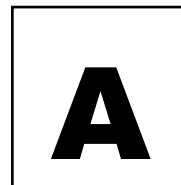

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Direction for the following three (3) items:

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Passage 1

As life unfolds, time reveals its remarkable ability to clarify priorities and illuminate what truly holds value. What may seem significant in the moment often fades in importance as time passes, while things overlooked or taken for granted emerge as invaluable treasures. Time serves as a patient teacher, gently guiding individuals to recognize the fleeting nature of trivial concerns and directing attention towards enduring sources of meaning and fulfillment. Through the passage of time, relationships deepen, passions crystallize, and personal growth becomes evident. Adversities endured and triumphs celebrated gain perspective against the backdrop of time, offering lessons in resilience, gratitude, and humility. Indeed, time's passage offers a profound journey of discovery, unveiling the essence of what really matters in life.

Q.1) Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical and rational message conveyed by the author of the passage?

- Time teaches us to prioritize between our life goals.
- Reflecting on past experiences leads to personal growth.
- Life's true treasures are revealed through the passage of time.
- Gratitude and humility are essential virtues in life.

Passage 2

When the Human Genome Project published its reference 'human genome' in 2003, at a cost of nearly \$3 billion, it rang with a 'brave-new-world' promise of humanity having finally decoded the secrets of the genome, mapping every awry gene to a disease and a future of 'personalised medicine'. Much of Genome India Project's sales pitch reflects similar promises. However, the subsequent decades have tempered such expectations. For one, only a small fraction of disease is monogenic

(determined by a single gene). Despite advances in knowledge of how rare, inherited genes caused debilitating disease, little could be done as the necessary medicines, if discovered, were usually too expensive for those in need.

Q.2) Based on the given passage, the following assumptions have been made:

- The successful mapping of the human genome has led to the eradication of most genetic diseases.
- Personalized medicine has become universally accessible and affordable as a result of the Human Genome Project.
- Advances in genomic science have shown that the majority of diseases are caused by multiple genes, complicating treatment efforts.

How many of the assumptions given above are valid?

- Only one
- Only two
- All three
- None

Passage 3

In today's digital age, individuals' virtual identities, shaped by their online presence and interactions, often hold more significance than their real-life identity. Social media platforms and online communities play a significant role in shaping how people perceive themselves and others. Individuals carefully curate their virtual personas, selecting what to share and how to present themselves. However, this curated persona can sometimes overshadow their authentic selves, leading to a disconnect between virtual and real identities. Despite the potential for misrepresentation, many individuals find validation and fulfillment in their virtual personas, seeking affirmation from their online communities.

Q.3) Which one of the following statements best reflects the crux of the passage?

- Virtual identities reflect a person's true self more accurately than their real-life identity.
- Social media platforms have little impact on shaping individuals' perceptions of themselves.
- The virtual identity of an individual often holds more significance than their real-life identity.
- Authenticity is valued more in virtual interactions than in real-life interactions.

Q.4) A spider is hanging with the help of its web in a room. The spider is at a distance of 8 m and 4 m from the two adjacent lateral walls respectively. What is the distance of spider from the ceiling if spider is at distance of 9 m from the common corner of these two walls and ceiling?

- 1 m
- 2 m
- 3 m
- 4 m

Q.5) One of the terms is wrong in the given series:

2, 3, 7, 22, 89, 445, 2677, 18740.

Assume the wrong term as P, and consider the following statements with reference to it:

- 20 % of P is equal to one of the terms of the given series
- $P+4$ is a prime number

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Q.6) Consider the following conversation between two friends and answer the question based on the statements.

Rohan: Raghav has become a better cricketer since he started focusing on running abilities.

Yogesh: Indeed, but that is mostly because he has improved a lot on his batting technique.

Yogesh's statement reflects his belief that

- Running ability has very little impact on the quality of the cricket one plays.
- Raghav has not improved on running ability as much on batting technique.

c) Batting technique is a more critical determinant for a cricket player.

d) Raghav cannot be called a better cricketer, because he has improved more on running than the technique.

Q.7) A, B and C can finish work in 12, 15 and 18 days respectively when working independently. If A alone works for 5 days and leaves for the rest of the work to be completed by B and C together. If Rs 4400 is paid for the total work. What is the share of B?

- Rs. 1560
- Rs. 1440
- Rs. 1400
- Rs. 1260

Q.8) Let A, B, C, D and E be five statements such that:

I. If A is false, then either B or C is false.

II. If C and D are true, then E is false.

Which of the following can be concluded?

- If B is true, then A and C can be true/ false only together.
- If E is false, then at least one of A or B is false.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 only
- 2 only
- Both 1 and 2
- Neither 1 nor 2

Q.9) How many 3-digit numbers are there, in which middle digit is the sum of the other two digits? (Repetition of digits is not permitted)

- 32
- 41
- 45
- 30

Q.10) Every time a person uses sanitizer on their hands only 30 % of the germs are eliminated. How much percentage of germs are remaining if a person uses sanitizer three times?

