

Directions (1-5): **Read the passage carefully and attempt the following questions:**

In this passage, Gerald Durrell, the naturalist, describes his attempt to look after some baby hedgehogs when he was a young boy.

On my animal-collecting trips for zoos to various parts of the world, I have had to 'mother' quite a number of baby animals and I have always found it a most nerve-racking task. The first real attempt I made at being a foster-mother was to four baby hedgehogs. The female hedgehog is a very good mother. She constructs an underground nursery for her young: a circular chamber about 30 centimeters below ground-level, lined with a thick layer of dry leaves. Here she gives birth to her babies which are blind and helpless. They are covered with a thick coating of spikes, but these are white and soft, as though made of rubber. They gradually harden and turn brown when the babies are a few weeks old. When they are old enough to leave the nursery the mother leads them out and shows them how to hunt for food; they walk in line, the tail of one held in the mouth of the baby behind. The baby at the head of the column holds tight to the mother's tail with grim determination, and they move through the twilight hedgerows like a strange prickly centipede.

To a mother hedgehog the rearing of her babies seems to present no problem. But when I was suddenly presented with four blind, white, rubbery-spiked babies to rear, I was not so sure. We were living in Greece at the time. and the nest, which was about the size of a football and made of oak leaves, had been dug up by a farmer working in his fields. My first job was to feed the babies but an ordinary baby's feeding-bottle was much too large for their tiny mouths. Luckily, a friend's young daughter had a doll's feeding-bottle, and I managed to persuade her to part with it. After a time the hedgehogs took to this and thrived on a diet of diluted cow's milk.

Q1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, what do you understand a naturalist's job to be?

- (A) a person who collects animals.
- (B) a person who studies animals, plants and other living things.
- (C) a person who loves to live in natural surroundings.
- (D) a person who takes trips to zoos, the world over.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q2. Fill in the blank with the suitable option.

Gerald Durrell's first experience of 'mothering' baby animals was _____.

- (a) exhilarating
- (b) mentally strenuous
- (c) disturbing
- (d) extraordinary

Q3. The reason why Gerald Durrell concludes that the female hedgehog is a “good mother” is:

- (a) She protects the young ones and trains them to hunt for food.
- (b) She rears blind, helpless babies.
- (c) She doesn't pamper her young ones.
- (d) She faces no problem in rearing her young.

Q4. On the basis of your reading the passage, put the following occurrences in the correct order:

- (A) The first baby in line holds the mother's tail with determination.
 - (B) When they are old enough to leave the nursery, the mother teaches them to hunt for food.
 - (C) The female hedgehog constructs a nursery before her babies are born.
 - (D) The thick coating of spikes on the babies hardens and turns brown when they grow old.
- (a) C, D, B, A
 - (b) C, A, D, B
 - (c) C, B, D, A
 - (d) B, C, D, A

Q5. How do we know that the writer was a resourceful person?

- (A) Observed the mother hedge-hog and learnt lessons in rearing.
- (B) Had mothered many baby animals.
- (C) Used a doll's feeding-bottle to feed the hedgehog babies.
- (D) Gave diluted cow's milk to the babies.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Directions (6-10): **Read the following passage given below and answer the question.**

We humans walk with two legs (called 'bipedal') and use two hands. The evolution of bipedalism began in our ancestors, the primates, about 4 million years ago. The primates not only gave us our blood groups, but our two feet and two hands as well. Primates exhibit characteristics that distinguish them from less evolved mammals. These include adaptations to live in trees (as monkeys do), big brains, heightened sense of vision, opposable thumbs to grasp the four fingers in each hand, and more flexibility in shoulder movements.

Dr. Tetsuro Matsuzawa of the Kyoto University, Japan, writes that the shared ancestor primates moved into tree tops and developed four hands from the four legs possessed by the terrestrial ancestor. This was an adaptation to arboreal life; enabling the efficient grasping of branches and tree-trunks. Subsequently, early human ancestors left the trees to start walking long distances across the land, bipedally. Thus, we created two feet from four hands during the course of evolution from our primate ancestors.

The anthropologist Carol Ward of the University of Missouri, US points out that the way we humans get around the world is different from any other animal on earth. We move around on the ground, upright on two feet, but in a unique way: with one foot after the other; holding our body fully upright in a characteristic series of motions. So, it's a big deal to figure out how and why we walk the way we do, and how our lineage really diverged so much from ape like creatures.

The human brain is about three times as big as the brain of our closest living relative, the chimpanzee. Moreover, a part of our brain, called the cerebral cortex - which plays a key role in memory, attention, awareness and thought - contains twice as many cells as the same region in chimpanzees. We are, thus, smarter than apes.

