

**200 Questions PDF for SBI PO Prelims 2022 English Ability**

**Directions (1-10):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Some people shy away from travelling alone, a few **embrace** it. So, what is it that makes it an attractive option? What are the advantages of going it alone? Well first things first, travelling solo can be very liberating. The itinerary you set and all the decisions you make are yours and yours alone. You don't need to worry about any other person or group. In other words, there's no need to compromise, there are no arguments, and no need to second-guess what other people want or need. Actually, you can be completely selfish. Travelling alone is also a great confidence builder. Yes, at times it can feel a bit lonely, but that is just one of many problems you will have to solve yourself, along with making your own arrangements, and setting your own goals.

Have you noticed that when you're on your own, people are more willing to start a conversation with you? You're more likely to take the initiative as well, and before you know it, up pops an invitation for a meal, a side trip, a stay at someone's home. For some odd reason people keep a slight distance from couples and groups, probably because they seem so self-contained and exclusive. Whereas the lone traveller looks ready to connect with their fellow human beings, and more likely to engage in pleasant conversation and simple exchanges about their travels. Putting it simply, lone travellers look interesting.

Here are two more exciting reasons why you should consider travelling solo: You will find you learn language faster when you don't have someone else talking to you in your own language all the time. It's funny, but we interact, are forced to interact much more frequently when we travel alone in a country that doesn't speak our native tongue. If that doesn't **convince** you, there is the chance for adventure and even romance. When you're on your own you're free to meet someone who might turn out to be very important in your life. The most important factor to consider in your decision to make a trip alone is your own sense of independence. If you find that you have little tolerance for the **idiosyncracies** of others, or you don't get how group dynamics work, you might be happier travelling alone. Of course, there may be things holding you back: Fear of the unknown, or maybe you have a spouse, relative, or friend who may be upset by your decision to take off by yourself, you will have to convince them of the value of travelling alone and **allay** any fears they might have, but with the technology at our fingertips, you can include them in the adventure.

**Q1.** According to the passage, what kind of people likes to travel alone?

- (a) who is not well versed in communicating with others.
- (b) who cannot adjust with the behavior and thoughts of other people.
- (c) who is introvert.
- (d) who doesn't like to share their things with others.
- (e) All of the above

**Q2.** What is/ are the demerit (s) of traveling alone?

- (a) We need to solve the problems with ourselves.
- (b) We need to be dependent on unknown people for various things
- (c) Sometimes we can feel lonely.
- (d) Both (b) and (c) are correct
- (e) All of the above.

**Q3.** What are the things that restrict us to travel alone?

- (I) Relatives or spouse not allowing to travel alone.
- (II) The fear of unknown people might restrict us.
- (III) not finding a reason to travel alone
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) All are correct

**Q4.** What is / are the exhilarating reasons of travelling alone?

- (a) You need not to be dependent on others for any sort of work.
- (b) You will get to learn the others language.
- (c) By travelling alone we are free to know a person that might become a special part of our life.
- (d) You are free to do anything at any time while travelling alone.
- (e) Both (c) and (d)

**Q5.** What are the advantages of travelling alone?

- (I) Make our connections strong with other people along the journey
- (II) We can selfishly make our own decisions.
- (III) Great confidence builder
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) All are correct

**Q6.** Choose the most appropriate title of the passage.

- (a) Merits and demerits of travelling alone

- (b) Travelling alone
- (c) Is Travelling alone right?
- (d) Travelling alone brings Independence
- (e) Technology at our finger tips

**Directions (7 - 8):** Choose the word which is most nearly the **same** in meaning to the word given in **bold** as used in the passage.

- Q7. Allay**  
 (a) dispel  
 (b) edict  
 (c) emulate  
 (d) mollify  
 (e) exhort

- Q8. Idiosyncracies**  
 (a) exigent  
 (b) collate  
 (c) refute  
 (d) evince  
 (e) peculiarity

**Directions (9-10):** Choose the word which is **opposite** in meaning to the word given in **bold** as used in the passage.

- Q9. Embrace**  
 (a) disparate  
 (b) atrophy  
 (c) repudiate  
 (d) bane  
 (e) persuade

- Q10. Convince**  
 (a) capitulate  
 (b) dissuade  
 (c) bereft  
 (d) beguile  
 (e) callous

**Directions (11-15):** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is 'No error', the answer is (e)). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

**Q11. (a)** Women riding pillion on two-wheelers / **(b)** in the capital have to compulsorily / **(c)** wear helmets, according to the final notification / **(d)** issued by Delhi government. / **(e)** No error

**Q12. (a)** Arun Jaitley's life has been full of dramatic loops, / **(b)** sudden upswings and a few downturn, / **(c)** till

finally he's arrived at a job that / **(d)** has him at the helm of the nation's economic affairs. / **(e)** No error

**Q13.(a)** Since the commencement of the Constitution in 1950, / **(b)** it is for the third time that governors — this time / **(c)** as much as nine — have had to go / **(d)** following a change of guard at the Centre. / **(e)** No error

**Q14. (a)** The declaring of a long-term ceasefire / **(b)** between Israel and Hamas, after 50 days of off-again, on-again fighting, / **(c)** has brought immediate relief to both sides / **(d)** of the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip. / **(e)** No error

**Q15. (a)** Lawmaking is the routine business / **(b)** of government, and / **(c)** reviewing for possible repeal / **(d)** should also happen routinely. / **(e)** No error

**Directions (16-21):** In each of the questions given below five words are given in bold. These five words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other.

**Q16.** He said the successful **competence (A)** test proves the **flight (B)** of the DRDO in **designing (C)** and **developing (D)** world-class **missile (E)** systems.  
 (a) Only (A) – (B)  
 (b) Both (A)-(B) and (C)-(E)  
 (c) Only (B) – (C)  
 (d) No rearrangement required  
 (e) Only (A) – (E)

**Q17.** Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah **said (A)** on Saturday that the Centre **amendments (B)** soon bring **will (C)** to the Multi-State Cooperative Society Act, and a new **policy (D)** for the **cooperatives (E)** is on the way.  
 (a) Only (A) – (B)  
 (b) Both (A)-(B) and (C)-(E)  
 (c) Only (B) – (C)  
 (d) No rearrangement required  
 (e) Only (A) – (E)

**Q18.** The **formation (A)** of the Ministry of Cooperation was **announced (B)** on July 5, and Home Minister Amit Shah **was (C)** allocated the **portfolio (D)** during the Cabinet **expansion (E)**.  
 (a) Only (A) – (B)  
 (b) Both (A)-(B) and (C)-(E)  
 (c) Only (B) – (C)  
 (d) No rearrangement required  
 (e) Only (A) – (E)

**Q19.** The Odisha government on Saturday **evening (A)** a warning for the cyclonic storm Gulab, which is **expected (B)** to cross the coast between its **southern (C)** districts and north Andhra Pradesh **with (D)** wind speeds of 75-85 kmph on Sunday **sounded (E)**.

- (a) Only (A) – (B)
- (b) Both (A)-(B) and (C)-(E)
- (c) Only (B) – (C)
- (d) No rearrangement required
- (e) Only (A) – (E)

**Q20.** The Supreme Court **entrance (A)** the Central government for **making (B)** changes at the **eleventh (C)** hour in the exam **pattern (D)** of the postgraduate **slammed (E)** test.

- (a) Only (A) – (B)
- (b) Both (A)-(B) and (C)-(E)
- (c) Only (B) – (C)
- (d) No rearrangement required
- (e) Only (A) – (E)

**Q21.** The Chief Minister **work (A)** the cleaning of the silt **patch (B)** pit by the Greater **Chennai (C)** Corporation and **advised (D)** officials to complete the **inspected (E)** in a week.

- (a) Both (C)-(B) and (D)-(E)
- (b) Only (B) – (D)
- (c) Only (A) – (E)
- (d) No rearrangement required
- (e) Only (B) – (C)

**Directions (22-27):** In the following question, sentences are given with a part in bold. The given phrase in bold may or may not contain an error. The options following can replace the incorrect phrase. The correct phrase that is to be replaced will be your answer. If the sentences are correct then select 'No replacement required' as your answer.

**Q22.** Foreign ambassadors took aim at Pakistan and China respectively **with references in support** terror groups and violating the international rules-based order.

- (a) since references in support for
- (b) by references in support through
- (c) with references to provide support to
- (d) from references in support in
- (e) No replacement required

**Q23.** Over two weeks ago, a security review **in each for the seven district court from** Delhi was conducted under the chairmanship of a judge from each court.

- (a) of each of the seven district courts in
- (b) No replacement required

- (c) of every of the seven district court for
- (d) from each of the seven district court to
- (e) of each in the seven district courts from

**Q24.** Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Saturday said the **expansion of his Cabinet will take place** on Sunday.

- (a) expand of his Cabinet would taking place
- (b) expansion for their Cabinet will taken place
- (c) No replacement required
- (d) expansion from his Cabinet would take place
- (e) expansion for his Cabinet shall taking place

**Q25.** The Calcutta High Court **have questioned the necessary of** the by-elections as the acting Chief Justice asked who will bear the financial burden of the election.

- (a) have questioned the necessarily of
- (b) has question the necessity in
- (c) has questioned the necessity of
- (d) No replacement required
- (e) has questioning the necessary of

**Q26.** Government officials confirmed that Chinese soldiers **along for military horses had come to** the grazing ground near Barahoti.

- (a) along near military horses had come from
- (b) along for military horses had coming to
- (c) along side military horses had come for
- (d) along with military horses had come to
- (e) No replacement required

**Q27.** While the entire project would take five years and a budget of ₹89 crores **had being approval from it**, the IGNCAs would aim to complete mapping in 5,000 villages by the end of the financial year 2021-2022.

- (a) had been approved for it
- (b) had for approved through it
- (c) had been approval from it
- (d) No replacement required
- (e) had being approved it for

**Directions (28-30):** The following questions consist of three sentences. One of these may or may not contain a grammatical error. Choose the option which denotes the sentence(s) that is/are grammatically correct. If all the given sentences are correct, choose "All are correct" as your answer.

**Q28.**

(A) The union also accused the State administration of a pre-planned move to instigate the people by not giving them sufficient time to vacate the land.

(B) He said the eviction notice was given to 244 families in Dhalpur village at midnight and they were asked to vacate within a few hours.

(C) The leaders demanded that the government allocate land to the displaced households within seven days.

- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Both (B) and (C)
- (c) Only (C)
- (d) All are correct
- (e) Both (A) and (B)

**Q29.**

(A) There are indications that the U.P. government would increase the price of sugarcane soon.

(B) He said the BKU would continue to work as a pressure group to keep a check on the promises made from political parties to the farmers.

(C) The movement has given an opportunity to Opposition parties to become the face of farmers.

- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Both (B) and (C)
- (c) All are correct
- (d) Only (C)
- (e) Both (A) and (B)

**Q30.**

(A) The government has also withdrawn the regulation that required citizens to provide proof of vaccination.

(B) They had to shared a portion of their profit with online food ordering and delivery platforms.

(C) Hotels and bars should not serve customers in closed air-conditioned spaces.

- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Both (B) and (C)
- (c) All are correct
- (d) Only (C)
- (e) Both (A) and (C)

Directions (31-40): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below them. Certain words/phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

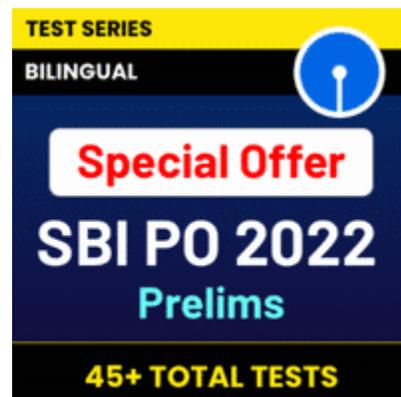
**The corporate totem pole**

Corporate roles can also contribute to poor communication at work. Directors and middle managers in particular tend to get caught in the middle of those conflicting communication preferences. As a result, they are affected by miscommunication most frequently: 49% of directors say the consequences of poor communication occur frequently or very frequently among their colleagues. That is substantially more than the 28% of C-suite executives who say the same. "Middle managers have the worst of all worlds," Mr. Markman says.

