Our Lady of Rosary, Goa.
12. The arrests of which two prominent leaders of Congress caused serious unrest in Punjab finally leading to the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in the year 1919?
- [a] Dr.Kitchlu and Dr.Satyapal
[b] Dr.Kitchlu and Madan Mohan Malviya
[c] Madan Mohan Malviya and Dr.Satyapal
[d] Mohammed Ali Jinnah and Madan Mohan Malviya
13. Which of the following events is not related to the year 2001?
- [a] 'Agra Summit' between India and Pakistan
[b] Worst natural calamity in India: Gujarat Earthquake
[c] Enron bids farewell to Indian energy sector
[d] Three new states Chattisgarh, Uttaranchal and Jharkhand are created.
14. The layer which helps human beings on the earth to receive radio signals is?
- [a] Ionosphere
[b] Atmosphere
[c] Thermosphere
[d] Mesosphere.
15. In the development of black and white photo film
- [a] the silver salts are converted to metallic silver
[b] the silver salts are converted to bleaches
[c] the silver salts are converted to coloured dyes
[d] all of these



16. $\frac{(856 + 167)^2 + (856 - 167)^2}{856 \times 856 + 167 \times 167}$ is equal to :
- [a] 1 [b] 2 [c] 689 [d] 1023
17. A number when divided by the sum of 555 and 445 gives two times their difference as quotient and 30 as the remainder. The number is :
- [a] 1220 [b] 1250
[c] 22030 [d] 220030
18. Which of the following set of fractions are arranged in perfect ascending order?
- [a] $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{9}{11}, \frac{8}{9}$
- [b] $\frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{9}{11}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{8}{9}$
- [c] $\frac{3}{5}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{9}{11}, \frac{8}{9}$
- [d] $\frac{8}{9}, \frac{9}{11}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{5}$
19. A train starts with full of passengers. At the first station, it drops one-third of the passengers and takes 280 more. At the second station, it drops one-half of the new total and takes 12 more. On arriving at the third station, it is found to have 248 passengers. Find the number of passengers in the beginning.
- [a] 278 [b] 288 [c] 296 [d] 275
20. Kiran had 85 currency notes in all, some of which were of R.100 denomination and the remaining of Rs.50 denomination. The total amount of all these currency notes was Rs.5000. How much amount did she have in the denomination of Rs.50?
- [a] 4000 [b] 3500 [c] 3000 [d] 4200
21. At an International Dinner, $\frac{1}{5}$ of the people attending were French men. If the number of French women at the dinner was $\frac{2}{3}$ greater than the number of French men, and there were no other French people at the dinner, then what fraction of the people at the dinner were not French?
- [a] $\frac{1}{5}$ [b] $\frac{2}{5}$ [c] $\frac{2}{3}$ [d] $\frac{7}{15}$



22. In Arun's opinion, his weight is greater than 65 kg but less than 72 kg. His brother does not agree with Arun and he thinks that Arun's weight is greater than 60 kg but less than 70 kg. His mother's view is that his weight cannot be greater than 68 kg. If all of them are correct in their estimation, what is the average of different probable weight of Arun?
- [a] 67.5 kg [b] 68.5 kg
[c] 69.5 kg [d] 66.5 kg
23. In an election between two candidates, 75% of the voters cast their votes, out of which 2% of the votes were declared invalid. A candidate got 9261 votes which were 75% of the total valid votes. Find the total number of votes enrolled in that election.
- [a] 16500 [b] 17000
[c] 16200 [d] 16800
24. If the manufacturer gains 10%, the wholesale dealer 15% and the retailer 25%, then find the cost of production of a table, the retail price of which is Rs.1265?
- [a] 1000 [b] Rs.500 [c] Rs.1200 [d] Rs.800
25. 60 kg of an alloy A is mixed with 100 kg of alloy B. If alloy A has lead and tin in the ratio 3 : 2 and alloy B has tin and copper in the ratio 1 : 4, then the amount of tin in the new alloy is :
- [a] 36 kg [b] 44 kg [c] 53 kg [d] 49 kg
26. A invested Rs.76,000 in a business. After few months, B joined him with Rs.57,000. At the end of the year, the total profit was divided between them in the ratio 2 : 1. After how many months did B join?
- [a] 5 months
[b] 4 months
[c] 3 months
[d] 2 months
27. 2 men and 3 boys can do a piece of work in 10 days while 3 men and 2 boys can do the same work in 8 days. In how many days can 2 men and 1 boy do the work?
- [a] $12\frac{1}{2}$ days [b] 12 days [c] $13\frac{1}{2}$ days [d] 13 days
28. Four years ago, the father's age was three times the age of his son. The total of the ages of the father and the son after four years will be 64 years. What is the father's age at present?
- [a] 32 years [b] 36 years
[c] 44 years [d] 40 years