- Q6. As per the passage, which of the following *does not* make the primates different from their ancestors:
- (a) Taste buds
 - (b) Bipedalism
 - (c) Flexible shoulder movements
 - (d) Bigger brains
- Q7. The word 'arboreal' means:
- (a) crawling movement
 - (b) related to water and trees
 - (c) relating to trees
 - (d) tendency to jump
- Q8. 'Subsequently' means the same as:
- (a) As opposed to
 - (b) As a consequence of
 - (c) Afterwards
 - (d) Without any significance
- Q9. Which options *don't* correctly explain why humans are smarter than apes. (as per the passage)
- (A) Apes have a bigger brain size.
 - (B) Humans have a better memory.
 - (C) Humans can walk with only 2 legs.

(D) Human's ability to process thoughts is more.

(E) Apes can climb trees.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) (A) and (E) Only

(b) (A) and (C) Only

(c) (A), (C) and (E) Only

(d) (C) and (E) Only

Q10. Which of the following words means the same as 'diverge'?

(a) Intersect

(b) Separate

(c) Divulge

(d) Synchronize

Directions (11-15): **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:**

Knowledge has many forms and it is available at many places. It is acquired through education, information, intelligence and experience. It is available in academic institutions, with teachers, in libraries, in research papers, seminar proceedings and in various organizations and workplaces with workers, managers, in drawings, in process sheets and on the shop floors. Knowledge, though closely linked to education, comes equally from learning skills such as those possessed by our artists, craftsmen, hakims, vaidyas, philosophers and saints, as also our housewives. Knowledge plays a very important role in their performance and output too. Our heritage and history, the rituals, epics and traditions that form part our consciousness are also vast resources of knowledge as are our libraries and universities. There is an abundance of unorthodox, earthy wisdom in our villages. There are hidden treasures of knowledge in our environment, in the oceans, bioreserves and deserts, in the plant and animal life. Every state in our country has a unique core competence for a knowledge society.

Q11. How is knowledge acquired according to the author?

(a) Through learning and applying concepts

(b) By getting skills and information

(c) Through hard work and sincerity

(d) By toiling day and night

Q12. In the author's opinion, knowledge is available:

(a) Only in books

(b) In the company of intelligent people

(c) All activities of daily life

(d) In our heritage and history

Q13. Why does the author feel that our history is a vast resource of knowledge?

- (a) Because it is easily available in books.
- (b) History can teach us important things about life.
- (c) We can learn about kings and queens and their lives.
- (d) Because all people have a deep interest in history.

Q14. How is knowledge hidden in nature?

- (a) Nature hides many secrets in itself.
- (b) Observing nature can help us see the inter-relation.
- (c) Oceans, deserts, plants and animal life teach us lessons about life.
- (d) The desert teaches us how to overcome challenges.

Q15. Why is every state in India unique?

- (a) Because people who live there are unique
- (b) Because law and order situation is different in each state
- (c) Because each state has a different cultural heritage
- (d) Because some states are given priority over others

Directions (16-20): Ancient Egypt was the birthplace of one of the world's first civilizations. This advanced culture arose about 5,000 years ago in the Nile River Valley in north-eastern Africa. It thrived for over 2,000 years and so became one of the longest lasting civilizations in history.

The mighty Nile River was the lifeblood of ancient Egypt. Every year, it overflowed and deposited a strip of rich, black soil along each bank. The fertile soil enabled farmers to raise a huge supply of food. The ancient Egyptians called their country-Kemet, meaning 'black land', after the dark soil. The Nile also provided water for irrigation and was Egypt's main transportation route. For all these reasons, the ancient Greek historian Herodotus called Egypt "the gift of the Nile."

The ancient Egyptians made outstanding contributions to the development of civilization. They created the world's first national government, basic forms of arithmetic, and a 365-day calendar. They invented a form of picture writing called hieroglyphics. They also invented papyrus, a paper like writing material made from the stems of papyrus plants. The Egyptians developed one of the first religions to emphasize life after death. They built great cities in which many skilled architects, doctors, engineers, painters, and sculptors worked.

The best-known achievements of the ancient Egyptians, however, are the pyramids they built as tombs for their rulers. The most famous pyramids stand at Giza. These gigantic stone structures—marvels of architectural and engineering skills have been preserved by the dry climate for about 4,500 years. They serve as spectacular reminders of the glory of ancient Egypt.