"Communication is one of the most significant parts of their job because they're dealing with the widest variety of people." Probably because of their location in the hierarchy, directors tend to be **prolific** users of nearly every tool and mode of communication— much more so than other seniorities. Furthermore, a larger share of directors finds nearly every mode of communication more effective than their colleagues of different seniorities. They are the Swiss Army knife equivalent of corporate internal communication. Ms Cain believes there are **perks** to this. "The great value of being stuck in the middle is you can easily empathize with those above and below you because you're simultaneously in both roles," she says. "You have tremendous insight into what everyone around you is feeling, you can project yourself into their shoes and you know what the pressures and stressors are for your boss." As individuals move up the corporate ladder, they need to not just have a broad understanding of different communication styles but also adapt their approach to their position in the organisation.

**What to do about workplace miscommunication?**

Work environments don't have to be full of miscommunication land mines, and businesses can take practical steps to improve communication. Meetings are a good place to start. The survey shows that 78% of respondents think having clearer goals for every scheduled meeting would have a significant impact on improving workplace communication, including 39% who say the improvement would be very significant. Moreover, six out of ten respondents say firm-wide training (62%) and having a wider range of communication tools to use (63%) would significantly improve work communication. By improving in areas such as these, as well as being aware of communication differences and the best applications of various tools, the workforce can both communicate more effectively and keep pace with the **inevitable** continuous change in when and how we connect at work.



**Q31.** What is meant by 'conflicting communication preferences' mentioned in the beginning of the stanza 1?

- (a) communications done with the directors
- (b) communications that are often misleading
- (c) poor communications done at corporate level
- (d) communications that have turned into an argument
- (e) poor communications done unintentionally

**Q32.** Communication is one of the most significant parts of the job because.....

- (a) employees have to state different ideas before their seniors in one of the most attractive way
- (b) corporate workers hardly say any word to each other
- (c) employees hardly deal with any of the seniors
- (d) employees have to deal with the wide variety of the people
- (e) Both (b)&(c)

**Q33.** Who are the people tend to get caught in the conflicting communication preferences?

- (a) People with whom managers deal with
- (b) Directors
- (c) Middle Managers
- (d) Both (b)&(c)
- (e) None of the above

**Q34.** According to the passage, work environments should ...

- (a) be full of lots of employees that can communicate more and more with wider class of people
- (b) have with the executives that can help others to mislead the communication
- (c) take steps to improve the communication processes
- (d) not be filled with miscommunication land mines
- (e) Both (c)&(d)

**Q35.** "Middle managers have the worst of all worlds," means.....

- (a) Middle managers are ill-treated by the seniors
- (b) Middle managers don't get proper training so they suffer a lot
- (c) Middle managers don't have the proper communication skills so they face lots of problems while performing the tasks assigned to them
- (d) Middle managers often caught into the conflicting communication preferences which lead them to have the worst of all the sections
- (e) Middle managers are not provided with the better training skills from the directors which often makes them to suffer under the corporate world

**Q36.** To move up the corporate ladder, one must have...

- (a) broad understanding of different communication styles

(b) ability to adapt the approach to their position in the organisation

- (c) Both (a)&(b)
- (d) larger share of directors as seniors working above
- (e) deep knowledge and understanding to promote to the next level from the current position in the organisation

**Q37.** What are the remedies mentioned in the second stanza of the passage that can improve the communication skills at the workplace?

- (a) having clearer goals for every scheduled meeting
- (b) firm-wide training
- (c) having wider range of communication tools
- (d) awareness of communication differences
- (e) All of the above

**Q38.** Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the following word given in bold in the passage

**Prolific**

- (a) Fertile
- (b) Barren
- (c) Impregnable
- (d) Abundant
- (e) Fragile

**Q39.** Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the following word given in bold in the passage

**Perks**

- (a) Delicacies
- (b) Advantages
- (c) Perquisites
- (d) Benefits
- (e) Boons

**Q40.** Choose the word which is most opposite to the following word given in bold in the passage

**Inevitable**

- (a) Predictable
- (b) Avoidable
- (c) Inescapable
- (d) Unavoidable
- (e) Necessary

Directions (41-45): In the passage given below there are blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Find out the appropriate pair of words in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.

**Q41.** The Centre cannot continue to **(41)**..... its legal obligation to create a mechanism to implement the Supreme Court's final **(42)**..... in the Cauvery dispute. This was the broad message conveyed by the court on Monday when it **(43)**..... the government for failing to

frame a scheme within the six-week time limit given earlier. For the Centre, it was (44)..... to be asked to demonstrate its bona fides by submitting a draft scheme for the court's (45)..... by May 3.

- (a) elope
- (b) evade
- (c) escape
- (d) run
- (e) avoid

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- (a) idea
- (b) norm
- (c) suggestion
- (d) verdict
- (e) advice

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- (a) admonished
- (b) remiss
- (c) reprieved
- (d) scolded
- (e) rebuked

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- (a) embracing
- (b) honoring
- (c) embarrassing
- (d) shameless
- (e) reverent

**Q45.** The Centre cannot continue to (41)..... its legal obligation to create a mechanism to implement the Supreme Court's final (42)..... in the Cauvery dispute. This was the broad message conveyed by the court on Monday when it (43)..... the government for failing to frame a scheme within the six-week time limit given earlier. For the Centre, it was (44)..... to be asked to demonstrate its bona fides by submitting a draft scheme for the court's (45)..... by May 3.

- (a) implementation
- (b) consideration
- (c) verdict
- (d) judgment
- (e) suggestion

Directions (46-60): In each of the questions given below an incomplete sentence which must be filled/completed with one of the one or more sentences given below .i.e. one or more sentences can be fit into the given blank s. Choose the correct option and complete the given sentences.

**Q46.** It was unclear when or before which committee .....

- (a) he would appoint
- (b) he should dismiss
- (c) he could join
- (d) he would testify
- (e) he would mean

**Q47.** This hearing will be an important opportunity ..... and help all Americans better understand what happens to their personal information online.

- (a) to restrict consumers from buying illegal commodities
- (b) to maintain data records of various consumers in a dubious manner
- (c) to shed light on critical consumer data privacy issues
- (d) to negotiate with the consumers in the game of bargaining
- (e) to shed light on the consumer protection matters

**Q48.** It still speaks to people feeling like this was a massive breach of trust and that .....

- (a) we have a lot of work to do to repair that
- (b) we have nothing to do with it
- (c) we have to reform it
- (d) we have lot of modifications to bring in it
- (e) we don't have to apologize for it

**Q49.** I'm confident ..... but they're very sophisticated. We can't expect to fully solve a problem like this

- (a) we're heading towards destruction
- (b) we're making progress against these adversaries

- (c) we're not going to progress with these people  
(d) we're innovating things on different level  
(e) we're negotiating to the other standards

**Q50.** Its terms of reference also include suggestions on the possible ways in which the system can be made more secure with the use of technology and .....

- (a) increment in the techniques applied  
(b) quantifying the standards or making the standards double  
(c) improving the quality of the products manufactured  
(d) maximization of human intervention  
(e) minimisation of human intervention

**Q51.** They wanted ..... to the level of ride-hailing for patients and caregivers.

- (a) to change the method of supplying medicines  
(b) to change the procedure of the treating patients with serious illness  
(c) to simplify medical transport  
(d) to testify the authenticity of the treatment provided  
(e) to coordinate with the management in order to provide treatment all the patients

**Q52.** The government has sought an urgent review, in an attempt to dispel the impression that its own stand was responsible for the Division Bench ..... under the Act.

- (a) laying down new terms and conditions  
(b) modifying the panel of punishing the accused  
(c) implementing the rules laid down for the improvement  
(d) laying down fresh guidelines on handling complaints  
(e) setting up new committee for handling the charge of accused

**Q53.** One hopes that the initial fury has spent itself out and that .....

- (a) there will be no cause for its being unleashed again  
(b) there will be no more peace going to settle down there  
(c) there will be no reasons of his liberation  
(d) there will be no chances of disagreement once again  
(e) there will not be any commotion there

**Q54.** It is likely that it is a result of the perception that in a social environment where the legal and administrative system is already loaded against the community, .....

- (a) a judgment like this won't be able to bring peace  
(b) a verdict like this going to instigate the mass a lot  
(c) a decision like this is not in the favor of the people of the state  
(d) a verdict like this is not going to settle down the chaos created there  
(e) a verdict like this may worsen the lot of the vulnerable

**Q55.** ....., and it is not an exaggeration when the territory is called one big open-air prison.

- (a) Life has become happier under these conditions  
(b) Life has become miserable under these conditions  
(c) The living standards has gone to the next level of the class  
(d) Life has become so much boring  
(e) Living standards are now better from the previous one

**Q56.** ..... on what triggered the violence.

- (a) There are positive views  
(b) There are conflicting views  
(c) There are no negative effects  
(d) There are no positive views  
(e) There are instigating views

**Q57.** To unravel the full potential, energy treaties based on renewable sources .....

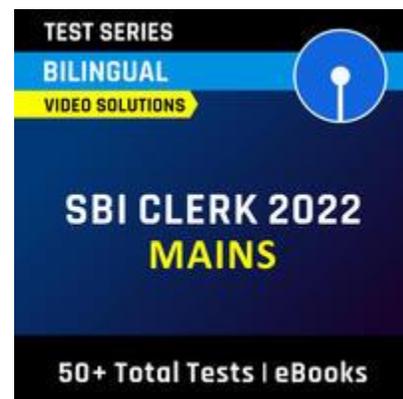
- (a) have become imperative  
(b) have become positive  
(c) have become negative  
(d) have become assertive  
(e) have become optative

**Q58.** Moments of crisis often create moments for rethinking, when the basic concepts and institutions we employ.....

- (a) are meant to testify  
(b) are meant to pass the litmus test  
(c) are subject to critical scrutiny  
(d) are subject to follow the terms and conditions  
(e) are emerged to scrutinize the whole procedure

**Q59.** Mediocrity in mimicking excellence subverts ..... of the institution.

- (a) the very purity  
(b) the very crux  
(c) the very gist  
(d) the very summary  
(e) the very essence



**Q60.** Protest must ..... scholarship which exposes in detail the logic and mechanics of the rituals of appropriation.

- (a) be accompanied by
- (b) be developed by
- (c) be restored by
- (d) be devastated by
- (e) be acknowledged by

Directions (61-75): In the question given below two statements are given which are grammatically correct and meaningful. Connect them by choosing the word given below the statements in the best possible way without changing the intended meaning. Choose the best possible word as your answer accordingly from the options to form a correct, coherent sentence.

**Q61.** (I) The country requires a minimum wage.  
(II) Workers paid below the poverty line have an added cost on society

- (a) still
- (b) but
- (c) because
- (d) though
- (e) although

**Q62.** (I) The sky had grown darker again  
(II) The wind made queer sobbing sounds as it swept over the valley

- (a) but
- (b) though
- (c) till
- (d) and
- (e) instead

**Q63.** (I) If it were stigmatized, and public opinion dramatically  
(II) And pervasively changed, that would force policy change

- (a) moreover
- (b) however
- (c) still
- (d) but
- (e) and

**Q64.** (I) He was respectful of her concerns  
(II) They didn't see eye-to-eye on any of it - except the fact that they both wanted another child

- (a) and
- (b) nevertheless
- (c) however
- (d) though
- (e) but

**Q65.** (I) Texting while driving is dangerous

- (II) It's illegal in some states
- (a) moreover
- (b) however
- (c) still
- (d) but
- (e) instead

**Q66.** (I) I could not shut my eyes to the force and weight of their arguments

(II) And I saw plainly that I must abandon--'s scheme as impracticable.