- 10 %
- 19 %
- 33.33 %
- 34.30 %

Direction for the following three (3) items:

Read the following three passages and answer the items that follow the passages. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only:

Passage 1

In the realm of political philosophy, there exists a profound concept that advocates for fairness, equality, and impartiality in societal arrangements. This idea suggests that justice is achieved when basic rights and opportunities are distributed equitably, especially to those who are disadvantaged or marginalized. It proposes a hypothetical scenario where individuals, behind a veil of ignorance, design the principles of a just society without knowing their own position or circumstances. This approach ensures that decisions are made impartially, prioritizing the needs of the least advantaged members of society. By promoting equal liberties, fair opportunities, and social and economic equality, this concept strives to create a framework where every individual can flourish and lead a dignified life.

Q.11) What is the basic essence of the concept described in the passage?

- Justice entails prioritizing the interests of specific members of society.
- The concept of justice revolves around maintaining the existing social hierarchy and power structures.
- Justice involves distributing rights and opportunities equitably, especially to the disadvantaged.
- Justice is achieved by implementing strict laws and regulations to control societal behavior.

Passage 2

The discourse surrounding the concept of modern women often emphasizes their progress, empowerment, and evolution in various spheres of life. However, a comprehensive understanding of modern women necessitates a parallel progression towards the idea of modern men. The interconnectedness of men and women underscores the need for their co-existence and mutual development. Indeed, the

perception of modern women and the space they occupy in society are often shaped and facilitated by the actions and attitudes of men. Thus, the advancement of both genders is inherently intertwined, and true progress towards gender equality requires a concerted effort to redefine and realize the ideals of modern men alongside modern women.

Q.12) Which of the following is the most definite interpretation that can be concluded from the above passage?

- The discourse on modern women must be accompanied by a parallel focus on the evolution of modern men.
- Gender equality can only be achieved through the collective advancement of both men and women.
- The perception and space occupied by modern women are largely influenced by the actions and attitudes of men.
- Progress towards gender equality hinges on redefining the ideals of both modern men and modern women.

Passage 3

The influence of commerce on the quality of goods and services is a phenomenon observed across various domains, including the realm of arts and culture. In countries like India, where classical music has long been revered for its unparalleled quality and depth, the commercialization of music has introduced significant challenges. The pursuit of profit often takes precedence over the preservation and enhancement of artistic integrity and quality. As commerce flourishes, the demands of the market drive the production and distribution of cultural products, leading to a shift in focus from artistic excellence to mass appeal. Consequently, the intricate nuances and depth that characterize classical music are often diluted or compromised to cater to broader consumer preferences. This commercialization-driven decline in quality sets off a vicious cycle wherein the pursuit of profit undermines the very essence and authenticity of artistic expression.

Q.13) Which of following conveys the basic essence of the above passage?

- The commercialization of cultural products often leads to a decline in artistic integrity and quality.
- Mass appeal becomes the primary focus of commerce, overshadowing artistic excellence.
- The pursuit of profit in commerce undermines the authenticity and depth of artistic expression.
- Quality is sacrificed for profitability in the commercialization of cultural goods and services.

Q.14) If a 10-digit number 5432Q1749P is divisible by 72, then what is the value of (5P-4Q)?

- 7
- 14
- 18
- 22

Q.15) Two persons A and B who swim at equal speed in still water started swimming towards each other in a river from a distance wide apart such that A is swimming along the flow and B against the flow. The speed of the stream is 2km/hr. If it takes 6 hours for them to meet. Then who covers more distance and by how much?

- A by 12 km
- B by 12 km
- A by 24 km
- B by 24 km

Q.16) A rectangle with diagonal length 10 cm is divided into 12 squares of equal area, such that no space is left. If the squares have side length equal to a, where a is natural number. Then what is the area of each square (in sq. cm)?

- 1
- 2
- 4
- can't be determined.

Q.17) There are five friends A, B, C, D and E. All have different weights. If C is heaviest among all, then what is the probability that B will be heavier than A and D?

- $\frac{2}{5}$
- $\frac{1}{3}$
- $\frac{3}{4}$
- $\frac{2}{3}$

Q.18) The average weight of students in class 8 is 43 kg, that in class 9 is 48 kg and that in class 10 is 51 kg. The average weight of class 8 and 9 is 45 kg and class 9 and 10 is 50 kg. What is the average weight of class 8, 9 and 10 taken together?

- 48 kg
- 47.67 kg
- 47.33 kg
- 47 kg

Q.19) There are 5 persons A, B, C, D and E each one of whom has to be assigned one out of three tasks (task 1, task 2 and task 3). People with same task will work together. If A and B cannot work alone but cannot work with each other, then work can be assigned in how many ways?

- 24
- 12
- 36
- 48

Q.20) Two trains of length 200m and 300m are standing 2 km apart. If they move towards each other at equal speeds of 10km/hr. How much time will it take for them to cross each other?

- 6 minutes
- 7.5 minutes
- 8 minutes
- 12 minutes

Direction for the following three (3) items:

Read the following three passages and answer the items that follow the passages. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only:

Passage 1

Human understanding of existence is often influenced by prevailing opinions and popular beliefs, hindering the exploration of deeper and more profound insights. While some individuals have approached the essence of life with remarkable depth and insight, their ideas often remain obscure and inaccessible to the masses. These profound understandings, though invaluable, often struggle to gain traction in mainstream discourse, relegated to the realm of esoteric knowledge. As a result, the true depth and meaning of human existence may elude many, overshadowed by more widely accepted but perhaps less profound perspectives.