Q16. The Egyptian Civilization lasted for

- (a) Over 5000 years
- (b) Over 365 days

- (c) Over 4,500 years
- (d) Over 2000 years

Q17. Choose the option that is incorrect

The Nile River was considered “the life blood of ancient Egypt” because

- (a) It was the main transportation route
- (b) It has black land
- (c) It caused havoc when it overflowed
- (d) It provided fertile soil and water for irrigation

Q18. In the passage the word ‘gigantic’ means: -

- (a) Small
- (b) Gorgeous
- (c) Huge
- (d) Ancient

Q19. The best known achievement of the ancient Egyptians is:-

- (a) The creation of the world’s first national government
- (b) The building of great cities
- (c) The building of the Pyramids
- (d) The contribution to the development of civilization

Q20. Match List I with List II

LIST I		LIST II	
A.	Hieroglyphics	I.	Paper like writing material
B.	Papyrus	II.	A form of picture writing
C.	Kemet	III.	Tombs built for rulers
D.	Pyramids	IV.	Black land

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III
- (b) A-III, B-II, C-I, D-IV
- (c) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I
- (d) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I

Directions (21-25): **Read the following poem given below and answer the question.**

LOVE AND A QUESTION

A STRANGER came to the door at eve,
And he spoke the bridegroom fair.

He bore a green-white stick in his hand,
And, for all burden, care.
He asked with the eyes more than the lips
For a shelter for the night,
And he turned and looked at the road afar
Without a window light.

The bridegroom came forth into the porch
With "Let us look at the sky,
And question what of the night to be,
Stranger, you and I."
The woodbine leaves littered the yard,
The woodbine berries were blue,
Autumn, yes, winter was in the wind;
"Stranger, I wish I knew."

Within, the bride in the dusk alone
Bent over the open fire,
Her face rose-red with the glowing coal
And the thought of the heart's desire.
The bridegroom looked at the weary road,
Yet saw but her within,
And wished her heart in a case of gold
And pinned with a silver pin.

The bridegroom thought it little to give
a dole of bread, a purse,
A heartfelt prayer for the poor of God,
Or for the rich a curse,
But whether or not a man was asked
To mar the love of two
By harboring woe in the bridal house,
The bridegroom wished he knew.

Q21. The mood of the poem is:

- (a) Sombre and heavy
- (b) Cheerful
- (c) Celebratory
- (d) Sad and dark

Q22. The poem ends with the bridegroom:

- (a) Welcoming the stranger into the house

- (b) Reflecting on his decision
- (c) Celebrating the marriage with his bride
- (d) Praying for the stranger

Q23. The line, “He asked with the eyes more than the lips”, means the eyes were

- (a) Inquisitive
- (b) Pleading
- (c) Sparkling
- (d) Lonely

Q24. The phrase ‘weary road’ is an example of:

- (a) Simile
- (b) Personification
- (c) Metaphor
- (d) Transferred epithet

Q25. Match List – I with List – II.

	List – I (Aspects in poem)	List – II (Stanzas)	
(A)	Contrast between the warm house and cold outside	(I)	Stanza II
(B)	Ethical dilemma of the bridegroom	(II)	Stanza III
(C)	Eerie atmosphere due to dark night and harsh weather	(III)	Stanza I
(D)	The stranger’s mental state	(IV)	Stanza IV

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(III), (B)-(II), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
- (b) (A)-(II), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(III)
- (c) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
- (d) (A)-(II), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)

Directions (26-30): **Read the following poem. Answer the question:**

A River

In Madurai,
city of temples and poets,
who sang of cities and temples,
every summer
a river dries to a trickle
in the sand,
baring the sand ribs,
straw and women's hair
clogging the Watergates
at the rusty bars
under the bridges with patches
of repair all over them
the wet stones glistening like sleepy
crocodiles, the dry ones
shaven water-buffaloes lounging in the sun
The poet only sang of the floods
He was there for a day
when they had the floods.
People everywhere talked
of the inches rising,
of the precise number of cobbled steps
run over by the water, rising
on the bathing places,
and the way it carries of three village houses,
one pregnant woman
and a couple of cows
named Gopi and Brinda as usual.

Q26. What do the 'wet stones' and 'dry stones' in the poem compared to?

- (a) Cobbled steps and concrete steps
- (b) Water buffaloes and Crocodiles
- (c) Cows named Gopi and Brinda
- (d) Crocodiles and water buffaloes

Q27. Who is 'He' in the second stanza?

- (a) The poet
- (b) Gopi
- (c) Brinda
- (d) A person from the village

Q28. How is the drainage system in the city?