- (a) but
- (b) though
- (c) although
- (d) still
- (e) instead

**Q67.** (I) She had a lantern

(II) The cellar was still eerily dark

- (a) but
- (b) though
- (c) although
- (d) still
- (e) nevertheless

**Q68.** (I) He had studied hard for this test

(II) He failed to get an A

- (a) although
- (b) though
- (c) still
- (d) but
- (e) and

**Q69.** (I) In one week

(II) we will celebrate the coronation

- (a) still
- (b) but
- (c) though
- (d) although
- (e) hence

**Q70.** (I) The blizzard grounded all the flights

(II) She would not be able to fly home for the holidays

- (a) therefore
- (b) however
- (c) moreover
- (d) instead
- (e) nevertheless

**Q71.** (I) The economy was poor this year

(II) Our sales were strong

- (a) not only....but also

- (b) instead  
(c) nevertheless  
(d) either....or  
(e) and

**Q72.** (I) His voice was quiet and confident, and she felt like a visitor in his throne room

(II) A woman talking to a stranger chained to her basement wall

- (a) instead  
(b) rather than  
(c) but  
(d) and  
(e) still

**Q73.** (I) He was withdrawn and somber

(II) Even picking at his food

- (a) however  
(b) and  
(c) still  
(d) but  
(e) instead

**Q74.** (I) Teacher sends you her kind remembrances, and father and mother

(II) Send their regards.

- (a) still  
(b) but  
(c) also  
(d) and  
(e) though

**Q75.** (I) If you're concerned about a messed up head, shave it all off or

(II) Comb over the scars

- (a) not only....but also  
(b) either....or  
(c) moreover  
(d) but  
(e) therefore

Directions (76-85): In the question given below two statements are given which are grammatically correct and meaningful. Connect them by choosing the word given below the statements in the best possible way without changing the intended meaning. Choose the best possible word as your answer accordingly from the options to form a correct, coherent sentence.

**Q76.** (I) Beck told me about an interesting shift in thinking that occurred.

(II) She worked at a science museum.

- (a) since  
(b) but  
(c) while  
(d) meanwhile  
(e) although

**Q77.** (I) A burning desire to make a difference.

(II) He didn't know where to begin.

- (a) Meanwhile  
(b) Although  
(c) but  
(d) Despite  
(e) nevertheless

**Q78.** (I) The extent of poverty reduction over the period 2009-10 to 2011-12 is very high by historical standards.

(II) It is not altogether implausible.

- (a) in spite of  
(b) despite  
(c) though  
(d) meanwhile  
(e) and

**Q79.** (I) She did not provide details of their conditions.

(II) Asked for continued prayers for their recovery.

- (a) despite  
(b) and  
(c) though  
(d) but  
(e) nevertheless

**Q80.** (I) The proverb does not allude directly to the beauty of life.

(II) It nonetheless describes happiness, like the cherry blossom, as something short-lived.

- (a) despite  
(b) thus  
(c) but  
(d) and  
(e) although

**Q81.** (I) . Attempts to restore normalcy have been hampered.

(II) The government and angry protesters continue to trade accusations.

- (a) as  
(b) while  
(c) since  
(d) though  
(e) whereas

**Q82.** (I) A leader of the protest movement has been charged with threatening the security of the state.

(II) Some followers face criminal investigation.

- (a) meanwhile
- (b) although
- (c) since
- (d) while
- (e) None

**Q83.** (I) Progressive taxes may be justified given the wide disparities in income levels in India.

(II) The principle of simplicity is being compromised.

- (a) despite
- (b) since
- (c) although
- (d) while
- (e) None

**Q84.** (I) A strike by farmers in Maharashtra continues to affect normal life.

(II) The State government's announcement of an end to the strike last week.

- (a) whereas
- (b) since
- (c) despite
- (d) as
- (e) until

**Q85.** (I) The court has noted that the Act provides for the selection committee to make appointments.

(II) When it is truncated due to a vacancy.

- (a) as
- (b) even
- (c) since
- (d) despite
- (e) None

**Q86.** (I) Developing countries hold less than half the overall quota at the moment.

(II) With their rapidly increasing economic heft they have demanded a greater share — with limited success.

- (a) and
- (b) but
- (c) since
- (d) though
- (e) as

**Q87.** (I) On several other fronts, the final laws haven't changed much from their draft versions.

(II) Industry red-flagging several provisions.

- (a) besides
- (b) although
- (c) since
- (d) whereas
- (e) despite

**Q88.** (I) Companies would still have to reveal the extent of their financing of parties.

(II) No longer have to name their preferred parties.

- (a) and
- (b) but
- (c) since
- (d) while
- (e) although

**Q89.** (I) Such attackers do not have any contact with terrorist groups.

(II) It makes it difficult for intelligence communities to detect them.

- (a) despite
- (b) although
- (c) however
- (d) If
- (e) while

**Q90.** (I) This is the third year in a row that they can look forward to a high output for a variety of crops.

(II) Fiscal realities have come in the way of realising higher farm incomes.

- (a) despite
- (b) although
- (c) besides
- (d) since
- (e) while

**Directions (91-95):** There are two different sentences with a blank space in each sentence. Choose the word from the given options which does not fit appropriately in both the blanks adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.

**Q91.** (I) In \_\_\_\_\_ history, populist leaders have rallied people around the banner of good governance, but forgotten the D of democracy.

(II) While young people tend to prefer \_\_\_\_\_ music, the older generation prefers to listen to music from the 1970's and the 1980's

- (a) contemporary
- (b) recent
- (c) modern
- (d) present day
- (e) ancient

**Q92.** (I) Democracy is a \_\_\_\_\_ concept, justified for many reasons, and some of these reasons are purely instrumental.

(II) Since the mutant superhero is \_\_\_\_\_, she can take the form of anyone she encounters.

- (a) protean

- (b) adaptable
- (c) versatile
- (d) flexible
- (e) homogenous

**Q93.** (I) History is full of \_\_\_\_\_ breaks with the past that only seem to have come out of nowhere but were, in fact, predictable.

(II) His first care was to carry out the instructions received from home, and effect a/an \_\_\_\_\_ reform in the system of government.

- (a) radical
- (b) profound
- (c) superficial
- (d) intense
- (e) rigorous

**Q94.** (I) My mother often spends her monthly pension on \_\_\_\_\_ purchases she never uses.

(II) As soon as the judge heard the details of the \_\_\_\_\_ lawsuit, he dismissed the case.

- (a) frivolous
- (b) flippant
- (c) inane
- (d) pallid
- (e) senseless

**Q95.** (I) He had heard the crowd grow more \_\_\_\_\_ as the afternoon wore on and the consumption of beer loosened tongues.

(II) Even at this hour a piano was pounding out a/an \_\_\_\_\_ tune in one of the three saloons.

- (a) appropriate
- (b) grating
- (c) raucous
- (d) harsh
- (e) strident

**Directions (96-100):** In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with one blank. Below each sentence, FOUR words are given out of which two can fit into the sentence. Five options are provided with various combinations of these words. You have to choose the combination with the correct set of words which can coherently fit into the given sentence.

**Q96.** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor N.S. Vishwanathan gave a strongly worded speech on the \_\_\_\_\_ of stressed assets in late April.

- (A) futility
- (B) resolution
- (C) settlement
- (D) vaunt

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

**Q97.** \_\_\_\_\_ to make payment due to a cash-flow problem is an indicator for a bank to take immediate action.

- (A) Inability
- (B) Assailing
- (C) Promoting
- (D) Failing
- (a) B-C
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-D
- (d) A-C
- (e) A-B

**Q98.** Significant damage to the economy is caused by the large number of zombie firms that have been kept \_\_\_\_\_ by credit that they should not have received.

- (A) valued
- (B) propped up
- (C) caught
- (D) fortified
- (a) B-C
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-D
- (d) A-C
- (e) A-B

**Q99.** Well-run firms have high-quality management and professional finance teams that \_\_\_\_\_ that payments happen without delay.

- (A) guarantee
- (B) ensure
- (C) inundate
- (D) subdue
- (a) B-C
- (b) A-D
- (c) B-D
- (d) A-C
- (e) A-B

**Q100.** RBI's new regulations \_\_\_\_\_ the sanctity of the debt contract and provide the incentives needed to reform the poor credit culture in corporate India.

- (A) exacerbate
- (B) uphold
- (C) covet
- (D) support
- (a) B-C

- (b) A-D
- (c) B-D
- (d) A-C
- (e) A-B

**Directions (101-105):** Sentences given below consist of a phrasal verb. Below each sentence are given five different options which correctly define the meaning of that phrasal verb. Select the option that is the most suitable choice of the given phrasal verb in bold.

**Q101.** I'll see if I can **rustle up** a meal before the guests start arriving in 30 minutes.

- (a) Forgive
- (b) collect
- (c) prepare quickly
- (d) plan
- (e) quest

**Q102.** The police in the west of the town **blocked off** our blocks to prevent the public getting too close to the fire.

- (a) rescued
- (b) liberated
- (c) uncuffed
- (d) intercepted
- (e) dispersed

**Q103.** Don't get him worried about money. If I were you, I'd **play down** the importance of getting the loan or he will panic.

- (a) aggravate
- (b) exalt
- (c) belittle
- (d) highlight
- (e) overstate

**Q104.** The military **gobbles up** all the money.

- (a) consume
- (b) forfeits
- (c) abstains
- (d) disperses
- (e) constructs

**Q105.** You can count on him to **ham it up** for the camera.

- (a) devalue
- (b) downplay
- (c) abandon
- (d) exaggerate
- (e) alleviate

**Directions (106-115):** In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below each such sentence, there are four options. Fill up the blank with the word that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If none of the given words is your answer, choose option (e) as your answer choice.

**Q106.** The buzz around 'Mission Shakti' should be an ----- to review India's defence strategy.

- (a) chance
- (b) awful
- (c) abysmal
- (d) opportunity
- (e) None of the above

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**Q107.** After 'Mission Shakti' — India's anti-satellite test — there is a feeling that India needs this form of ----- for its security.

- (a) dissuaded
- (b) deter
- (c) deterrence
- (d) guarded
- (e) None of the above

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**Q108.** To be visibly strong in order to deter any enemy from ----- is a concern that goes back to pre-historic times for India.

- (a) attacking
- (b) harmed
- (c) attacked
- (d) fight
- (e) None of the above



**Q109.** For more than 100 years now, scientists and writers of science fiction alike have ----- the illusion that some day humankind will have a weapon so terrible that the fear of its impact will end war for all times.

- (a) advancing
- (b) fostered
- (c) back
- (d) redeeming
- (e) None of the above

**Q110.** Globally, the annual expenditure on armaments is now ----- to stand at about \$1.7 trillion.

- (a) vision
- (b) omen
- (c) estimate
- (d) estimated
- (e) None of the above

**Q111.** According to the Global Peace Index, in 2017, the economic impact of violence ----- was estimated at about \$14.76 trillion, which was 12.4% of global GDP.

- (a) globally
- (b) annual
- (c) period
- (d) revolve
- (e) None of the above

**Q112.** Since 2012, there has been a 16% increase in the economic impact of violence largely due to the ----- in Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq.