Q.21) Which one of the following statements best reflects the most logical and rational message conveyed by the author of the passage?

- a) Popular opinions often shape human understanding, limiting exploration of deeper insights into existence.
- b) Some individuals possess profound insights into the meaning of life, which may be inaccessible to the masses.
- c) The depth and significance of human existence are often obscured by prevailing beliefs and mainstream discourse.
- d) True understanding of existence requires transcending popular opinions and delving into esoteric knowledge.

Passage 2

Geopolitical volatility in certain regions, such as the Middle East, often has far-reaching implications that extend beyond the borders of the directly affected countries. The complex interplay of historical conflicts, ethnic tensions, and geopolitical interests in the Middle East has drawn the attention and involvement of major global powers. Countries like India and China, traditionally focused on regional interests, find themselves increasingly engaged in the Middle East due to energy security concerns, economic interests, and strategic partnerships. Similarly, Western powers like the United States and Europe have long been involved in the region, primarily due to security interests, counterterrorism efforts, and influence over global oil markets. The volatile nature of the Middle East's geopolitical landscape serves as a constant reminder of the interconnectedness of global affairs and the need for diplomatic engagement and strategic maneuvering by all stakeholders.

Q.22) What is the most important message for future global engagement derived from the passage?

- a) Recognizing the interconnectedness of global affairs and the need for diplomatic engagement.
- b) Prioritizing energy security concerns and economic interests in global diplomacy.
- c) Strengthening strategic partnerships with regional powers for geopolitical stability.
- d) Acknowledging the complex historical conflicts and ethnic tensions in volatile regions.

Passage 3

The "Banality of Evil" elucidates the phenomenon where ordinary individuals commit atrocious acts not out of inherent malevolence but through passive compliance in environments that normalize such behaviors. Evil acts are often executed by nondescript individuals who dissociate from the morality of their actions by deferring ethical judgment to authority figures. Such behaviors are underpinned by systemic complicity and moral disengagement, where the routinization of heinous acts and the bureaucratic machinery obscure personal responsibility under the guise of duty and protocol. This framework challenges the conventional understanding of evil. The "Banality of Evil" serves as a stark reminder of the dangers of unreflective obedience and the moral ambiguities lurking in structured systems.

Q.23) All of the following statements, if true, would weaken the claim about the nature of evil in the passage EXCEPT:

- a) Individuals inherently possess malevolent traits that drive them to commit evil acts.
- b) People always maintain personal accountability and moral judgment, regardless of their circumstances.
- c) Situational pressures and authoritative commands can diminish personal accountability.
- d) Evil actions are solely the result of deliberate intent and personal malice.

Q.24) A cuboid of dimensions 6 cm x 5 cm x 4 cm is painted white on three adjacent faces and black on other three remaining adjacent faces. The cuboid is cut in small cubes each of side length 1 cm. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. There are 45 cubes whose one face is painted white.
- 2. There are 20 cubes which have no face painted.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Q.25) Of the 84 members who attended a community meeting, 35 volunteered to organize activities during the neighborhood fair and 11 volunteered both to organize activities during the fair and to provide snacks for the fair. If the number of members who volunteered to provide snacks was 1.5 times the number of members who neither volunteered to organize activities during the fair nor volunteered to provide snacks, how many of the members volunteered to provide snacks?

- a) 24
- b) 28
- c) 36
- d) 44

Q.26) A farmer has 945 buffalos and 2475 goats. He farms them into flocks, keeping buffalos and goats in separate flocks and having the same number of animals in each flock. If these flocks are as large as possible, then consider the following statements:

1. The maximum number of animals in each flock is at least 50
2. The total number of flocks required is a multiple of 25

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.27) The three numbers X, Y and Z are such that X is 20 % smaller than Y, but 25 % greater than Z. If Z decreases by 25 % and Y increases by 20 %. How much percent Y will be greater than Z?

- a) 66 %
- b) 80 %
- c) 100 %
- d) 150 %

Q.28) A person bought 6 Avocadoes for 5 rupees and sold 5 Avocadoes for 6 rupees. What is the Profit percent obtained by the person?

- a) 40 %
- b) 25 %
- c) 42 %
- d) 44 %

Q.29) Rohit went 13 km to the west from his house, then he turned left and walked 17 km. He then turned east and walked 28 km and finally turning left covered 17 km. How far is he from his house?

- a) 15 km
- b) 13 km
- c) 41 km
- d) 75 km

Q.30) A person has to travel from Jaipur to Delhi and then from Delhi to Bangalore. There are 6 different routes from Jaipur to Delhi of which 3 are by train. For Delhi to Bangalore there are 5 routes, 2 of which are by train. Travelling by train for both parts is not permitted. How many total different ways are there to go from Jaipur to Bangalore?