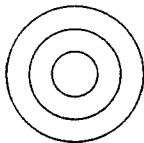
29. A rectangular grassy plot 110 m by 65 m has a gravel path 2.5 m wide all round it on the inside. Find the cost of gravelling the path at 80 paise per sq. metre.

- [a] Rs.685 [b] Rs.675 [c] Rs.690 [d] Rs.680

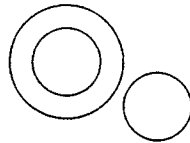
30. Two equal amounts of money was lent out at 6% and 5% simple interest respectively at the same time. The former is recovered two years earlier than the latter and the amount so recovered in each case is Rs. 2,880. Determine the amount that was lent out.

- [a] Rs.1800 [b] Rs.1700 [c] Rs.1600 [d] Rs.1900

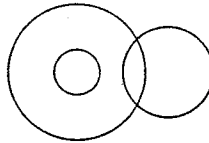
31. Which of the following gives the proper relation of *Tall men, Black haired people, Indians*?



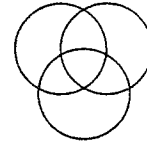
[a]



[b]

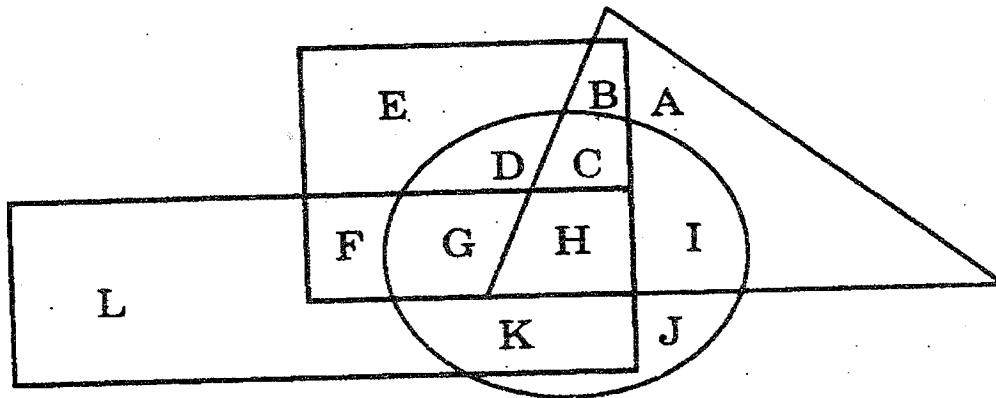


[c]



[d]

32. In the following diagram, the square represents girls, the circle tall persons, the triangle is for tennis players and the rectangle stands for the swimmers.



On the basis of the above diagram, answer the following question.

Which letter represents tall girls who are swimmers but don't play tennis?

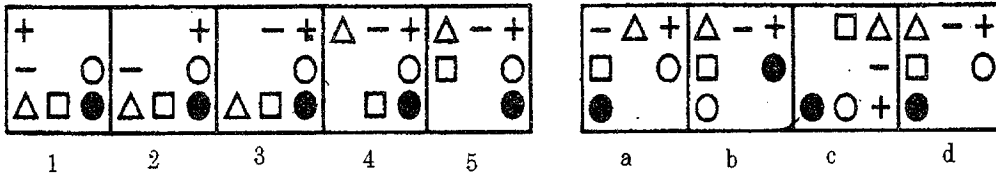
- (a) C (b) D (c) G (d) H



33. The Following question consists five figures marked 1,2,3,4 and 5 called the problem figures followed by four other figures marked a, b, c, d called the answer figures. Select the figure from amongst the answer figures which will continue the same series as established by the five problem figures:

Problem Figures

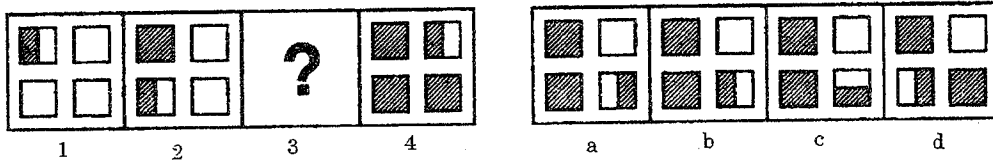
Answer Figures



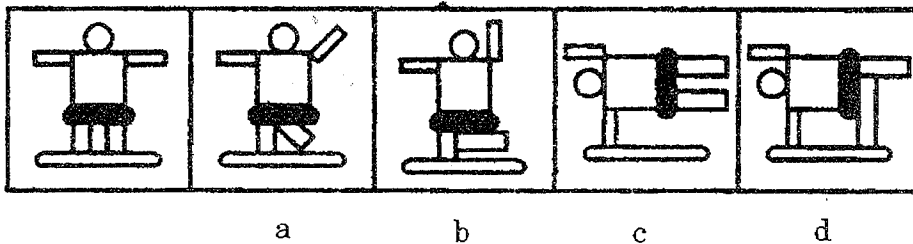
34. In the following question there is a set of four figures labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4 called the problem set followed by set of four other figures labeled a, b, c and d called the answer set. Figure 3 contains a Question Mark (?). Select suitable figure from the answer set which will substitute the question mark (?) so that a series is formed by the figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 taken in order. The label of the selected figure is the answer.

Problem Set

Answer Set

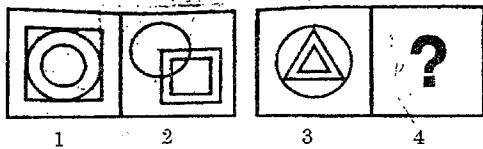


35. The following question consists of a set of five figures, the first of which is not labeled and makes the beginning of series continued in the successive figures labeled from a to d. However, the series will be established only if the positions of the two of the labeled figures are interchanged. The label of the earlier of the two figures is the answer.

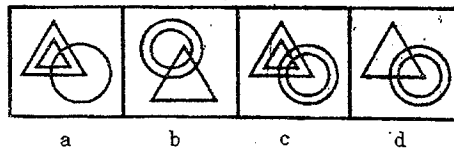


36. The following question consists of two sets of figures 1, 2 and 3, 4 which constitute the problem set while figures a, b, c and d constitute the answer set. There is a definite relationship between figures 1 and 2. Establish a similar relationship between figure 3 and 4 by choosing a suitable figure 4 from the answer set.

Problem Set



Answer Set



END OF PART A



PART B

CHOOSE THE RIGHT WORD OR PHRASE WHICH IS MOST NEARLY SIMILAR IN MEANING TO THE WORD GIVEN IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND MARK APPROPRIATELY:

37. CAUTIOUSLY

- a) carefully b) genuinely c) secretly d) somewhat

38. ROBUST

- a) wear b) useless c) able d) stupid

39. CREPT

- a) walked b) pushed c) crawled d) pulled

40. RHETORIC

- a) the art of good painting
b) incapable of making right speech
c) the art of elegant speech, or writing
d) the art of real writing

41. EPITAPH

- a) words written down in the history
b) words which are inscribed on the grave or the tomb in the memory of buried
c) a historical writing which can be obtained from any library
d) a memoriam for the dead

42. POLYGLOT

- a) One who plays more than one game
b) One who cannot play any sports
c) One who speaks many languages
d) One who provides lot of advices.

43. PHILOGYNIST

- a) one who practices philosophy
b) one who hates women
c) one who loves mankind
d) a lover of womankind.

CORRECT THE SENTENCES BY SUBSTITUTING WITH ONE OF THE OPTIONS FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE SENTENCES

44. Eggs are usually sold in the dozen.

- a) by the dozen b) by dozen c) in dozen d) no change.

45. I have great pleasure in seeing you this morning.

- a) to see b) on seeing c) for seeing d) no improvement.



46. The culprit was at last brought to law for his involvement in the crime.

- a) brought to prison b) brought to book c) brought to court.
d) no change.