- (a) attacked
- (b) fought
- (c) conflicting
- (d) conflicts
- (e) None of the above

**Q113.** Chowkidars exist mostly in Asian countries where poor men work as ----- of the rich.

- (a) protectors
- (b) protect
- (c) protecting
- (d) cowards
- (e) None of the above

**Q114.** India's ASAT test has not ----- any norm, but it is a reminder of the need for a global regulatory regime.

- (a) rejects
- (b) harming
- (c) violates

- (d) violated
- (e) None of the above

**Q115.** China had quietly carried out its first successful hit-to-kill intercept in January 2007 till international reports about the ----- increase in space debris forced Beijing to acknowledge the test.

- (a) cause
- (b) consequents
- (c) consequent
- (d) decreasing
- (e) None of the above

**Directions (116-130):** In the passage given below there are blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Find out the appropriate word in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.

**Q116.** In sentencing the man to imprisonment for the rest of his **(116)**..... life for the murder of a 16-year-old girl in 2013, a Special Court in Boston has **(117)**.....faith in the criminal justice system. Two aides who facilitated the crime have been sentenced to 20 years in prison. At a time when these offences against women and minor girls are being reported with **(118)**..... regularity, a **(119)**..... of this sort reinforces public **(120)**..... Holding powerful and **(121)**..... heads of social institutions is not easy in this country, given the wide public support and political **(122)**..... they enjoy. Fortunately, neither the investigators nor the **(123)**..... in the case of the 77-year-old Andry Linston, who named himself Tom, seem to have been overawed by his large following or **(124)**..... by his **(125)**..... supporters. High-ranking police officers received letters and phone calls **(126)**..... them and their families with **(127)**..... consequences, and witnesses were killed or attacked in the course of the and trial. Against this backdrop, it took courage and determination for the victim and her family to seek justice. The facts are chilling. The victim's parents, who were Tom's devotees, were asked to take her from the Tom's residential school at Alley Steet to his home, near Boston, **(128)**..... to exorcise 'evil spirits' that had possessed her. The parents were asked to leave, and the girl had to be alone with him. She was sexually assaulted and then murdered. Fortunately, her father **(129)**..... to get a police complaint registered. It was later **(130)**..... to Boston.

- (a) bogus
- (b) pure
- (c) natural

- (d) artificial
- (e) complete

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- (a) reinvigorated
- (b) rejuvenises
- (c) resists
- (d) recovered
- (e) rescind

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- (a) continuing
- (b) benumbing
- (c) ghastly
- (d) weak
- (e) gruesome

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complaint registered. It was later (130)..... to Boston.  
 (a) vendetta  
 (b) verdict  
 (c) vindictive  
 (d) decision  
 (e) judging

**Q120.** In sentencing the man to imprisonment for the rest of his (116)..... life for the murder of a 16-year-old girl in 2013, a Special Court in Boston has (117).....faith in the criminal justice system. Two aides who facilitated the crime have been sentenced to 20 years in prison. At a time when these offences against women and minor girls are being reported with (118)..... regularity, a (119)..... of this sort reinforces public (120)..... Holding powerful and (121)..... heads of social institutions is not easy in this country, given the wide public support and political (122)..... they enjoy. Fortunately, neither the investigators nor the (123)..... in the case of the 77-year-old Andry Linston, who named himself Tom, seem to have been overawed by his large following or (124)..... by his (125)..... supporters. High-ranking police officers received letters and phone calls (126)..... them and their families with (127)..... consequences, and witnesses were killed or attacked in the course of the and trial. Against this backdrop, it took courage and determination for the victim and her family to seek justice. The facts are chilling. The victim's parents, who were Tom's devotees, were asked to take her from the Tom's residential school at Alley Steet to his home, near Boston, (128)..... to exorcise 'evil spirits' that had possessed her. The parents were asked to leave, and the girl had to be alone with him. She was sexually assaulted and then murdered. Fortunately, her father (129)..... to get a police complaint registered. It was later (130)..... to Boston.

- (a) reliability
- (b) dependence
- (c) mistrust
- (d) trust
- (e) truth

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- (a) demanding
- (b) commending
- (c) remarkable
- (d) entrusting
- (e) influential

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- (a) patronage
- (b) favorable
- (c) partiality
- (d) hope
- (e) freedom

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- (a) protestor
- (b) conspirator
- (c) prosecutors
- (d) supporters
- (e) persuaders

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- (a) initiated
- (b) intimidated
- (c) intimidated
- (d) intrigued
- (e) initialized

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- (a) baffled
- (b) benumb
- (c) bedlam
- (d) belligerent
- (e) benign

**Q126.** In sentencing the man to imprisonment for the rest of his (116)..... life for the murder of a 16-year-old girl in 2013, a Special Court in Boston has (117).....faith in the criminal justice system. Two aides who facilitated the crime have been sentenced to 20 years in prison. At a time when these offences against women and minor girls are being reported with (118)..... regularity, a (119)..... of this sort reinforces public (120)..... Holding powerful and (121)..... heads of social institutions is not easy in this country, given the wide public support and political (122)..... they enjoy. Fortunately, neither the investigators nor the (123)..... in the case of the 77-year-old Andry Linston, who named himself Tom, seem to have been overawed by his large following or (124)..... by his (125)..... supporters. High-ranking police officers received letters and phone calls (126)..... them and their families with (127)..... consequences, and witnesses were killed or attacked in the course of the and trial. Against this backdrop, it took courage and determination for the victim and her family to seek justice. The facts are chilling. The victim's parents, who were Tom's devotees, were asked to take her from the Tom's residential school at Alley Steet to his home, near Boston, (128)..... to exorcise 'evil spirits' that had possessed her. The parents were asked to leave, and the girl had to be alone with him. She was sexually assaulted and then murdered. Fortunately, her father (129)..... to get a police complaint registered. It was later (130)..... to Boston.

- (a) irritating
- (b) endangered
- (c) threatening
- (d) annoying

(e) exasperating

**Q127.** In sentencing the man to imprisonment for the rest of his (116)..... life for the murder of a 16-year-old girl in 2013, a Special Court in Boston has (117).....faith in the criminal justice system. Two aides who facilitated the crime have been sentenced to 20 years in prison. At a time when these offences against women and minor girls are being reported with (118)..... regularity, a (119)..... of this sort reinforces public (120)..... Holding powerful and (121)..... heads of social institutions is not easy in this country, given the wide public support and political (122)..... they enjoy. Fortunately, neither the investigators nor the (123)..... in the case of the 77-year-old Andry Linston, who named himself Tom, seem to have been overawed by his large following or (124)..... by his (125)..... supporters. High-ranking police officers received letters and phone calls (126)..... them and their families with (127)..... consequences, and witnesses were killed or attacked in the course of the and trial. Against this backdrop, it took courage and determination for the victim and her family to seek justice. The facts are chilling. The victim's parents, who were Tom's devotees, were asked to take her from the Tom's residential school at Alley Steet to his home, near Boston, (128)..... to exorcise 'evil spirits' that had possessed her. The parents were asked to leave, and the girl had to be alone with him. She was sexually assaulted and then murdered. Fortunately, her father (129)..... to get a police complaint registered. It was later (130)..... to Boston.

- (a) dire
- (b) weak
- (c) good
- (d) tough
- (e) disgust

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- (a) completely
- (b) variably
- (c) ostensibly
- (d) clearly
- (e) immediately

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complaint registered. It was later (130)..... to Boston.  
(a) directed  
(b) managed  
(c) handled  
(d) achieved  
(e) supported

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- (a) directed
- (b) handled
- (c) regulated
- (d) transcended
- (e) transferred

**Directions (131-145):** In each of the questions given below a sentence is given which is divided into 5 parts out of which one part may or may not have error in it. It is then followed by 5 options out of which one is your answer. Choose the option which gives the grammatically incorrect part as answer. If all the parts are grammatically correct, choose option (e) as the correct choice.

**Q131.** That apart, he would focused on creating(A)/ awareness among school students. The idea(B)/ is to approach schools and teach(C)/ students subjects such as(D)/ physics, health and civics through cycling(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) All are correct

**Q132.** While it was Kousalya Devi who ushered in the trend(A)/ of film adaptations of Telugu novels with Doctor Chakravarthy, it was(B)/ Sulochana's writings that captured the fascinating of an average(C)/ reader since the '60s reflecting contemporary(D)/ trends, relationships with her signature nostalgic style(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

**Q133.** The novels created such an impact that(A)/ I wondered how would Yaddanapudi interprets(B)/ certain situations I witnessed(C)/ in life. She talked about very relatable(D)/ issues in contrast to feminist literature(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q134.** Her moralistic views in relationships from her(A)/ novels reflected in her real(B)/ life- she dedicated the last(C)/ few years of her life to her husband(D)/, halted her writing career(E).

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q135.** Some months ago, a global leader of the(A)/ IT industry set sections of(B)/ India's corporate-sector elite(C)/ aflutter of the comment(D)/ that Indians are not creative(E).

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q136.** He traced the lack of(A)/ creativity to an education system(B)/ that rewarded(C)/ studiousness upon(D)/ independent thought(E).

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q137.** Singapore's orderly society may(A)/ not be everybody's cup of tea but(B)/ its history suggests one way(C)/ we could identify the(D)/ creativity of the people as a whole(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

**Q138.** Actually, what is India experiencing(A)/ in higher education today is(B)/ far worse than merely the(C)/ production of studious but(D) creativity-challenged youth(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q139.** To say that it has a major(A)/ responsibility for the state of affairs(B)/ that we are experiencing(C)/ in higher education would(D)/ be an understatement(E).

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q140.** Teaching input can be(A)/ partly measured by the number(B)/ of courses taught, but research(C)/ assessment should(D)/ avoided the quantitative metric(E).

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q141.** Introduce student evaluation of courses(A)/ to be made public. It needs(B)/ emphasis that this is meant(C)/ to be an 'evaluation' and not some 'feedback' to be(D)/ contemplated upon by the lecturer at leisure(E).

- (a) A

- (b) B
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q142.** The present system leaves the(A)/ ability to stagnate during their(B)/ best years and the undeserving(C)/ to believe that time served(D)/ grants entitlement to promotion(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

**Q143.** If the banks do indeed recover funds of this scale(A)/, it would considerable reduce(B)/ the burden on taxpayers(C)/, who would otherwise have(D) to foot the bill for any recapitalisation of banks(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q144.** Even most important(A)/, speedy resolution would(B)/ free valuable assets(C)/ to be used(D)/ for wealth-creation(E).

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) D
- (d) E
- (e) No error

**Q145.** The resolution of one high-profile case(A)/, however, should not deflect(B)/ attention from the many(C)/ challenges still plaguing(D)/ the bankruptcy resolution process(E).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

**Directions (146-160):** Read each of the following sentences to find out if there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number (A, B, C or D) of this part is your answer. If there is no error in the statement, then mark option (e) as your answer choice.