- (a) there is no drainage system in the city
- (b) old and in need of repair
- (c) freshly repaired
- (d) in a good condition

Q29. What is the setting of the poem?

- (a) A temple
- (b) A flooded river
- (c) Three Village houses
- (d) Madurai

Q30. How did other poet sing about Madurai?

- (A) other poets sang of cities and temples
- (B) other poets sang only of the flood
- (C) other poets sang of the drought
- (D) other poets sang of animals

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (a) (C) only
- (b) (A) only
- (c) (A) and (B) only
- (d) (C) and (D) only

Q31. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentence:

She _____ in Paris for three years when she was a child.

- (a) lived
- (b) has lived
- (c) was living
- (d) is living

Q32. Identify the synonym of the word "Benign."

- (a) Kind
- (b) Harmful
- (c) Aggressive
- (d) Scarce

Q33. Choose the antonym for the word "Verbose."

- (a) Concise
- (b) Talkative
- (c) Wordy
- (d) Lengthy

Q34. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

We walked _____ the bridge at dawn.

- (a) across
- (b) through
- (c) along
- (d) over

Q35. Identify the error in the following sentence:

He don't like to travel during winter.

- (a) He
- (b) don't
- (c) like
- (d) during

Q36. Choose the correct passive form of the given sentence:

The committee will announce the results tomorrow.

- (a) The results will be announced by the committee tomorrow.
- (b) The results are announced by the committee tomorrow.
- (c) The results will have been announced by the committee tomorrow.
- (d) The results announce by the committee tomorrow.

Q37. From the options given, select the phrase that best completes the sentence:

If I had known you were in hospital, I _____.

- (a) will visit you
- (b) would have visited you
- (c) visited you
- (d) was visiting you

Q38. Identify the literary device used in the sentence:

"The wind whispered through the dark trees."

- (a) Metaphor
- (b) Onomatopoeia
- (c) Personification
- (d) Simile

Q39. Find the indirect speech form of the sentence:

She said, "I am going to the market."

- (a) She said she was going to the market.
- (b) She said she is going to the market.
- (c) She said that she went to the market.
- (d) She says she was going to the market.

Q40. Identify the correctly spelled word:

- (a) Accomodation
- (b) Acquiesce
- (c) Acquiese
- (d) Acommodate

Q41. Select the option that best improves the underlined word in the sentence:
"The man was very tired after the journey."

- (a) too
- (b) extremely
- (c) highly
- (d) No improvement

Q42. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

His views on politics are very _____ from mine.

- (a) different
- (b) indifferent
- (c) differential
- (d) differences

Q43. From the given options, identify the type of clause used in the sentence:

"Whenever you feel like it, you can start the game."

- (a) Noun clause
- (b) Adverbial clause
- (c) Relative clause
- (d) Main clause

Q44. Which of the following sentences is correct?

- (a) Me and him goes to the gym together.
- (b) Him and I go to the gym together.
- (c) He and I go to the gym together.
- (d) I and he goes to the gym together.

Q45. Choose the option that best fills in the blank:

Not only did he come late, but he also _____ the meeting.

- (a) disrupted
- (b) interrupt
- (c) disturbed
- (d) intruded

Q46. What does the idiom "To add fuel to the fire" mean?

- (a) To make a situation worse
- (b) To escape a difficult situation

- (c) To start a process
- (d) To reveal a secret

Q47. Identify the main idea of the following paragraph:

"Global warming is one of the most severe issues that the world faces today. It leads to extreme weather conditions, rising sea levels, and devastating natural disasters. If we do not take urgent action to reduce greenhouse gases, future generations will face even more catastrophic consequences."

- (a) The consequences of global warming
- (b) The actions needed to stop global warming
- (c) The importance of natural disasters
- (d) The impact of rising sea levels

Q48. Choose the correct conjunction to fill in the blank:

She must cry, _____ she won't get better.

- (a) or
- (b) for
- (c) but
- (d) and

Q49. Which sentence is in the subjunctive mood?

- (a) I wish I were taller.
- (b) I was just thinking about you.
- (c) He runs faster than me.
- (d) They are going to the movies tonight.

Q50. Identify the correct plural form of the word "Thesis."

- (a) Thesis
- (b) Thesises
- (c) Theses
- (d) Thesisies

Q51. Match the words in **List - I** with their antonyms **List - II**.

LIST I		LIST II	
(A)	Exclusive	(I)	Praise
(B)	Hire	(II)	Allowed
(C)	Mock	(III)	General
(D)	Forbade	(IV)	Suspend

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(III), (C)-(II), (D)-(IV)
- (b) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
- (c) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(II)

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

Q52. Convert the following sentence from Assertive to Exclamatory:

I wish I could meet my friend again.