FILL IN THE BLANKS IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES OUT OF THE WORDS GIVEN BELOW:

47. She took an umbrella with her to.....getting wet.

- a) deny b) avoid c) prevent d) resist

48. The flood victim wenta very painful experience.

- a) By b) through c) in for d) out of

SELECT THE COMBINATION OF NUMBERS SO THAT LETTERS/WORDS ARRANGED ACCORDINGLY WILL FORM A MEANINGFUL WORD:

49. K A T C E L
1 2 3 4 5 6

- a) 4 2 3 1 5 6 b) 1 2 4 5 6 3 c) 6 5 3 2 4 1 d) 3 2 4 1 6 5

50. R E S T L U
1 2 3 4 5 6

- a) 3 4 6 1 2 5 b) 4 5 3 2 6 1 c) 5 6 3 4 1 2 d) 6 5 2 1 4 3

51. J C O P T E R
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- a) 1 3 4 5 6 7 2 b) 2 6 4 5 1 3 7 c) 7 6 4 5 1 3 2 d) 4 7 3 1 6 2 5

IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, AN IDIOMATIC EXPRESSION/A PROVERB HAS BEEN GIVEN, FOLLOWED BY SOME ALTERNATIVES. CHOOSE THE ONE WHICH BEST EXPRESSES THE MEANING OF THE GIVEN IDIOM/PROVERB.

52. To frame a person

- a) to befool someone
b) to make one appear guilty
c) to praise someone
d) a narrow escape.

53. To spill the beans

- a) To reveal secret information b) to misbehave c) to keep secrets
d) to talk irrelevant



EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IDIOMS IS FOLLOWED BY SOME ALTERNATIVES.
CHOOSE THE ONE WHICH BEST EXPRESSES ITS MEANING.

54. To blaze trail

- a) to set on fire b) to be annoyed
c) to vehemently oppose d) to initiate work in a movement

55. To have brush with

- a) to start painting b) to have good and pleasing terms
c) to be impressed d) to have a slight encounter

IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, A SENTENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN
IN ACTIVE (OR PASSIVE) VOICE. OUT OF THE FOUR ALTERNATIVE
SUGGESTED, SELECT THE ONE WHICH BEST EXPRESSES THE SAME
SENTENCE IN PASSIVE (OR ACTIVE) VOICE

56. The French surrendered Quebec to the English in 1759

- a) Quebec was surrendered by the French to the English in 1759.
b) Quebec was surrendered to the English in 1759 by the French
c) The English were surrendered Quebec in 1759 by the French.
d) Quebec was surrendered in 1759 by the French to the English

57. My uncle promised me a present

- a) A present was promised by my uncle to me
b) I was promised a present by my uncle
c) I had been promised a present by my uncle
d) I was promised by my uncle a present

58. It is time to ring the bell

- a) It is time the bell rings
b) It is being time to ring the bell
c) It is time for the bell to ring
d) It is time for the bell to rung

IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTION A WORD HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN
FOUR DIFFERENT WAYS, OUT OF WHICH ONLY ONE IS CORRECTLY SPELT.
FIND THE CORRECTLY SPELT WORD.

59. a) Sedantry b) Sedentery c) Sedentary d) Sedantary
60. a) Scriptur b) Skripture c) Scripture d) Scripcher
61. a) Grametic b) Grammetic c) Grammatic d) Gramatic



IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES, CHOOSE THE WORD OPPOSITE IN MEANING TO THE *ITALICIZED* WORD TO FILL IN THE BLANKS

62. My plans may sound rather *nebulous* to you, but they are very to me
a) clear b) concrete c) prominent d) conspicuous
63. Never *dissipate* energy resources, but always them
a) Utilise b) Organise c) Mobilise d) conserve
64. History has seen more wars than *civil* wars
a) Political b) Urban c) Military d) Rural

PICK OUT THE WORD THAT IS MOST NEARLY OPPOSITE IN MEANING OF THE WORD GIVEN IN CAPITALS

65. **REDOLENT**
a) pesticised b) sticky c) yellowish d) stinking
66. **ADVERSITY**
a) enmity b) severity c) prosperity d) calamity
67. **AROMATIC**
a) tart b) disagreeable c) sour d) odorous
68. **JOCOSE**
a) dull b) humorous c) playful d) diseased