**Q146.** Siddaramaiah, who was present during the (A)/ search operation said he was not (B)/ camping at the resort and (C)/ had come to the place to having dinner.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q147.** High-speed mobile phone Internet service has been stopped. (A)/ Train services have also been suspended. (B)/There was thin traffic on the roads. (C)/Markets, banks and petrol pumps was closed in the morning.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q148.** During his visits to the bank, he says, (A)/security personnel used to prevent him from(B)/ even talking to the manager, as he used (C)/ to request him for more time to repay the loan.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q149.** Mr. Prabakaran, who secured the 101 rank in the (A)/ UPSC civil services examination, have been (B)/ facing financial problems for many years, but never missed (C)/ an opportunity to invest in books in pursuit of his goals.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q150.** The veteran politician has sought to channel public anger (A)/ against the recent imposition of a goods (B)/ and services tax, portraying the levy as an penalty to recover (C)/ the losses on account of the missing funds.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q151.** Only the top two at the end of the regular season (A)/ was guaranteed a place in English football's (B)/ lucrative top flight and second-tier title-winners (C)/ Wolves had already secured one of those spots.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q152.** The party is acute aware (A)/ that it need to regain (B)/ some lost popularity if it is (C)/ going to make the best of this election. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q153.** The police said they are flexible (A)/ with the timing and location (B)/ of the meeting, whatever is (C)/ convenient for the Chief Minister.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q154.** In a study done by IIT-Bombay using a driving simulator (A)/ last year, it was find that the risk of accidents (B)/ increased three and four times, depending (C)/ upon whether the driver was talking on a phone. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q155.** The approval would increase access to quality higher education (A)/ and help in minimising the regional imbalances in the (B)/ education facilities, besides giving effect (C)/ to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q156.** The deadly fire in a Surat coaching centre that resulted (A)/ in the death of 22 young people highlights (B)/the gap between India's dreamy visions of smart

cities (C)/ and the cruel real of urban chaos and lawlessness. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q157.** A token amount will be fixed and the employees (A)/ can even go abroad by not avail the (B)/ facility in a couple of years and using (C)/ a lumpsum amount in the third or fourth year.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q158.** The real problem is that their is no meaningful effort to restart (A)/ the peace process, which is the only (B)/ way forward to end violence and address the political (C)/ and humanitarian concerns of the occupied territories.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q159.** The Surat fire cannot be called an (A)/ accident, since there are reports of (B)/ notices having been served to the builder on (C)/ the risks, but not pursued by the Fire Department. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q160.** The novels created such an impact that I wondered (A)/ how would Yaddanapudi interpret certain situations (B)/I witnessed in life. She talked about very relate (C)/ issues in contrast to feminist literature.(D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Directions (161-170):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain

words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

**Paragraph 1:** India's ambitious Smart Cities program focuses on the need for the computer systems enabling smart cities to have an open-source system infrastructure in order to make them efficient in collaborating with the various intelligent platforms that will run the smart cities via a smoothly functioning network, which will allow for cooperation among **disparate** civic bodies within a city. India is not alone in this ambitious initiative. Municipalities over the world have realized how valuable it can be to make their cities "smarter". Smart City initiatives across the globe will attract technology investments of more than \$81 billion in 2018, and spending is set to grow to \$158 billion in 2022, according to the International Data Corp. (IDC). Singapore, Tokyo and New York City will be among the largest spenders. Serena Da Rold of IDC has been quoted as saying that intelligent transportation and data-driven public safety remain the largest investment areas, but that IDC is also finding significant pockets of spending and growth in back-office and platform-related use cases, which are less often publicized, but increasingly happening behind the scenes in cities around the world.

**Paragraph 2:** The opportunity to make money in installations like these does not lie in a closed, **monolithic** implementation, but is facilitated by an open system with the ability to easily add new services, applications and sensors. In such a model, it is not just the connections from application to application that are open. Every aspect of the enabling infrastructure is open, including its internal schema and interfaces, and the entire programming "source" code of the implementation is also made available on a royalty-free basis. People are well aware of the vulnerabilities personal devices such as smartphones, laptops, routers and other hardware have, and the firms that make them work hard to plug gaps in a never-ending catch-up game with hackers. **An entire sub-industry has been spawned for companies such as Symantec Inc., which owns Norton, the antivirus and anti-malware firm.** It turns out that while firms that are involved in the smart cities program stand to make more money as they roll out new sensors, each with an Internet of Things (IoT)-based connection to their own application, as well as to other related smart cities applications, the weakest link in smart cities installations may also actually lie at this sensor level.

**Paragraph 3:** According to Wired magazine, researchers from IBM Security worked with their counterparts from security firm Threat care to investigate sensor hubs from three different companies, Battelle, Echelon Corp. and

Libelium, who sell systems to support smart cities installations. The researchers found that these sensor arrays are at great risk of being hacked. These firms' business is to set up an interconnected array of sensors and allow municipalities to use IoT information from these sensors to solve problems of coordination between various city agencies. These sensors monitor a variety of factors, such as pollution and traffic flow, and can automatically cause action at the ground level by controlling functions such as traffic lights, street lighting and emergency alerts. The magazine cites the instance of the false alarm that went off earlier this year in Hawaii about an expected missile attack as an example of such an accident. This particular false alarm was enormously stressful, coming as it did in the wake of sabre **rattling** by North Korea about its ability to hit US cities with its expanded nuclear missile capabilities.

**Paragraph 4:** The three firms have confirmed the vulnerabilities and issued patches for all the bugs. The magazine stated that researchers have confirmed none of the bugs their "white hat" or friendly hacking efforts exposed have actually been exploited by others with mala-fide intent. That said, officials in many countries, including the US, have acknowledged that their infrastructure is vulnerable, and it isn't just the ballot box that the bad guys are coming after. For instance, Russian hackers have long been suspected of causing widespread electricity blackouts in the Ukraine. Municipalities would do well to earmark some of those billions of dollars to focus on ongoing spending on security, much as corporations and individuals spend money on antivirus and anti-malware shields for their devices.

**Q161.** Apart from the back-office and platform use related cases, what are the major significant areas for IDC to invest?

- (a) Infrastructure investment to boost economy
- (b) Data-driven public safety
- (c) Intelligent transportation
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) Both (b) and (c)

**Q162.** What is the weakest link mentioned in the smart city installation?

- (a) A larger support system is required for their installation which requires proper management.
- (b) These are less often publicized.
- (c) officials in many countries, including the US, have acknowledged that their infrastructure is vulnerable
- (d) Sensors are at a great risk of being hacked.
- (e) All of these.

**Q163.** How do sensors help in the management of traffic flow?

- (a) With the help of induction coil at bayonet.
- (b) By causing false alarm situations.
- (c) IoT are being used to acquire traffic data quickly and send it for processing.
- (d) Remote sensing can help determine passengers.
- (e) None of these.

**Q164.** A line has been quoted in bold in paragraph 2. In what reference has the entire sub- industry been spawned?

- (a) The entire sub industry has been spawned as it is less publicized.
- (b) With reference to the vulnerabilities personal devices such as smartphones, laptops etc. end up catching with hackers.
- (c) It has not been affected by the bugs.
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) None of these.

**Q165.** What is meant by the idiom “white hat”?

- (a) Expert who may sometimes violate laws or typical ethical standards but does not have the malicious intent.
- (b) A person who breaks into a computer system with the purpose of inflicting damage or stealing data.
- (c) A person who hacks ethically into a computer network in order to test or evaluate its security systems.
- (d) Both (a) and (c).
- (e) Both (b) and (c).

**Q166.** Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

**Disparate**

- (a) Realistic
- (b) Akin
- (c) Homologous
- (d) incongruous
- (e) Connate

**Q167.** Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

**Monolithic**

- (a) Erratic
- (b) Immutable
- (c) Mercurial
- (d) Capricious
- (e) Intermittent

**Q168.** Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

**Spawned**

- (a) Disappeared
- (b) Consummated
- (c) Suppressed
- (d) engender
- (e) Halted

**Q169.** Choose the word which is the OPPOSITE in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage

**Rattling**

- (a) Clattering
- (b) Placating
- (c) Chattering
- (d) Jarring
- (e) Clinking

**Q170.** Choose the word which is the OPPOSITE in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage

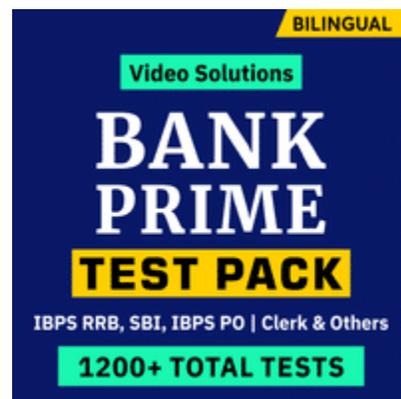
**Vulnerable**

- (a) Impuissant
- (b) Unshielded
- (c) Unfortified
- (d) Pregnable
- (e) indomitable

**Directions (171-175):** In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then try to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately in context of the given sentence.

**Q171.** After his debacle, his career is **on the skids**.

- (a) subservience
- (b) destroyed
- (c) panned
- (d) glib
- (e) garbled



**Q172.** Managing to clear the cutoff was a **shot in the arm** for him and he started studying with more intensity.

- (a) accent
- (b) gist
- (c) boost
- (d) bulge
- (e) brim

**Q173.** He **set** his father's advice **at naught** and suffered a great deal afterwards.

- (a) limit
- (b) abuse
- (c) defy
- (d) appreciate
- (e) adore

**Q174.** Investors also **took heart** from signs that the company has started performing well.

- (a) emboldened
- (b) mediocre
- (c) navigable
- (d) dwindle
- (e) revitalize

**Q175.** John's too young to take on a job like this, he's still **wet behind the ears**.

- (a) impair
- (b) naive
- (c) taper
- (d) slump
- (e) expatiate

Directions (176-190): Which of the following phrases (I), (II), and (III) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct without changing the meaning of the sentence? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (e) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

**Q176.** He said he firmly believed that **Nehru will definitely consulted his Cabinet** on so crucial a matter and most certainly must have discussed it with his cabinet secretary.

- (I) Nehru would have definitely consulted his Cabinet
- (II) Nehru will have definitely consulted his Cabinet
- (III) Nehru will consult his Cabinet
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q177.** Two aides who facilitated **the crime have been sentenced to 20 years in prison**.

- (I) the crime are been sentenced in
- (II) the crime had been sentenced to
- (III) the crime have sentenced to
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q178.** In southern states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, relief camps **had set up for people who left their dwellings** fearing these waves could crash against their houses.

- (I) setting up for people who left their dwellings
- (II) were set up for people who left their dwellings
- (III) have been set up for people who left their dwellings
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) No correction required

**Q179.** These high period waves can travel long distances and **become more stronger as they reach the coast**.

- (I) become stronger as they reach the coast.
- (II) become more strong as they reach the coast.
- (III) become most strong as they reach the coast.
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No correction required

**Q180.** In turn, **to be driven by the desire to secure itself** from Islamist groups, China is trying to build a rival military base in Afghanistan.

- (I) driven by the desire to secure itself
- (II) driven with the desire to secure itself
- (III) driven along the desire to secure itself
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q181.** **And with each individual becoming enlightened**, the whole level of consciousness of humanity goes a little higher.

- (I) And with each individual become enlightened
- (II) And with each individual becoming enlighten
- (III) And with each individual became enlightened
- (a) Only (I)

- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q182.** They get angry if you call it poetry — **whereas poetry is a far higher expression than prose.**

- (I) despite poetry is a far higher expression than prose.
- (II) since poetry is a far higher expression than prose.
- (III) although poetry is a far higher expression than prose.
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q183. Unless the Court is not infallible,** its authority and that of the Constitution will survive only if it remains independent.

- (I) Until the Court is not infallible
- (II) While the Court is not infallible
- (III) whereas the Court is not infallible
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) Both (I) and (II)

**Q184.** No person who appreciates the nature of the charges **can alleged that the motion has been moved** for political considerations.

- (I) can allege that the motion has been move
- (II) can allege that the motion has been moved
- (III) could alleged that the motion has been moved
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q185. As the level of emotional connectivity they get from Facebook has diluted,** users are deciding the privacy they sacrifice is not matched by a counterbalancing benefit.

- (I) Above the level of emotional connectivity they get from Facebook has diluted
- (II) Down the level of emotional connectivity they get from Facebook has diluted
- (III) In spite of the level of emotional connectivity they get from Facebook has diluted
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)

- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q186. Facebook would be faced a reckoning eventually because** it lacked the courage to be honest with itself, and its users, about what it had become.

- (I) Facebook would have been faced a reckoning eventually because
- (II) Facebook would have to faced a reckoning eventually because
- (III) Facebook would have faced a reckoning eventually because
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q187.** People with Down Syndrome are not all the same. **Apart a few physical characteristics that might be common,** they are individuals just like anyone else, showing unique strengths and talents.