- (a) If only could meet my friend again!
- (b) My friend I would like meet very much.
- (c) A meeting with my friend is what I wish.
- (d) I have one wish! I want meet my friend again!

Q53. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition.

She is married _____ him

- (a) with
- (b) to
- (c) for
- (d) of

Q54. Rearrange jumbled phrases into a sentence.

- (A) we can change
- (B) in a sentence
- (C) by changing
- (D) a statement into a question
- (E) the order of the words

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A), (C), (D), (B), (E) only
- (b) (A), (D), (C), (E), (B) only
- (c) (D), (A), (C), (B), (E) only
- (d) (B), (A), (D), (C), (E) only

Q55. Choose the correct option which best expresses the meaning of the given word?

“Boisterous”

- (a) Conflicting
- (b) Noisy
- (c) Testimonial
- (d) Grateful

Q56. Fill in the blank choosing the correct option.

His condition is not good. He _____ see a doctor immediately.

- (a) can
- (b) may
- (c) must
- (d) should

Q57. Spot the error in the following sentence.

If there is no error choose the appropriate option.

I never remember having met a more interesting man in my life.

- (a) I never remember
- (b) having met a more
- (c) interesting man in my life
- (d) No error

Q58. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

John is _____ M.A. in English

- (a) an
- (b) a
- (c) the
- (d) None

Q59. Fill in the blank in the following sentence with an adverbs of manner:

She sings _____.

- (a) everyday
- (b) delightfully
- (c) a song
- (d) far better than him

Q60. Which of the following is not an appropriate subscription for a business letter?

- (a) Yours Sincerely
- (b) Yours faithfully
- (c) Warm Regards
- (d) Yours Lovingly

Q61. Identify the kind of adverbs in the following sentence:

Things are no better at present.

- (a) Adverbs of degree or Quality
- (b) Adverb of Time
- (c) Adverb of Frequency
- (d) Adverb of Place

Q62. Choose the most appropriate option which best expresses the same sentence in

Passive/Active Voice

Honey is made by bees.

- (a) Bees made honey
- (b) Bees are making honey
- (c) Bees make honey
- (d) Bees makes honey

Q63. Fill in the blank in the following sentence with the most appropriate question Tag:

Have some more rice, _____?

- (a) wouldn't you
- (b) can you
- (c) did you
- (d) will you

Q64. Fill in the blank with suitable Idioms choose the appropriate option.

Careless students often have to _____ during the Exams

- (a) Cry for the moon
- (b) Clip one's wings
- (c) Cry over spilt milk
- (d) Close share

Q65. Identify the sentences that are error free:

- (A) The player were provided with inhospitable accommodations during the 2022 sports meet.
- (B) The players were provided inhospitable accommodation in the 2022 sports meet.
- (C) The players were provided inhospitable accommodation in a 2022 sport meet.
- (D) The players was provided inhospitable accommodations in the 2022 sports meet.
- (E) The players were provided with inhospitable accommodation during the 2022 sports meet.

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (a) (B) and (E) Only
- (b) (A) and (B) Only
- (c) (C) and (E) Only
- (d) (D) and (E) Only

Q66. Choose the option that expresses the correct meaning of the following words:

cent, sent, scent

- (a) cent – penny coin, sent – past form of send, scent - fragrance
- (b) cent – percent, sent – penny coin, scent - fragrance
- (c) cent – penny coin, sent – fragrance, scent – past form of send
- (d) cent – percent, sent – past form of send, scent - coin

Q67. Choose the correct option to express the following sentence as an Exclamatory sentence.

'I wish I were young again.'

- (a) If only I were young again!
- (b) I am young again!

- (c) What a wish? to be young again!
- (d) Young again, what a wish!

Q68. Choose the correct option Modal to fill in the blank the following sentence.

'I _____ seen her for ages'.

- (a) wouldn't
- (b) haven't
- (c) couldn't
- (d) shouldn't

Q69. Arrange the given phrases to make a meaningful sentence.

- (A) not only
- (B) He lost
- (C) His ticket
- (D) his luggage
- (E) but also

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (a) He lost his luggage not only, but also his ticket.
- (b) He lot only lost his ticket, but also his luggage.
- (c) He lost not only his ticket, but also his luggage.
- (d) He lost his ticket not only, but also his luggage.

Q70. Choose the correct Antonym for the word - EXTRAVAGANT:

- (a) Developing
- (b) Wonderful
- (c) Envoy
- (d) Frugal

Q71. Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the given words - course and coarse.