- a) 24
- b) 30
- c) 6
- d) 12

Direction for the following five (5) items:

Read the following four passages and answer the items that follow the passages. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only:

Passage 1

In the field of economics, traditional theories often assume rational decision-making by individuals based on maximizing utility and wealth. However, behavioral economics challenges this assumption by incorporating insights from psychology to understand how humans deviate from rationality in their economic choices. This interdisciplinary approach recognizes that individuals' decisions are influenced by cognitive biases, emotions, social factors, and heuristics, leading to systematic departures from traditional economic models. Behavioral economists study phenomena such as loss aversion, prospect theory, and framing effects to better understand decision-making in real-world contexts. By integrating psychological principles into economic analysis, behavioral economics offers new perspectives on consumer behavior, market outcomes, and policy interventions.

Q.31) What is the primary focus of behavioral economics as described in the passage?

- a) Maximizing utility and wealth through rational decision-making.
- b) Incorporating insights from psychology to understand human behavior in economic contexts.
- c) Cognitive biases and emotions are more important in economic analysis.
- d) Assuming that individuals always make decisions based on rationality.

Passage 2

Once the monsoon recedes, the North India braces for a smoggy winter. And with that the feverish focus on crop stubble burning returns to India's public discourse. We read in-depth analyses of satellite image-derived counts of the number of fires observed on each day, and source apportionment studies that determine the exact contribution of stubble burning to poor air quality. The purportedly apathetic farmer who cares little about the well-being of Delhi's urban citizenry is held to a high standard of environmental stewardship, and the inevitable political mudslinging follows. However, this heated public discourse adopts an unhelpful adversarial frame to a complex challenge.

Q.32) Which one of the following statements best reflects the most critical and logical inference conveyed by the passage?

- a) Crop stubble burning is the sole cause of poor air quality in North India during the winter months.
- b) Political discussions on air quality issues in North India effectively address the complexities of crop stubble burning.
- c) The portrayal of farmers in discussions about air quality in North India oversimplifies the complexities of environmental stewardship.
- d) Satellite technologies have eliminated the difficulties in tracking and managing air quality issues related to stubble burning.

Passage 3

Contrary to all such utilitarian objectives of biodiversity, the concept of 'Deep Ecology' believes in the intrinsic value of every living being, wherein all life is to be respected for its own sake, not for any of its monetary values.

There is no living being that is so abject and absolutely useless for its ecosystem, even if we have not yet understood its utility. Every living being discharges its own unique ecosystem functions or services, and hence the loss of any single species destabilizes the whole ecosystem. Keystone species render more obvious or even altruistic services to their ecosystems.

Q.33) Which among the following statements reflects the central idea of the author in the above-given passage?

- a) Biodiversity is valuable primarily for its utilitarian benefits, such as ecosystem services that provide monetary value.
- b) The intrinsic value of every living being is recognized under the concept of 'Deep Ecology'.
- c) Keystone species are the only species that provide significant benefits to ecosystems and should be the primary focus of conservation efforts.
- d) The concept of 'Deep Ecology' emphasizes the utility of species within their ecosystems only when their economic benefits are evident.

Passage 4

Death, as a universal phenomenon, serves as a poignant reminder of the transient nature of life and the imperative to live fully and meaningfully. Despite its undeniable significance, the specter of death often fails to jolt individuals into embracing life with greater vigor and purpose. Instead, many people tend to relegate thoughts of mortality to the periphery of their consciousness, clinging to the illusion of permanence and avoiding contemplation of life's ultimate end. This reluctance to confront mortality head-on perpetuates a sense of complacency and inertia, hindering personal growth and inhibiting the pursuit of fulfillment. However, those who confront the reality of death squarely are often compelled to reassess their priorities, cultivate a deeper appreciation for life's fleeting moments, and pursue endeavors that align more closely with their intrinsic values and aspirations. Thus, while death remains an ever-present alarm urging humanity to seize the day, its transformative power is only realized by those courageous enough to confront it directly.

Q.34) Which one of the following is the most important and meaningful conclusion derived from the passage?

- a) Embracing the transient nature of life and living fully and meaningfully.
- b) Recognizing the inevitability of death and its transformative potential.
- c) Confronting mortality head-on to reassess priorities and pursue intrinsic values.
- d) Avoiding contemplation of death to maintain a sense of permanence and security.

Q.35) On the basis of the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:

1. Individuals who acknowledge the inevitability of death tend to experience heightened anxiety and existential dread.
2. Avoidance of contemplating mortality often stems from societal norms and cultural taboos surrounding discussions of death.
3. Embracing the reality of death leads individuals to adopt a despondent attitude towards life's challenges and uncertainties.

Which of the above assumptions is/are valid?

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

Q.36) For two real numbers a and b, such that $a + b = 16$. What is the maximum value of the expression $(a \times b) - 16$?

- a) 56
- b) 48
- c) 32
- d) 16

Q.37) There are two taps connected to tank who can fill the tank in 10 and 12 hours respectively when turned on separately. A leakage occurs in the tank, so it requires 8 hours to fill the tank from empty when both the taps are turned on. Approximately how much time will it take for the leakage to empty the full tank if no tap is on?