END OF PART B



PART C

69. Who among the following was the Constitutional Advisor to the Constituent Assembly of India ?

- a) Dr. BN Rao b) Dr. BR Ambedkar c) Shri KM Munshi
d) Shri MC Setalwad

70. Who among the following was the Chairman of the drafting committee of the Indian Constitution ?

- a) Rajendra Prasad b) Tej Bahadur Sapru
c) Rajagopalachari d) BR Ambedkar

71. Who was the President of the Constituent Assembly ?

- a) Pad. Jawaharlal Nehru b) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
c) Dr. BR Ambedkar d) C Rajagopalachari

72. Which of the following was not one of the features of Govt of India Act, 1935

- a) Provincial Autonomy b) Diarchy of Centre
c) Bi-cameral Legislature d) All India Federation

73. Which of the following was adopted from the Mourya Dynasty in the emblem of the Govt of India ?

- a) Four lions b) Chariot wheel
c) Horse d) Words "Satyameva Jayate"

74. Article dealing with matters in public employment

- a) Article 335 b) Article 341 (1) c) Article 342 (2) (d) Article 16(4)

75. What is the percentage of reservation for Other Backward Class in matters of employment in Govt. service ?

- a) 16.33 % b) 15 % c) 7.5 % d) 27 %



76. Article 340 of the Constitution of India provides for the appointment of a Commission to investigate the conditions for the improvement of :

- a) Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes
- b) Socially and educationally backward classes
- c) Socially and economically backward classes
- d) Educationally and economically backward classes

77. Reservations in public service are provided in compliance with ?

- a) Fundamental Rights
- b) Fundamental Duties
- c) Directives Principles of State Policy
- d) Article 335

78. Enforcement of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 is from?

- a) 1st January
- b) 1st May
- c) 1st April
- d) 1st September

79. In terms of Workmen Compensation Act, 1923, the amount of compensation in case of death shall be

- a) An amount equal to 50% of the monthly wages of the deceased or Rs.50,000/- whichever is more
- b) An amount equal to 60% of the monthly wages of the deceased or Rs.60,000/- whichever is more
- c) An amount equal to 50% of the monthly wages of the deceased or Rs.60,000/- whichever is more
- d) An amount equal to 60% of the monthly wages of the deceased or Rs.50,000/- whichever is more

80. The responsibility for payment of wages to the workers as per Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition), Act, 1970 lies with

- a) Employer
- b) Principal Employer
- c) Contractor
- d) Government

81. The Right to Information Act came into effect in the year ?

- a) 2006
- b) 2007
- c) 2005
- d) 2004

82. If any information under the RTI Act is sought for from a Central Govt. Department/Ministry, the authority by whom the details are to be furnished under the Act ?

- a) Central Information Commission
- b) Central Public Information Officer
- c) Chief Information Commissioner
- d) Information Commissioner



83. If any information without concerns the life or liberty of a person is sought for under RTI Act, the time limit within which the details are to be furnished under the Act ?

- a) 14 days b) 60 days c) 30 days d) 07 days

84. Under Minimum Wages Act, 1948, 'child' means a person who has not completed years of age ?

- a) eighteen b) twenty one c) fourteen d) fifteen

85. The minimum rates of wages as per Minimum wages Act may be fixed by

- a) the hour b) the day
c) by the months and any other larger period d) All

86. All executive action of the Government of India shall be expressed to be taken in the name of the

- a) Parliament b) President
c) Union Government d) Prime Minister

87. Which of the following can be a Court issue for enforcement of Fundamental Rights?

- a) a decree b) an ordinance c) a writ d) a notification

88. The writ pertaining to release of a person from the illegal custody/unlawfully detained is

- a) mandamus b) habeas corpus c) certiorari d) quo-warranto

89. What is the correct sequence of the formation of the following states of India

- 1) Andhra Pradesh 2) Haryana 3) Kerala 4) Meghalaya
a) 1, 3, 2, 4 b) 1, 3, 4, 2 c) 3, 1, 2, 4 d) 3, 1, 4, 2



90. Age qualification for being engaged as an Apprentice under Apprentices Act, 1961.

- a) not less than 14 years b) not less than 18 years
c) not less than 16 years d) not less than 21 years