- (I) Despite a few physical characteristics that might be common
- (II) Regardless a few physical characteristics that might be common
- (III) Rather a few physical characteristics that might be common
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q188. Though I don't have a cholesterol problem,** I did feel that reducing the cholesterol level by drinking water in which guava tree leaves are boiled, two litres a day as recommended, could help.

- (I) Whether I don't have a cholesterol problem
- (II) Despite I don't have a cholesterol problem
- (III) In order as I don't have a cholesterol problem
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of the above
- (e) No correction required

**Q189. The government is no doubt conscious in the clamour for tough action on absconding offenders,** particularly those involved in financial misdemeanours and willful defaulters of bank loans.

- (I) The government is no doubt conscious of the clamour for tough action on absconding offenders,

- (II) The government is doubting conscious of the clamour for tough action on absconding offenders,  
 (III) The government is no doubt conscious upon the clamour for tough action on absconding offenders,  
 (a) Only (I)  
 (b) Only (II)  
 (c) Only (III)  
 (d) All of the above  
 (e) No correction required

**Q190.** The government is understandably keen to close the Air India sale transaction soon, preferably by early 2019, **in order to bolstered its reformist credentials.**

- (I) in order to bolstering its reformist credentials.  
 (II) in order of bolster its reformist credentials.  
 (III) in order to bolster its reformist credentials.  
 (a) Only (I)  
 (b) Only (II)  
 (c) Only (III)  
 (d) All of the above  
 (e) No correction required

Directions (191-200): In each of the following sentence, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence, there are five options and each blank is to be filled with the same word given below to make the sentence correct. Fill up the sentences with the correct word.

- Q191.** (I) Another smaller ..... lies to the east with a gateway also of the Roman period.  
 (II) The chief ruin is a rectangular walled ....., 238 ft.  
 (a) door  
 (b) vent  
 (c) enclosure  
 (d) asylum  
 (e) cage

- Q192.** (I) That opens up a whole new list of sub-topics, like was it just a ..... mugger or someone he knew?  
 (II) The Nevada mines are mostly grouped around the city of Eureka, where the ore occurs in "pockets" disseminated at ..... through limestone.  
 (a) methodical  
 (b) specific  
 (c) systematic  
 (d) random  
 (e) planned

- Q193.** (I) He had to return it as promised, even knowing it was a ..... rule.  
 (II) He felt the mother's demeanor suggested she was preparing a ..... story.  
 (a) sincere  
 (b) honest

- (c) authentic  
 (d) factual  
 (e) bogus

- Q194.** (I) It will take over a year to complete the ..... task of rebuilding the museum.  
 (II) Since the changes are not ....., it should only take Sarah a day or two to remodel the kitchen.  
 (a) diversified  
 (b) monolithic  
 (c) hectic  
 (d) stubborn  
 (e) random

- Q195.** (I) We deduced that he had a ..... complex by his apparent need to seduce everything that walked.  
 (II) He has a terrible reputation as a .....  
 (a) honest  
 (b) romeo  
 (c) enemy  
 (d) Casanova  
 (e) dishonest

- Q196.** (I) Yet he became deeply attached to his wife, and proved in fact nearly as ..... as his father.  
 (II) He is regarded by many to be a very ..... spouse.  
 (a) fearful  
 (b) unloving  
 (c) uxorious  
 (d) hateful  
 (e) scorn

- Q197.** (I) The realtor hoped to ..... buyers by decorating the house with fancy furnishings.  
 (II) The con artist worked to ..... the innocent couple with promises of easy money.  
 (a) scold  
 (b) beguile  
 (c) entertain  
 (d) shout  
 (e) amuse



**Q198.** (I) My mother always wears long skirts to ..... what she refers to as her "lumpy knees."  
(II) When we go deer hunting, we dress in ..... so we can fade into nature's background.  
(a) divulge  
(b) conceal  
(c) hide  
(d) cover  
(e) camouflage

**Q199.** (I) We convey our sincerest ..... to their family, friends and community.  
(II) Brandon Westlake offered his concerned ....., apparently having heard the news from domino eavesdroppers.

(a) sorrow  
(b) emotions  
(c) condolences  
(d) lamentation  
(e) sympathize

**Q200.** (I) The copper tray hit the bottom of the can with a loud clatter, spewing ashes into the ..... office air.  
(II) She quickly put the plates in the dishwasher and dumped the ..... water from the frying pan.  
(a) stink  
(b) contaminated  
(c) perished  
(d) stale  
(e) pale

## Solutions

**S1. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer the third paragraph "If you find that you have little tolerance for the idiosyncracies of others, or you don't get how group dynamics work, you might be happier travelling alone."

**S2. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer the last lines of first paragraph of the passage which gives the exact explanation that sometimes we can feel lonely while travelling alone unless you can solve it yourself.

**S3. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer the last paragraph of the passage "Fear of the unknown, or maybe you have a spouse, relative, or friend who may be upset by your decision to take off by yourself".

**S4. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Refer the first few lines of third paragraph.

**S5. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Both sentences (II) and (III) are correct. Refer the first paragraph.

**S6. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "Travelling alone" is the appropriate title of the passage as the whole passage revolves around this theme.

**S7. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Allay means to reduce. Hence it has same meaning as mollify.  
Emulate means match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation.

**S8. Ans.(e)**

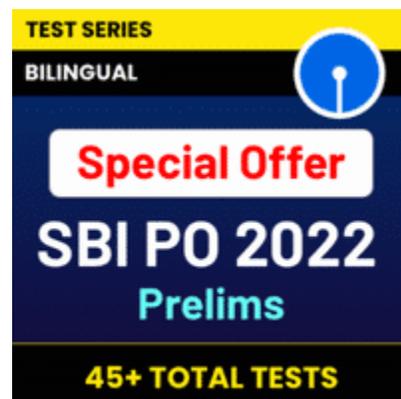
**Sol.** Idiosyncracies means a mode of behaviour or way of thought peculiar to an individual. Hence it has same meaning as peculiarity.  
Refute means prove (a statement or theory) to be wrong or false, disprove.  
Collate means collect and combine.  
Exigent means pressing, demanding.

**S9. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Embrace means accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically. Hence it has opposite meaning to repudiate.  
Disparate means essentially different in kind, not able to be compared.  
Atrophy means waste.

**S10. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Convince means cause (someone) to believe firmly in the truth of something. Hence it has opposite meaning as dissuade.  
Callous means showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.



**S11. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Insert 'the' before 'Delhi'.**S12. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No error.**S13. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Replace 'much' with 'many'**S14. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Replace 'declaring' with 'declaration'**S15. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Replace 'reviewing' with 'review'**S16. Ans. (a)****Sol.** By interchanging the words 'competence' with 'flight', the sentence becomes grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.

The sentence thus formed will be:

*"He said the successful flight test proves the competence of the DRDO in designing and developing world-class missile systems."***S17. Ans. (c)****Sol.** By interchanging the word 'amendments' with 'will', the sentence becomes grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

The sentence thus formed will be:

*"Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that the Centre will soon bring amendments to the Multi-State Cooperative Society Act, and a new policy for the cooperatives is on the way."***S18. Ans. (d)****Sol.** All the words in the given sentence are correctly positioned. Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.**S19. Ans. (e)****Sol.** By interchanging the word 'evening' with 'sounded', the sentence becomes grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (e) is the right answer choice.

The sentence thus formed will be:

*"The Odisha government on Saturday sounded a warning for the cyclonic storm Gulab, which is expected to cross the coast between its southern districts and north Andhra Pradesh with wind speeds of 75-85 kmph on Sunday evening."***S20. Ans. (e)****Sol.** By interchanging the words 'entrance' with 'slammed', the sentence becomes grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (e) is the right answer choice.

The sentence thus formed will be:

*"The Supreme Court on Monday slammed the Central government for making changes at the eleventh hour in the exam pattern of the postgraduate entrance test."***S21. Ans. (c)****Sol.** By interchanging the word 'work' with 'inspected', the sentence becomes grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

The sentence thus formed will be:

*"The Chief Minister inspected the cleaning of the silt patch pit by the Greater Chennai Corporation and advised officials to complete the work in a week."***S22. Ans. (c)****Sol.** The highlighted phrase should be replaced by "with references to provide support to". Preposition 'to' should be followed by 'support' as when "provide" is followed by a direct object, English speakers can use the prepositions "to" or "for." Provide (something) to/for (someone) means that you deliver or give something to someone. All the other options are either grammatically incorrect or contextually meaningless. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.**S23. Ans. (a)****Sol.** The highlighted phrase should be replaced by "of each of the seven district courts in". Preposition 'of' is used to denote belonging to somebody; relating to somebody. All the other options are either grammatically incorrect or contextually meaningless. Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.**S24. Ans. (c)****Sol.** The highlighted phrase in the given sentence is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.**S25. Ans. (c)****Sol.** The highlighted phrase should be replaced by "has questioned the necessity of ". All the other options are either grammatically incorrect or contextually meaningless. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.**S26. Ans. (d)****Sol.** The highlighted phrase should be replaced by "along with military horses had come to". All the other options

are either grammatically incorrect or contextually meaningless. Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.

**S27. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** The highlighted phrase should be replaced by "had been approved for it". All the other options are either grammatically incorrect or contextually meaningless. Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.

**S28. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** All the given sentences are grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.

**S29. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** Among the given sentences, only sentence (A) is correct.

In sentence (B), 'from' should be replaced with 'by'.

In sentence (C), 'became' should be replaced with 'become'.

**S30. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** Both the sentences (A) and (C) are correct. Hence, option (e) is the right answer choice.

In sentence (B), 'shared' should be replaced with 'share'.

**S31. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Refer 1st three lines of stanza 1

**S32. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Refer 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> line of stanza 1

**S33. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Refer 2<sup>nd</sup> line of stanza 1

**S34. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** Refer 1st three lines of stanza 2

**S35. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Refer 1st 7 lines of stanza 2

**S36. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Refer last three lines of stanza 1

**S37. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** Refer stanza 2

**S38. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** Prolific- Fruitful; Fertile

**S39. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Perks- Perquisites

**S40. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** Inevitable- Predictable; Unavoidable. Thus, antonym is avoidable

**S41. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** evade – to get away from by cunning; to avoid by dexterity

elope – to run away with intention to get married with someone else

**S42. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** verdict – An opinion; judgment

norm- set of rules

**S43. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** admonished – to warn or notify of a fault

remiss – at fault

reprieved – cancelled or postponed

**S44. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** embarrassing – awkward; shameful

embracing – to hug

**S45. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** consideration – the tendency to consider things

**S46. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** It was unclear when or before which committee **he would testify**- Here, we are talking about the situation in which someone is doubtful that when or before which committee he would have to pass the test or testify himself. **...he would appoint** will not come here as the appointment is said to be done by the committee, not before the committee.

**S47. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** This hearing will be an important opportunity to **shed light on critical consumer data privacy issues** and help all Americans better understand what happens to their personal information online- As the sentence ends with the matter of personal information, thus we will consider the option (c) as the correct one because in this option, privacy issues have been talked about which is directly related to the personal information online.

**S48. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** It still speaks to people feeling like this was a massive breach of trust and that **we have a lot of work to do to repair that**- The given sentence expresses that there has been a breach of trust of many people. So, to bring it to the original position, one should have to do a lot of work to repair it.

**S49. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** I'm confident **we're making progress against these adversaries** but they're very sophisticated. We can't expect to fully solve a problem like this- The given statement ends with the problem solving matter. This means if a problem is faced by, then there must be creator of problems also, and what the positive side is doing is making progress against them. ie. adversaries.