- (a) course - path, coarse - rough
- (b) course - syllabus, coarse - path
- (c) course - rough, coarse - path
- (d) course - path, coarse - syllabus

Q72. Choose the alternative that best expresses the meaning of the phrase.

"To be on the wane-"

- (a) to complain
- (b) to cherish
- (c) to be on boat
- (d) to be diminishing

Q73. Choose the correct Phrasal verb to complete the following sentence.

They _____ the story on stage.

- (a) acted out
- (b) acted in
- (c) acted at
- (d) acted up

Q74. Identify the grammatically correct sentence from the following:

(A) According to the draft rules, social media platforms must seek verification from a proposed self-regulatory body.

(B) Hally War was just 10 when an idea took root in his mind.

(C) 'Tadok' is a term used by the Adi community and also means a necklace made with colourful beads.

(D) Sania Mirza had been decided to draw curtains on her illustrious career at next month's Dubai Tennis Championship.

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A), (B), (C) and (D)
- (b) (A) and (B) Only
- (c) (B) and (C) Only
- (d) (A), (B) and (C) Only

Q75. Choose the suitable option that expresses the given Active Voice sentence in the Passive Voice.

The Teacher corrects our notebook.

- (a) Our notebook is corrected by the teacher.
- (b) Our notebook was corrected by the teacher.
- (c) Our notebook had been corrected by the teacher.
- (d) Our notebook is being corrected by the teacher.

Q76. Use the correct form of the Adverb to fill the blank.

_____ he say anything to his son.

- (a) Did never
- (b) Never
- (c) Never did
- (d) Only never

Q77. Fill in the blanks with the correct set of Determiners from the options given: ('X' indicates No determiner)

Vasudev recently became _____ trustee of his company, being appointed _____ Director of the Board. He has been _____ expert all through his career and his _____ experience will benefit all.

- (a) X, a, the, an

- (b) the, a, X, an
- (c) X, the, an, a
- (d) a, the, an, X

Q78. Choose the correct Antonym for the word 'VANITY' from the options given:

- (a) Humility
- (b) Pride
- (c) Wane
- (d) Arrogance

Q79. Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the Latin phrase, 'DE FACTO':

- (a) discarding facts
- (b) in reality
- (c) despite of facts
- (d) limited facts

Q80. Match the words in **List - I** with their correct meanings given in **List - II**.

LIST I		LIST II	
(A)	Reverent	(I)	One who does not share his feelings with others
(B)	Incorrigible	(II)	One who hates women
(C)	Misogynist	(III)	One who deserves respect
(D)	Introvert	(IV)	One who cannot be corrected

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)
- (b) (A)-(III), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(I)
- (c) (A)-(I), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(III)
- (d) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)

Q81. Choose the option that best explains the phrase:-
'To hold all the cards'.

- (a) To have a very strong advantage.
- (b) To be happy in all the situations.
- (c) To be head of the family.
- (d) To be loved by everyone.

Q82. Choose the suitable sentence that expresses the following sentence in Direct Speech.

She says that she is at home.

- (a) She says, "I am at home".
- (b) She says, "She is at home".
- (c) She says, "She was at home".
- (d) She says, "I was at home".

Q83. Choose the sentence which is in the passive voice:

- (a) All this friends praised him
- (b) Renu planted many flowers in her garden
- (c) Many students watched the football match
- (d) The accident victim was taken to the hospital by the police

Q84. Complete the following sentence with the appropriate Adjective Clause, from the options given below.

The time _____ the train leaves is not yet fixed.

- (a) Where
- (b) When
- (c) How
- (d) Who

Q85. Complete the sentence with Adverb of Manner - Heena delivered the speech. _____.

- (a) Yesterday
- (b) Fluently
- (c) Where
- (d) Probably

Q86. Choose the correct substitute for the sentence given below:
"The depository where state records and documents are preserved."

- (a) Museum
- (b) Library
- (c) Emporium
- (d) Archive

Q87. Add the appropriate question tag from the given options.

It isn't ready yet, _____?

- (a) did it?
- (b) hasn't it?
- (c) is it?
- (d) can't it

Q88. Choose the correct form of the given sentence in indirect speech.
Shilpa said to Renu, "I didn't tell a lie."

- (a) Shilpa told Renu that she hadn't told a lie
- (b) Shilpa said to Renu I didn't tell lie
- (c) Shilpa told Renu I hadn't told a lie
- (d) Shilpa told Renu I don't tell lies

Q89. Choose the option that has the sentences of active construction.