- a) 16 hours
- b) 17 hours

- c) 18 hours
- d) 19 hours

Q.38) Every time a doctor performs a surgery, there is only $\frac{1}{3}$ probability that it will be successful, and the patient will be cured. If a patient has resources for only at maximum to go for surgeries 3 times. What is the probability the patient will be cured?

- a) 1
- b) 0.99
- c) $\frac{19}{27}$
- d) $\frac{8}{27}$

Q.39) Rahul's mother says to Rahul "I was triple old as you are today, when you were born and 20 years later, I will still be double as old as you". In the future Rahul's only son when will be 10 years old, will find his grandmom 70 years older than him. At what age did Rahul become a father?

- a) 30
- b) 25
- c) 35
- d) 40

Q.40) In a class test, there are 5 MCQ questions. Each question has 3 options a, b and c of which a student has to choose one as the correct answer. Each question is compulsory to attempt. If no two students have answered the test in exactly same manner, maximum how many students appeared in the class test?

- a) 81
- b) 64
- c) 243
- d) 15

Direction for the following three (3) items:

Read the following three passages and answer the items that follow the passages. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only:

Passage 1

Within the realm of decision-making theory, there exists a notion that acknowledges the limitations of human cognition and information processing capabilities. This concept posits that individuals, when making decisions, often rely on simplified models and heuristics due to constraints such as time, cognitive capacity, and available information. Unlike the idealized notion of rational decision-making, which assumes unlimited cognitive abilities and perfect information, this concept recognizes the bounded nature of human rationality. It suggests that individuals aim to make satisfactory decisions that are "good enough" given their constraints, rather than striving for optimality. By understanding and accepting these limitations, decision-makers can adopt strategies to mitigate biases, improve judgment, and make more informed choices within the bounds of their cognitive capabilities.

Q.41) Which of the following statements best reflects the crux of the above passage?

- Decision-makers always strive for optimal solutions regardless of constraints.
- Human cognition is limitless, allowing for perfect decision-making.
- Individuals often rely on simplified models and heuristics due to cognitive limitations.
- Bounded rationality encourages individuals to prioritize speed over accuracy in decision-making.

Passage 2

History is often considered more a matter of interpretation than a matter of facts. This is because most historical evidence is not in a form that can be easily verified today. The interpretation of history depends heavily on the limited evidence available, and how these pieces of evidence are related and understood. The role of narrative and perspective is significant in the interpretation of history, which can lead to different versions of

historical events. This reliance on interpretation and perspective makes history a complex and sometimes problematic area of study, as it can result in varying, and sometimes conflicting, accounts of the same events.

Q.42) According to the passage, why is history more a matter of interpretation than a matter of facts?

- Because historical evidence is often not verifiable today
 - Due to the role of narrative and perspective in interpreting evidence
 - Because historical accounts are influenced by the historian's viewpoint
 - Because there is limited evidence available
- Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- 1 and 2 only
- 1, 2, and 4 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1, 3, and 4 only

Passage 3

The Middle Path, espoused by Buddha, is a philosophy often cited but less comprehended and implemented in practice. Rooted in the principle of moderation, it advocates for a balanced approach to life, avoiding extremes of indulgence and asceticism. While widely discussed in philosophical discourse and spiritual teachings, the nuanced understanding of the Middle Path remains elusive to many. It requires not only intellectual comprehension but also introspection and disciplined living to embody its essence fully. Despite its simplicity in concept, the Middle Path poses challenges in application, especially in a world marked by materialism, excess, and polarization. To truly embrace the Middle Path is to cultivate mindfulness, equanimity, and compassion in thought, speech, and action, fostering harmony within oneself and with the world.

Q.43) What is the central message which is being conveyed by the author in the above passage?

- The Middle Path advocates for a balanced life through moderation.
- Embracing the Middle Path requires more than just intellectual understanding.
- Materialism and excess hinder the practice of the Middle Path.
- Achieving harmony within oneself and with the world is the essence of the Middle Path.

Q.44) A coin is tossed N number of times. There are 15 ways, the head appears twice. In how many ways can a head appear thrice?

- 15
- 10
- 35
- 20

Q.45) If a shopkeeper gives successive discounts of 10 % thrice, he will have no profit, no loss on the sale of an item. Approximately how much percent profit would he get if he sold the item only after giving a discount only once?

- 12 %
- 20 %
- 23.5 %
- 25 %

Q.46) Consider the Question and the following Statements given below with respect to two natural numbers x and y where $x > y$.

Question: Whether the sum $x + y$ is odd?

Statement-1: The difference between the numbers is one- third of the sum.

Statement-2: $x^2 - y$ is even number.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the Question and the Statements?

- Statement-1 alone is sufficient to answer the Question
- Statement-2 alone is sufficient to answer the Question
- Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are required to answer the Question
- Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are not sufficient to answer the Question

Q.47) Consider the three Statements and three Conclusions given below. You have to take the Statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from the commonly known facts. Read all Conclusions and then decide which of the given Conclusion(s) logically follows/follow from the Statements, disregarding the commonly known facts.