**S50. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Its terms of reference also include suggestions on the possible ways in which the system can be made more secure with the use of technology and **minimization of human intervention**- Here, we are asking about the suggestions of improvement which can only be made by the minimization of the human intervention.

**S51. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** They wanted **to simplify medical transport** to the level of ride-hailing for patients and caregivers- As the issue is to help the patients and the caregivers. Also, ride-hailing is related to the transportation. Thus, it can only be done by simplifying the medical transport.

**S52. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The government has sought an urgent review, in an attempt to dispel the impression that its own stand was responsible for the Division Bench **laying down fresh guidelines on handling complaints** under the Act- The given statement is reflecting the action which is taken on the urgent basis by the government in order to dispel the responsibility of laying down guidelines on handling complaints. Thus, other options don't fit here.

**S53. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** One hopes that the initial fury has spent itself out and that **there will be no cause for its being unleashed again**- It can be inferred that fury has been finished now. Hence, there will be no cause for its being unleashed again.

**S54. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** It is likely that it is a result of the perception that in a social environment where the legal and administrative system is already loaded against the community, **a verdict like this may worsen the lot of the vulnerable**- Here, the statement **'in a social environment where the legal and administrative system is already loaded against the community'**.....directly sums up that the judgment will worsen the lot of vulnerable.

**S55. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Life has become miserable under these**

**conditions**, and it is not an exaggeration when the territory is called one big open-air prison- The tone of the context is negative. So, the negative clause can only complete the statement.

**S56. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **There are conflicting views** on what triggered the violence- Since there the violence has been triggered, there will be always conflicting views regarding the matter.

**S57. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** To unravel the full potential, energy treaties based on renewable sources **have become imperative**- Imperative means **'essential'**. Thus, to apply full potential, the treaties doing so have become imperative.

**S58. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Moments of crisis often create moments for rethinking, when the basic concepts and institutions we employ **are subject to critical scrutiny**- The situation described here is a bit psychological, explaining the moment of being worried when we rethink just because the basic concepts applied somewhere are subject to critical scrutiny. Others options given here are all closed to each other but they don't fit here because they mention the procedure followed by the critical scrutiny. Here, we are talking about the action which creates tension and worry.

**S59. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Mediocrity in mimicking excellence subverts **the very essence** of the institution- As the mediocrity is the main crux of the matter. Thus, **'the very essence'** best fits here.

**S60. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Protest must **be accompanied by** scholarship which exposes in detail the logic and mechanics of the rituals of appropriation- Protest can only be accompanied. Other options are meant to be eliminated.

**S61. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The country requires a minimum wage **because** workers paid below the poverty line have an added cost on society.

**S62. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The sky had grown darker again **and** the wind made queer sobbing sounds as it swept over the valley.

**S63. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **However**, if it were stigmatized, and public opinion dramatically and pervasively changed, that would force policy change.

**S64. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** He was respectful of her concerns, **but** they didn't see eye-to-eye on any of it - except the fact that they both wanted another child.

**S65. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Texting while driving is dangerous. **Moreover**, it's illegal in some states.

**S66. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Still** I could not shut my eyes to the force and weight of their arguments, and I saw plainly that I must abandon-'s scheme as impracticable.

**S67. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Although** she had a lantern, the cellar was still eerily dark.

**S68. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Though** he had studied hard for this test, he failed to get an A.

**S69. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** In one week **hence**, we will celebrate the coronation.

**S70. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The blizzard grounded all the flights. **Therefore**, she would not be able to fly home for the holidays.

**S71. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The economy was poor this year, **nevertheless** our sales were strong.

**S72. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** His voice was quiet and confident, and she felt like a visitor in his throne room **rather than** a woman talking to a stranger chained to her basement wall.

**S73. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** **Instead** he was withdrawn and somber, even picking at his food.

**S74. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Teacher sends you her kind remembrances, and father and mother **also** send their regards.

**S75. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** If you're concerned about a messed up head, **either** shave it all off **or** comb over the scars.

**S76. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Beck told me about an interesting shift in thinking that occurred while she worked at a science museum.

**S77. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Despite a burning desire to make a difference, he didn't know where to begin.

**S78. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Though the extent of poverty reduction over the period 2009-10 to 2011-12 is very high by historical standards, it is not altogether implausible.

**S79. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** She did not provide details of their conditions but asked for continued prayers for their recovery.

**S80. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** Although the proverb does not allude directly to the beauty of life, it nonetheless describes happiness, like the cherry blossom, as something short-lived.

**S81. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** Attempts to restore normalcy have been hampered as the government and angry protesters continue to trade accusations.

**S82. Ans. (d)**

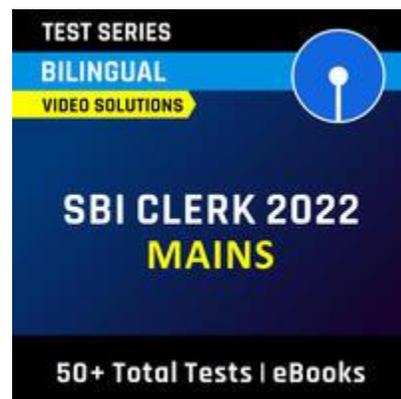
**Sol.** A leader of the protest movement has been charged with threatening the security of the state, while some followers face criminal investigation.

**S83. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** While progressive taxes may be justified given the wide disparities in income levels in India, the principle of simplicity is being compromised.

**S84. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** A strike by farmers in Maharashtra continues to affect normal life, despite the State government's announcement of an end to the strike last week.



**S85. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** The court has noted that the Act provides for the selection committee to make appointments even when it is truncated due to a vacancy.

**S86. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Though developing countries hold less than half the overall quota at the moment, with their rapidly increasing economic heft they have demanded a greater share — with limited success.

**S87. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** On several other fronts, the final laws haven't changed much from their draft versions, despite industry red-flagging several provisions.

**S88. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** Companies would still have to reveal the extent of their financing of parties, but no longer have to name their preferred parties.

**S89. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** If such attackers do not have any contact with terrorist groups, it makes it difficult for intelligence communities to detect them.

**S90. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** This is the third year in a row that they can look forward to a high output for a variety of crops, although fiscal realities have come in the way of realising higher farm incomes.

**S91. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** Out of all the expressions provided in the options, only option (e) is the misfit from the context of the sentences provided. Contemporary means New or modern which is contextually correct as can be predicted from the sentences. Modern and present day are also synonyms for the word contemporary implying new or current. Ancient means old and back-dated and hence it will be a misfit in terms of the context of the sentences. Hence option (e) is the most suitable choice.

**S92. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** Out of all the expressions provided in the options, only option (e) is a misfit from the context of the sentences provided. Protean means versatile which fits in the context of both the sentences. Similarly, adaptable, versatile & flexible carry the same meaning as that of the word 'Protean'. As can be predicted from the second part of the second sentence, can take any form reveals the versatility of the superhero and therefore, option (a), (b), (c) & (d) favor the sentences whereas option (e) does not.

Homogenous means one that lacks diversity. Hence option (e) is the most suitable choice.

**S93. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Among all the given words only option (c) i.e., 'superficial' does not fit appropriately in the given blanks. 'Superficial' means not thorough, deep, or complete; cursory, therefore, it does not fill the blank coherently. However, 'radical' is an adjective which means (especially of change or action) relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough. 'Profound', 'intense' and 'rigorous' have similar meanings as that of 'radical'. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S94. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Except for option (d) all the other words fit precisely in the given blanks providing a contextual meaning to the sentences. 'Pallid' means (of a person's face) pale, typically because of poor health. Hence, it does not make the sentence coherent.

Frivolous means not having any serious purpose or value. Flippant means not showing a serious or respectful attitude.

Inane means lacking sense or meaning; silly.

Senseless means lacking common sense; wildly foolish.

**S95. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** Except for option (a) all the other words fit precisely in the given blanks providing a contextual meaning to the sentences. 'Appropriate' means suitable or proper in the circumstances. Hence, it does not make the sentence coherent.

Grating means sounding harsh and unpleasant.

Raucous means making or constituting a disturbingly harsh and loud noise.

Harsh means unpleasantly rough or jarring to the senses.

Strident means (of a sound) loud and harsh; grating.

**S96. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** 'resolution/ settlement' are the appropriate set of words delivering the correct meaning to the sentence. Resolution means to find redressal to a problem or an obstacle. Settlement refers to an official agreement intended to resolve a dispute or conflict. Here in the sentence, Deputy governor of RBI has shown his concern towards stressed assets and to complete the sentence resolution/ settlement can be used interchangeably. Other words are irrelevant. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Futility means pointlessness or uselessness.

Vaunt means boast about or praise.

**S97. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** 'Inability/ failing' are the correct set of words making the sentence meaningful and complete. A negative word must be filled in the blank. Failing means to be unsuccessful in achieving one's goal, which is similar in meaning to Inability and thus can be used interchangeably.

Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

Assailing means criticize strongly.

**S98. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** 'propped up' and 'fortified' are the most suitable words for the blanks.

'propped up' means reinforcing, bolstering or boosting, which is justifying the meaning of the sentence. 'propped up' is similar in meaning to 'fortified' that can be filled in the blank giving the correct meaning to the sentence. Other words do not go in harmony with the theme of the sentence. Hence option (c) is the correct choice. Fortified means strengthen (someone) mentally or physically.

Valued means considered to be important or beneficial; cherished.

**S99. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** 'ensure/ guarantee' are the correct set of words delivering a meaningful sense.

Ensure means to make certain that (something) will occur or it can be the case which is similar in meaning to guarantee. Hence, they can be filled in the blank interchangeably providing correct interpretation of the sentence and thus proving option (e) as correct.

Inundate means overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with.

Subdue means overcome, quieten, or bring under control (a feeling or person).

**S100. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** 'uphold/ support' are the correct words for the sentence.

Uphold means to confirm or support (something which has been questioned) is imparting the correct meaning to the sentence. The word should go similar in meaning with 'provide' as conjunction 'and' takes similar tone sentences at both its ends. 'support or uphold' are giving the correct meaning and thus can be used interchangeably.

Other words fail to deliver the correct meaning to the sentence.

Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

Exacerbate means make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

Covet means desire.

**S101. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the right choice. Rustle up means to quickly prepare something (figuratively).

Quest means a hunt or search. Hence option (c) is the right answer.

**S102. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** The correct choice is option (d). This is so because blocked off means prohibited or stopped.

Intercepted means obstruct (someone or something) so as to prevent them from continuing to a destination.

Rescued means keep from being lost or abandoned; retrieve.

Liberated means freed.

Uncuffed means unshackled or unchained.

Dispersed means scattered.

**S103. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the right choice. Play down means to try to make a problem or difficult situation seem less important than it is.

For example we have, At first the government played down the threat to public health.

So belittle is the appropriate word.

Aggravate means make (a problem, injury, or offence) worse or more serious

Exalt means think or speak very highly of (someone or something).

Highlight means to bring in the lime light.

Overstate means state too strongly; exaggerate

**S104. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** The correct choice is option (a). Gobbles up means to use all or a lot of something. i. e. if a large company or organization gobbles up a smaller one, it takes control of it. Option (a) devours means swallows or consumes.

Forfeits means lose or be deprived of (property or a right or privilege) as a penalty for wrongdoing.

Abstains means restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something.

Disperses means distribute or spread over a wide area.

**S105. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Option (d) is the right option. Ham up means overstate or exaggerating; to deliberately exaggerate one's emotions or movements, or to overact or act badly.

Devalue means reduce or underestimate the worth or importance of

Downplay means make (something) appear less important than it really is.

Abandon means cease to support or look after (someone); desert.

Alleviate means make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe.

**S106. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Opportunity' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S107. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Deterrence' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means the act of deterring, especially deterring a nuclear attack by the capacity or threat of retaliating.