- (A) When I reached work, he was on a call
- (B) She was gifted a brand new car.
- (C) Everybody is aware of the truth
- (D) Ravi has been called for a viva
- (E) They called her childish

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A) and (C) only
- (b) (A), (C) and (E) only
- (c) (B) and (E) only
- (d) (A), (B) and (C) only

Q90. Choose the part of the sentence that has an error:

- (a) There are fifteen causes of failure
- (b) who I have discovered
- (c) and I'm going to give them to you
- (d) with a brief comment on each one

Q91. Fill in the blank with a suitable modal. Choose the correct answer from below.
I _____ like to thank you all for what you have done for the success of the school annual day.

- (a) Can
- (b) Might
- (c) Would
- (d) Will

Q92. Match the phrases in List - I with their meanings in List - II.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
- (b) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(II)
- (c) (A)-(III), (B)-(II), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

Q93. Rearrange the following jumbled parts to make a meaningful sentence.

- (A) Changes to bring in an inclusive school curriculum
- (B) This new school culture brought

- (C) In by teachers, trained social workers and
- (D) Counsellors as well as through corresponding
- (E) Students will be sensitized through

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A), (B), (C), (D), (E)
- (b) (A), (D), (B), (E), (C)
- (c) (E), (B), (C), (D), (A)
- (d) (E), (A), (C), (B), (A)

Q94. Use the appropriate word from the options to fill up the blank. "I _____ hardly take his help."

- (a) Could
- (b) Ought
- (c) Might
- (d) Should

Q95. Choose the correct option given below for the format of writing an informal letter:

- (A) Date and salutation
- (B) Sender's address
- (C) Signing off
- (D) Body of the letter
- I Signature of the sender

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (B), I, (A), (C), (D)
- (b) (B), (A), (D), (C), I
- (c) (A), (B), (C), (D), I
- (d) (D), (A), (B), (C), I

Q96. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence:

None of the boys _____ attended the party.

- (a) Hat not
- (b) Has
- (c) have
- (d) are

Q97. Match List - I with List - II.

	List - I (Phrasal Verb)	List - II (Meaning)	
(A)	Bring up	(I)	To win
(B)	Pull off	(II)	Extinguish
(C)	Fall out	(III)	Call attention again to
(D)	Blow out	(IV)	Quarrel

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(II)
- (b) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
- (c) (A)-(IV), (B)-(I), (C)-(III), (D)-(II)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(II), (D)-(IV)

Q98. Choose the correct option for the transformation of the given sentence into an exclamatory sentence:

She is a wonderful woman.

- (a) What a wonderful woman she is!
- (b) Oh! She is wonderful.
- (c) Hurrah! She is a wonderful woman.
- (d) What! A wonderful woman she is.

Q99. Choose the sentences that have the correct articles.

- (A) Mrs. Rawat's daughter is an university student.
- (B) Shyam has a one-year old daughter.
- (C) She will soon be married to an heir to the throne.
- (D) I want to travel to an European city.
- (E) They have an MP residing in their neighbourhood.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A), (C) and (D) Only
- (b) (B), (C), (D) and (E) Only
- (c) (B), (C) and (E) Only
- (d) (A), (B) and (C) Only

Q100. Which of the following is closest in meaning to 'penitent'.

- (a) Remorseful
- (b) Unabashed
- (c) Patient
- (d) Unadulterated

Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. mentally strenuous

S3. Ans. (a)

S4. Ans. (a)

S5. Ans. (c)

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. Taste buds

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. Relating to trees

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. Afterwards

S9. Ans. (c)

S10. Ans. (b)

S11. Ans. (a)

S12. Ans. (c)

S13. Ans. (b)

S14. Ans. (c)

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. Because each state has a different cultural heritage

S16. Ans. (d)

S17. Ans. (c)

S18. Ans. (c)

Sol. Huge

S19. Ans. (c)

S20. Ans. (a)

S21. Ans. (a)

Sol. Sombre and heavy

S22. Ans. (b)

S23. Ans. (b)

Sol. Pleading

S24. Ans. (d)

Sol. Transferred epithet

S25. Ans. (b)

S26. Ans. (d)

Sol. Crocodiles and water buffaloes

S27. Ans. (a)

Sol. The poet

S28. Ans. (b)

Sol. old and in need of repair

S29. Ans. (d)

Sol. Madurai

S30. Ans. (c)

S31. Ans: (a)

Sol. "Lived" is correct because it describes a completed action in the past, appropriate for the context of when she was a child.

S32. Ans: (a)

Sol. "Benign" means gentle or kindly; therefore, "Kind" is the closest synonym.