Statements:

- Some dogs which are cats are always black
- Some cats are tigers.
- No tiger is a dog.
- All tigers are black

Conclusions:

- A cat which is black is a dog.
- Dogs which are not black are cats.

Which of the following conclusion is/are correct?

- Only I follows
- Only II follows
- Both I and II follows
- Neither I nor II follow

Q.48) If in a certain language SATURN is coded as NFOZMS, then JUPITER is the coded as?

- EZKNOJM
- EZLMOJN
- OPNDYZW
- EZKNYOM

Q.49) ABC is a three-digit number with non-zero distinct digits, sum of whose digits is 15. What is the sum of all the different 3-digit numbers that can be formed by rearranging digits A, B and C?

- 3030
- 3630
- 3330
- 1765

Q.50) At any point there are two angles between minute hand and hour hand (taken in clockwise and anti-clockwise manner). How much time after 4 pm, first time the ratio of two angles is 1: 3?

- $6\frac{5}{11}$ minutes
- $5\frac{5}{11}$ minutes
- $7\frac{5}{11}$ minutes
- $4\frac{5}{11}$ minutes

Direction for the following three (3) items:

Read the following three passages and answer the items that follow the passages. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only:

Passage 1

Tax buoyancy refers to the responsiveness of tax revenue to changes in the tax base. A common issue in many countries is that tax rates are higher because a relatively small portion of the population actually pays taxes. This limited tax base forces governments to impose higher rates on those who do pay. Consequently, this can lead to increased tax evasion and a greater burden on compliant taxpayers. If it were possible to broaden the tax base by including more people in the tax bracket, it would allow for a regime of lower tax rates while maintaining or even increasing total tax revenue. Broadening the tax base could improve compliance and stimulate economic growth by providing more disposable income to a larger segment of the population. Overall, this approach is seen as a more sustainable and fair method of taxation, promoting economic stability and reducing the shadow economy.

Q.51) According to the passage, which of the following are the reasons for which the tax rates are usually higher?

1. Because a small portion of the population pays taxes
2. To discourage people from tax evasion
3. Due to the need for higher government revenue

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Passage 2

While calls for better governance are prevalent in many societies, it's essential to recognize the challenges posed by over governance. Overlapping jurisdictions, redundant regulations, and a multiplication of efforts can lead to inefficiencies and hinder effective governance. In some cases, excessive bureaucracy and red tape can stifle innovation and economic growth, as businesses struggle

to navigate complex regulatory environments. Moreover, over governance may exacerbate inequalities, as certain groups or regions bear disproportionate regulatory burdens. Achieving the right balance between ensuring accountability and preventing overreach is crucial for promoting effective governance that serves the needs of all citizens.

Q.52) What is the basic essence of the idea conveyed by the author in the above passage?

- a) Calls for better governance are prevalent in many societies.
- b) Over governance can lead to inefficiencies and hinder effective governance.
- c) Excessive bureaucracy and red tape stifle innovation and economic growth.
- d) Achieving the right balance in governance is crucial for serving the needs of all citizens.

Passage 3

In the 21st century, immigration has emerged as one of the most pressing issues, sparking debates and controversies worldwide. While ensuring the welfare of citizens is undoubtedly an important responsibility for any nation, it's equally essential to recognize our shared responsibility towards humanity. Migration often stems from factors such as economic disparities, political unrest, and environmental crises, compelling individuals to seek refuge and opportunity in foreign lands. As human beings, we have a moral obligation to extend compassion and support to those in need, irrespective of national boundaries. While immigration policies aim to protect national interests, they should also consider the ethical imperative of addressing global humanitarian challenges.

Q.53) What is the most logical and rational conclusion that can be drawn from the above passage?

- a) Immigration policies should prioritize national interests over humanitarian concerns.
- b) Economic disparities and political unrest are key drivers of migration.
- c) Human beings have a shared responsibility towards humanity beyond national borders.
- d) Migration has become a pressing issue in the 21st century due to various global challenges.

Q.54) If AB is a two-digit prime number. N is a number given by the expression

$$N = 24 \times ABAB$$

How many factors are there of the number N?

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 16
- d) 32

Q.55) The square of a natural number when divided by 18 leaves the remainder 7. What is the value of remainder possible when the number itself is divided by 9?

- a) 3
- b) 5
- c) 7
- d) 8

Q.56) There are 6 identical chocolates to be distributed among three friends Ram, Shyam and Mohan. Each one should get at least one. In how many ways can it be distributed?

- a) 6
- b) 3
- c) 10
- d) 18

Q.57) If $8 @ 9 @ 11 = 10$, $9 @ 12 @ 6 = 9$, $13 @ 5 @ 7 = 7$

Then what is the value of $27 @ 9 @ 3$?

- a) 11
- b) 12
- c) 13
- d) 14

Q.58) The compound interest generated on a principal at a rate of 20% per annum, compounded half yearly in one year is same as simple interest generated on half of the principal in 3 years. What is the rate of interest for the simple interest?

- a) 7% per annum
- b) 12% per annum
- c) 14 % per annum
- d) 21 % per annum

Q.59) Consider the following table which gives the batting statistics of a batsman for 4 test matches in a tournament. Each test match consists of two batting innings.