**S108. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Attacking' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S109. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Fostered' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means to promote the growth or development of; further; encourage.

**S110. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Estimated' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means to make an estimate.

**S111. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Globally' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S112. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Conflicts' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S113. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Protectors' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S114. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Violated' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

**S115. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Consequent' is the correct word here and makes the sentence contextually and grammatically correct. It means following as a logical conclusion.

**S116. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Natural life-** the expected span of a person's life or a thing's existence under normal circumstances.

**S117. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Reinvigorated-** revitalized

**Rescind-** to finish the law

**S118. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Benumbing-** making numb or dead

**Ghastly-** horrifying

**Gruesome-** ghastly

**S119. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Verdict-** final judgment

**Vendetta-** a bitter, destructive feud normally between two families

**Vindictive-** revengeful

**S120. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Trust-** faith; hope

**S121. Ans.(e)**

**Sol. Influential-** that can create effect or can influence

**S122. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Patronage-** the act of providing approval and support; backing

**S123. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Prosecutors-** those who prosecute

**S124. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Intimidated-** to be feared

**Intrigued-** a clandestine or complicated plot or scheme; stratagem

**Intimated-** closely acquainted; familiar

**S125. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Belligerent-** engaged in war

**Bedlam-** chaotic situation

**Baffled-** confused

**Benign-** kind; gentle

**S126. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Threatening-** that threatens

**Exasperating-** irritating

**S127. Ans.(a)**

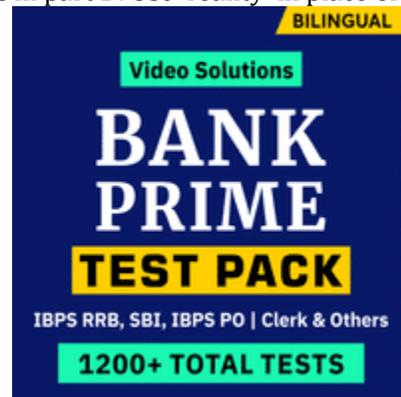
**Sol. Dire-** urgent; awful

**S128. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Ostensibly-** pretentiously; apparently; seemingly

**S129. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Managed-** directed (but directed can't be used here because it doesn't go with the context of the statement)

**S130. Ans.(e)****Sol. Transferred-** transmitted**S131. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Part (A) is incorrect; **'would'** is a modal and it should be followed by the first form of the verb according to the grammatical rule.**S132. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Part (C) is incorrect; **'fascinating'** is a verb that should be replaced by the noun **'fascination'** to make it grammatically correct.**S133. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Part (B) is incorrect; **'interprets'** should be replaced by the **'interpret'** as it is preceded by a modal which always takes first form of verb after it.**S134. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Part (E) is incorrect; **'halting'** will replace **'halted'****S135. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Part (D) is incorrect; **'of'** will get replaced **'with'****S136. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Part (D) is incorrect; **'upon'** should be replaced by **'over'****S137. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No error**S138. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Part (A) is incorrect; The arrangement is grammatically incorrect as **'is India'** will get replaced by **'India is'****S139. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Part (B) is incorrect; **'for'** should be replaced by **'in'****S140. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Part (E) is incorrect; **'should'** will be followed by the first form of verb .i.e. **'avoid'****S141. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No error**S142. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Part (B) is incorrect; **'able'** will replace **'ability'** as **'able'** is used as a noun here referring to a person.**S143. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Part (B) is incorrect; **'considerable'** will get replaced by **'considerably'****S144. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Part (A) is incorrect; **'most'** will replace **'more'****S145. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No error**S146. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Error is in part D. Use 'have' in place of 'having'.**S147. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Error is in part D. Use 'were' in place of 'was'.**S148. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No Error**S149. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Error is in part B. 'has' will be used in place of 'have' as the subject is singular.**S150. Ans.(c)****Sol.** Error is in part C. Use of 'an' is incorrect and article 'a' is the correct usage.**S151. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Error is in part B. 'were' will be used in place of verb as the subject is plural.**S152. Ans.(a)****Sol.** Error is in part A. Use 'acutely' in place of 'acute'.**S153. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No Error**S154. Ans.(b)****Sol.** Error is in part B. Use 'found' in place of 'find' as the sentence is in past tense.**S155. Ans.(e)****Sol.** No Error**S156. Ans.(d)****Sol.** Error is in part D. Use 'reality' in place of 'real'.

**S157. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Error is in part B. Use of 'avail' is incorrect and 'availing' will be used here.

**S158. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Error is in part A. Use of 'there' is incorrect and 'their' is the correct usage.

**S159. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** No Error

**S160. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Error is in part C. Use 'relatable' in place of 'relate'.

**S161. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Option (e) is the appropriate choice here. The answer can be referred from paragraph 1 where it is given that *intelligent transportation and data-driven public safety remain the largest investment areas, but that IDC is also finding significant pockets of spending and growth in back-office and platform-related use cases, which are less often publicized, but increasingly happening behind the scenes in cities around the world.*

**S162. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct choice here is option (d). For the answer, both the paragraph 2 and 3 have to be referred. As paragraph 2 states about the how the weakest link in smart cities installations may lie at this sensor level. The level is mentioned in paragraph 3 which is *the researchers found that these sensor arrays are at great risk of being hacked.*

**S163. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) is the correct choice. The answer can be deduced from paragraph 2 where it is mentioned that *smart cities program stand to make more money as they roll out new sensors, each with an Internet of Things (IoT)-based connection to their own application, as well as to other related smart cities applications. IoT is the network of physical devices embedded with electronics, software, actuators, sensors and connectivity which enables these devices to connect and exchange data and signals.*

**S164. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The most suitable choice here is option (b). This line is quoted in bold in paragraph 2 which states that people are well aware of the vulnerabilities personal devices such as smartphones, laptops, routers and other hardware have, and the firms that make them work hard to plug gaps in a never-ending catch-up game with hackers.

**S165. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Only option (c) stands out as the suitable choice for the answer. The answer has to be deduced and concluded from paragraph 4 based on the author's statement that the vulnerabilities exposed to the bugs have been confirmed by the researchers that *none of the bugs their "white hat" or friendly hacking efforts exposed have actually been exploited by others with mala-fide intent.* This means that white hat are the friendly hacking efforts which are not exposed by mala fide intent.

**S166. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Disparate means dissimilar. incongruous means the same.

Akin means similar.

Homologous means having the same relation, relative position, or structure.

Connate means united so as to form a single part.

**S167. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Monolithic means unchanging. Immutable means unchangeable.

Erratic means inconsistent.

Mercurial means subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind.

Capricious means given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.

Intermittent means occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady.

**S168. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Spawned means to produce.

Engender-to give existence to

Hence engender is the appropriate option.

Consummated means concluded.

**S169. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Rattling means making or causing to make a rapid succession of short, sharp knocking sounds.

Placating means soothing.

Clattering means a continuous rattling sound as of hard objects falling or striking each other.

Chattering means making a series of short, quick high-pitched sounds.

Jarring means causing a physical shock, jolt, or vibration.

**S170. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Vulnerable means unprotected. Its opposite is Invincible which means invulnerable or indestructible.

Impuissant means unable to take effective action; powerless.

Unfortified means not fortified against attack.

Pregnable means vulnerable to attack.

Indomitable- incapable of being subdued

**S171. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase "on the skids" is "destroyed" as 'on the skids' means certain to fail/destroy. Hence, the word 'destroyed' provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Subservience means willingness to obey others unquestioningly.

Panned- criticized severely.

Glib- fluent but insincere and shallow

**S172. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase "shot in the arm" is "boost" as 'shot in the arm' means to encourage. Hence, the word 'boost' provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option(c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Accent means a special or particular emphasis.

Gist means the substance or general meaning of a speech or text.

Bulge means a rounded swelling which distorts an otherwise flat surface.

Brim means be full to the point of overflowing.

**S173. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase "set at naught" is "defy" as 'set at naught' means to disregard. Hence, the word 'defy' provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option(c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Adore means love and respect (someone) deeply.

**S174. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase "take heart" is "revitalize" as 'take heart' means to feel encouraged. Hence, the word 'revitalized' provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Revitalized-re-energize

Navigable means (of a website) easy to move around in.

Dwindle means diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength.

Mediocre- of only average quality; not very good.

**S175. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase "wet behind the ears" is "naive" as 'wet behind the ears' means inexperienced. Hence, the word 'naive' provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Impair means weaken or damage (something, especially a faculty or function).

Taper means diminish or reduce in thickness towards one end.

Expatriate means speak or write in detail about.

Slump means sit, lean, or fall heavily and limply.

**S176. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** "Nehru would have definitely consulted his Cabinet" is the correct option here. As we read the sentence further, we see "most certainly must have discussed" shows the possibility of something happened in the past, therefore "would have definitely consulted" goes with the sentence.

**S177. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** No correction required. We use "have been+ ed form as the sentence is in passive form.

**S178. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Both (II) and (III) are grammatically correct here as the sentence is in past tense.

**S179. Ans. (d)**

**Sol.** Both (I) and (II) are correct here. Use of more and stronger together is superfluous.

**S180. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** In passive construction of sentences the agent of the action is always introduced with the preposition BY, therefore we use "driven by".

**S181. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** No correction required. The sentence is grammatically and logically correct.

**S182. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** "although poetry is a far higher expression than prose." Here "although" shows 'but it is also true that..' to show contrast

**S183. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** "While the Court is not infallible". This is the correct choice here as 'while' is used here to show contrast.

**S184. Ans. (b)**

**Sol.** “can allege that the motion has been moved” is the correct phrase here. As the first part of the sentence is in present tense so we use “allege” and not the past form “alleged.”

**S185. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** No correction required. The sentence is correct grammatically and logically.

**S186. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** “Facebook would have faced a reckoning eventually because” is the correct phrase here. As we further read the sentence, it depicts past tense. So we use use ‘would have faced’ for past tense.

**S187. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** “Despite a few physical characteristics that might be common” is correct here. Despite will be used to show contrast here that besides having common physical characteristics, they show unique strengths.

**S188. Ans. (e)**

**Sol.** No correction required. The sentence is correct.

**S189. Ans. (a)**

**Sol.** “The government is no doubt conscious of the clamour for tough action on absconding offenders” is correct here. We use ‘of’ here to make it grammatically correct.

**S190. Ans. (c)**

**Sol.** ‘In order to bolster its reformist credentials’ is correct form here because we use in order to with an infinitive form of a verb to express the purpose of something.

**S191. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. enclosure-** something enclosed .i.e. inserted into a letter or a package

**S192. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. random-** course without definite direction

**S193. Ans.(e)**

**Sol. bogus-** counterfeit or fake; not genuine

**S194. Ans.(b)**

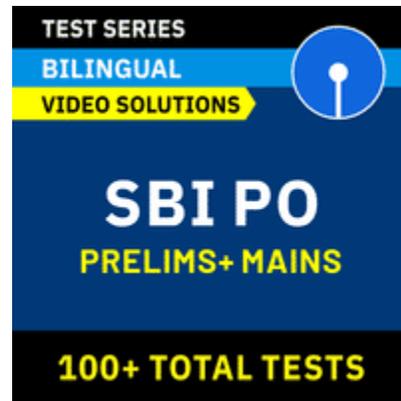
**Sol. monolithic-** of or resembling a monolith(having a massive, unchanging structure that does not permit individual variation)

**S195. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. casanova-** a man considered romantic and gallant, especially one who gives amorous attentions to women; a promiscuous, philandering man

**S196. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. uxorious-** overly devoted or submissive to one's wife



**S197. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. beguile-** to cheat

**S198. Ans.(e)**

**Sol. camouflage-** a disguise or covering up

**S199. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. condolences-** comfort, support or sympathy

**S200. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. stale-** not fresh