S33. Ans: (a)

Sol. "Verbose" means using or expressed in more words than are needed, making "Concise" its antonym.

S34. Ans: (a)

Sol. "Across" is correct, indicating movement from one side of the bridge to the other.

S35. Ans: (b)

Sol. "Don't" is incorrect because the subject "He" requires the verb "does not" or "doesn't."

S36. Ans: (a)

Sol. The correct passive form is "The results will be announced by the committee tomorrow."

S37. Ans: (b)

Sol. "Would have visited you" correctly uses the third conditional for hypothetical situations in the past.

S38. Ans: (c)

Sol. "Personification" is used here, as the wind is given the human attribute of whispering.

S39. Ans: (a)

Sol. The correct conversion to reported speech requires a shift in tense from present to past, making "She said she was going to the market" correct.

S40. Ans: (b)

Sol. "Acquiesce" is spelled correctly, meaning to accept something reluctantly but without protest.

S41. Ans: (b)

Sol. "Extremely" is a stronger modifier than "very," providing better emphasis on his level of tiredness.

S42. Ans: (a)

Sol. "Different" is the appropriate adjective to describe how his views on politics contrast with those of the speaker.

S43. Ans: (b)

Sol. "Whenever you feel like it" is an adverbial clause, indicating the timing for starting the game.

S44. Ans: (c)

Sol. "He and I go to the gym together" is grammatically correct with proper subject pronouns and verb agreement.

S45. Ans: (a)

Sol. "Disrupted" fits best as it means he caused a disturbance during the meeting.

S46. Ans: (a)

Sol. "To add fuel to the fire" means to make a situation worse.

S47. Ans: (a)

Sol. The main idea of the paragraph is to describe the severe consequences of global warming.

S48. Ans: (a)

Sol. "Or" is the correct conjunction to express the condition that not crying would prevent her from getting better.

S49. Ans: (a)

Sol. "I wish I were taller" uses the subjunctive mood to express a wish or hypothetical situation.

S50. Ans: (c)

Sol. "Theses" is the correct plural form of "thesis."

S51. Ans. (b)

S52. Ans. (a)

Sol. If only could meet my friend again!

S53. Ans. (b)

Sol. She is married to him.

S54. Ans. (b)

S55. Ans. (b)

Sol. Noisy

S56. Ans. (c)

Sol. His condition is not good. He must see a doctor immediately.

S57. Ans. (a)

Sol. Replace 'never' by don't

S58. Ans. (a)

Sol. John is an M.A. in English.

S59. Ans. (b)

Sol. She sings delightfully.

S60. Ans. (d)

Sol. Yours lovingly

S61. Ans. (a)

Sol. Adverb of Quality

S62. Ans. (c)

Sol. Bees make honey.

S63. Ans. (d)

Sol. Have some more rice, will you?

S64. Ans. (c)

Sol. Cry over spilt milk

S65. Ans. (a)

S66. Ans. (a)

S67. Ans. (a)

Sol. If only I were young again!

S68. Ans. (b)

Sol. I haven't seen her for ages.

S69. Ans. (c)

Sol. He lost not only his ticket, but also his luggage.

S70. Ans. (d)

Sol. Frugal

S71. Ans. (a)

S72. Ans. (d)

Sol. to be diminishing

S73. Ans. (a)

Sol. They acted out the story on stage.

S74. Ans. (d)

S75. Ans. (a)

Sol. Our notebook is corrected by the leader.

S76. Ans. (c)

Sol. Never did he say anything to his son.

S77. Ans. (d)

S78. Ans (a)

Sol. Humility

S79. Ans. (b)

Sol. In reality

S80. Ans. (a)

S81. Ans. (a)

Sol. To have a very strong advantage

S82. Ans. (a)

S83. Ans. (d)

S84. Ans. (b)

Sol. when

S85. Ans. (b)

Sol. fluently

S86. Ans. (d)

Sol. Archive

S87. Ans. (c)

Sol. is it?

S88. Ans. (a)

S89. Ans. (b)

S90. Ans. (b)

Sol. The error in the sentence is in part (b). The correct pronoun to use for "causes" is "that" or "which," not "who." "Who" is used for people, not things.

S91. Ans. (c)

Sol. would

S92. Ans. (b)

S93. Ans. (c)

S94. Ans. (a)

Sol. 'could'

S95. Ans. (b)

S96. Ans. (c)

Sol. 'have'

S97. Ans. (a)

S98. Ans. (a)

Sol. What a wonderful woman she is!

S99. Ans. (c)

S100. Ans. (a)

Sol. Remorseful