	Innings 1	Innings 1	Innings 2	Innings 2
Matches	Run scored	Ball faced	Run scored	Ball faced
Match 1	26	42	18	48
Match 2	32	60	22	55
Match 3	44	72	16	32
Match 4	31	53	17	27

In which of following matches, batsman has fastest run scoring rate per ball?

- a) Match 1
- b) Match 2
- c) Match 3
- d) Match 4

Q.60) ABCD is a square. Three distinct points are taken on each side of the square. How many distinct quadrilaterals can be formed with any 4 of these points as vertices?

- a) 560
- b) 954
- c) 459
- d) 990

Direction for the following four (4) items:

Read the following four passages and answer the items that follow the passages. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only:

Passage 1

The advent of electric vehicles (EVs) promises a significant reduction in carbon emissions, a crucial step in combating climate change. EVs are powered by electricity, which can be generated from renewable sources, unlike traditional vehicles that rely on fossil fuels. However, the widespread adoption of EVs faces several hurdles. One major issue is the current lack of charging infrastructure, especially in rural areas. Additionally, the production of EV batteries involves mining rare earth metals, which has its own environmental and ethical concerns. While EV technology continues to advance, the transition requires substantial investment and global cooperation to address these challenges.

Q.61) Based on the above passage, which of the following can be assumed to be a challenge in the adoption of electric vehicles?

1. Lack of charging infrastructure
2. Dependence on fossil fuels
3. Environmental concerns related to battery production

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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

Passage 2

Despite significant advancements in research and scientific progress, the topic of climate remains less understood than one might expect. The complexity of climate systems, coupled with the interconnected nature of various factors influencing climate patterns, contributes to the challenge of fully comprehending this phenomenon. While scientists have made considerable strides in studying climate change and its impacts, there are still many unknowns and uncertainties. Factors such as feedback loops, regional variations, and the role of human activities further complicate our understanding. Additionally, the long-term nature of climate trends requires extensive data collection and analysis, making it difficult to predict future scenarios accurately. As a result, efforts to address climate change must navigate these uncertainties and prioritize strategies that account for the inherent complexity of the climate system.

Q.62) Which of the following is the most definite inference from the above passage?

- a) Poor understanding of climate change has impacted the effectiveness of climate mitigation measures.
- b) Scientific progress has provided a comprehensive understanding of climate systems.
- c) Despite research advancements, climate remains a complex and less understood topic.
- d) Climate change can be predicted only by future coming technologies.

Passage 3

India's foreign policy has undergone a significant transformation from maintaining equal distance from major powers to actively participating with all countries. In the earlier era, India adopted a stance of non-alignment, keeping an equal distance from conflicting global powers. This approach was designed to avoid entanglement in Cold War rivalries and to maintain sovereignty and independence in international relations. However, in contemporary times, India has shifted towards a more dynamic and pragmatic foreign policy. It now engages in active diplomacy with a wide range of nations, including those with antagonistic relationships, such as the United States and Russia. This shift reflects India's growing global ambitions and its need to foster strategic partnerships that enhance its economic and security interests.

Q.63) What is the most logical, rational and important conclusion from the above passage?

- a) India's non-alignment policy effectively prevented Cold War entanglements.
- b) India now maintains equally good relations with all major powers.
- c) India's foreign policy shift reflects its global ambitions and strategic interests.
- d) Equal distance in foreign policy ensures better sovereignty and independence.

Passage 4

The Unknown is not the Unknowable; it need not remain the unknown for us, unless we choose ignorance or persist in our first limitations. For to all things that are not unknowable, all things in the universe, there correspond in that universe faculties which can take cognizance of them, and in man, the microcosm, these faculties are always existent and at a certain stage capable of development. We may choose not to develop them; where they are partially developed, we may discourage and impose on them a kind of atrophy. But, fundamentally all possible knowledge is knowledge within the power of humanity. And since in man there is the inalienable impulse of Nature towards self-realization, no struggle of the intellect to limit the action of our capacities within a determined area can forever prevail.

Q.64) Based on the given passage, all of the following statements, if true, would weaken the passage's claim about the capacity for human understanding of the universe EXCEPT:

- a) Human intellectual development has reached its peak, and no further understanding of the unknown is possible.
- b) There are inherent limitations in the human brain that prevent it from ever fully understanding the universe.
- c) External educational systems are crucial for the development of human faculties necessary to understand the universe.
- d) Humans have the potential to develop their faculties to comprehend all phenomena in the universe.

Q.65) In a family of six members - A, B, C, D, E, and F - there are three males and three females. The relationships among them are defined by the following conditions:

1. A and B are of opposite genders.
2. C and D are siblings.
3. E is the father of C.
4. F is married to A.
5. B is not the mother of D.
6. C is a male.
7. D is not married.

Based on these conditions, who is the daughter of E?

- a) A
- b) B
- c) D
- d) F

Q.66) Consider the question and following statements about a positive real number x .

Question: Whether the number x an integer?

Statement-1: x^2 is an integer.

Statement-2: $2x$ is an integer

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Question and the Statements?