91. The employer shall pay every apprentice during the period of apprenticeship training

- a) salary b) wages c) allowance d) stipend

92. Apprentices are

- a) workers b) trainees c) labourers d) employees

93. Any disagreement or dispute between an employer and an apprentice arising out of contract to apprenticeship shall be referred to

- a) Apprenticeship Adviser b) Board of Apprenticeship
c) Labour Commissioner d) Employer

94. A good Administrator is a worker

- a) Good b) Best c) Motivating d) Team

95. Bernard has said "the higher the in the line of authority, the more general the abilities required".

- a) place b) manager c) position d) post

96. Leadership is the process of group action towards goal setting and goal achievement

- a) hardship b) workshop c) leadership d) teamship

97. The style of leadership does not depend on the leader to provide external motivation

- a) Free b) Laissez-Faire c) Autocratic d) Ipso-facto

98. The number of common leadership styles are

- a) Two b) Three c) Four d) One



99. The most popular theories of human motivation was formulated

by

- a) Dr. Frederik Herzberg
- b) Abraham H Maslow
- c) Peter Druck
- d) Stephen R Covey

100. is "an enduring Organisation of motivational, emotional, perceptive and cognitive processes with respect to some aspect of the individuals world"

- a) leadership
- b) participation
- c) attitude
- d) needs

101. A good Administrator has got to be a to understand the problems of subordinates

- a) good leader
- b) good listener
- c) team man
- d) good motivator

102. Study of leadership in Large Corporations in US is by

- a) Keith Davis
- b) Fidler
- c) RA Gordon
- d) Abraham H Maslow

103. The most profound influence on the drafting of the Indian Constitution was exercised by the

- a) US Constitution
- b) British Constitution
- c) Government of India Act, 1935
- d) French ideals of liberty and fraternity

104. Words "Bull" and "Big" are associated the the commercial activity of.....

- a) Foreign Trade
- b) Banking
- c) Share Market
- d) Manufacturing

END OF PART C



I. Write an essay on any one of the topics in not exceeding 800 words :-

1. Atrocities against women in India are being effectively tackled by the Government of India. Do you agree or not and explain why ?
2. A manned mission to the Moon – A reality or Myth
3. Indo-US Nuclear agreement – A boon or bane
4. Production of India's indigenous weapons has come of age – Explain

II. In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, three or four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word.

Some scholars were exploring the forests of Middle America. They discovered, during their exploration some buildings which were in ruins. These buildings were (1).....ruined by the encroaching forest. It was also clear that these buildings were no ordinary structures. They were remnants of a (2).....civilisation. The scholars got interested. They excavated more and discovered (3).....their utmost surprise the remains of a flourishing civilisation – the Mayan's (4).....they named it. Thus, it was as late as in (5).....19th century that the secrets of a new civilisation were (6).....For some time, the scholars believed that the Mayans must have (7).....the descendants of ancient Egyptians or one of the lost tribes of Israel; or perhaps a brand of South East Asia's immigrants. However, they could not come to a unanimous decision. Nonetheless, the fact remains that even to-day the Mayan culture is one of (8).....most fascinating ancient civilisations. This civilisation was situated in the (9).....of Middle America. It covered area equivalent to France, (10).....spread across Guatemala, Belize and some parts of Mexican Honduras. It started in 2500 B.C. and continued its progress till 34 (11).....later. Throughout its period of progress, the people struggled against the invading (12).....They use to burn the plants and make the land (13).....for cultivation. Their staple food was maize. But even while (14).....for existence, they found time to build remarkable buildings for (15).....they used mortar, sandstone and volcanic rock. The buildings do tell us about the technological advances they had attained.

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| 1. | (a) reasonably | (b) surely | (c) apparently |
| 2. | (a) ordinary | (b) new | (c) great |
| 3. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) for |
| 4. | (a) when | (b) as | (c) while |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) then | (c) the |
| 6. | (a) unparalleled | (b) unearthed | (c) unmatched |
| 7. | (a) been | (b) become | (c) being |



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8. (a) an (b) a (c) the
9. (a) head (b) heart (c) tail
10. (a) and (b) yet (c) but
11. (a) years (b) centuries (c) decades
12. (a) civilisation (b) enemies (c) forests
13. (a) fertile (b) good (c) properly
14. (a) fighting (b) struggling (c) doing
15. (a) that (b) which (c) it

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