- a) The Question can be answered by using one of the Statements alone but cannot be answered using the other Statement alone.
- b) The Question can be answered by using either Statement alone.
- c) The Question can be answered by using both Statements together but cannot be answered using either Statement alone.

d) The Question cannot be answered even by using both the Statements together.

Q.67) Two alarm clocks are there, one rings once after every 3 minutes the other rings once after every 7 minutes. The clocks have the same ringtone and non-differentiable when they ring together. How many distinct rings are heard in two hours if both are turned on together?

- a) 50
- b) 26
- c) 52
- d) 57

Q.68) Two statements are given followed by two Conclusions about a given set of numbers: statements:

1. Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) of the given numbers is 360
2. Highest Common Factor (HCF) of the given numbers is 45.

Conclusion-I: All numbers are divisible by 18.

Conclusion-II: 480 is a multiple of all the numbers.

Which of the above Conclusions logically follows/follow from the two given Statements?

- a) Only Conclusion-I
- b) Only Conclusion-II
- c) Neither Conclusion-I nor Conclusion-II
- d) Both Conclusion-I and Conclusion-II

Q.69) Consider the following sequence of letters:

B A C G H E U J G K I O P E A D C U F I K O P K
L E A U

How many vowels are followed by the consonants, but are NOT preceded by consonants in the above sequence?

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

Q.70) The recurring decimal representation $3.6727272\dots$ is equivalent to

- a) $34/9$
- b) $3672/990$
- c) $404/110$
- d) $3672/999$

Direction for the following three (3) items:

Read the following two passages and answer the items that follow the passages. Your answers to these items should be based on the passages only:

Passage 1

Democracy, heralded as the voice of the people, has played a significant role in empowering individuals and fostering societal progress. It stands as a beacon of freedom and equality, offering citizens the opportunity to participate in decision-making processes and hold their leaders accountable. However, amidst its noble ideals, democracy has also been complicit in the marginalization of minority communities. In many countries, majority rule has led to the neglect and oppression of minority voices, perpetuating inequality and injustice. While democracy champions the principle of equality, its implementation has often fallen short, leaving marginalized groups disenfranchised and voiceless. Thus, while democracy holds the promise of inclusivity and representation, its failure to safeguard the rights of all citizens underscores the need for continual vigilance and advocacy for justice and equity.

Q.71) What is the underlying message conveyed by the passage?

- Democracy ensures equal rights and opportunities for all citizens, promoting inclusivity and representation.
- The majority rule in democracy often leads to the marginalization and oppression of minority communities.
- Democracy is the only viable system of governance that respects the rights of all citizens.
- Minorities in democratic societies are empowered to assert their rights and influence policy decisions.

Passage 2

Mikhail Gorbachev played a pivotal role in shaping the peaceful world that emerged after the Cold War. As the leader of the Soviet Union, his policies of glasnost (openness) and perestroika (restructuring) were instrumental in reducing tensions between the East and West. Gorbachev's willingness to engage in diplomatic negotiations with Western leaders, including U.S. President Ronald Reagan, helped

to end the arms race and led to significant arms reduction agreements. His decision to not use force to maintain Soviet control over Eastern Europe allowed for the peaceful revolutions of 1989, which led to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of Soviet domination in the region. Despite facing considerable opposition at home, Gorbachev's leadership facilitated a transition towards a more cooperative and less confrontational international order.

Q.72) What is the most logical, rational and important conclusion from the above passage?

- Gorbachev's policies were primarily focused on strengthening Soviet control over Eastern Europe.
- The end of the Cold War was primarily due to economic factors rather than political leadership.
- Gorbachev's leadership played a crucial role in reducing Cold War tensions and promoting peace.
- The fall of the Berlin Wall was an unintended consequence of Gorbachev's policies.

Q.73) On the basis of the above passage, the following assumptions have been made:

- Gorbachev's policies directly contributed to the reduction of Cold War tensions and arms race.
- The peaceful revolutions of 1989 were a result of Gorbachev's decision not to use force in Eastern Europe.
- Gorbachev's leadership was universally supported within the Soviet Union during the transition period.

Which of the above assumptions is/are valid?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- 1 and 2
- 2 and 3

Q.74) Every time Messi plays, there is 60% chance that he will score a goal and for Ronaldo it is 40 % chance that he will score a goal. In a Football match, both Messi and Ronaldo are playing. What percentage chances are there for the spectators to be able to see a goal from any of the two players?

- 100 %
- 60 %
- 24 %
- 76 %

Q.75) If 1st June 2024 is Saturday, counting from June onwards how many months are there in 2024, which have more than 4 Sundays?

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

Q.76) ABC and DEF are two 3-digit numbers with all distinct non-zero digits. When ABC is added with DEF, the sum is equal to 598. What is the value of $(A + D) \times (B + E) \times (C + F)$?

- a) 598
- b) 360
- c) 180
- d) can't be determined

Q.77) There are 3 types of standard weights of 20 kg, 5 kg and 2 kg used to measure weights.

1. To measure a weight of 91 kg, we need at least 9 standard weights.
2. It is impossible to measure a weight of 98 kg, using 9 standard weights.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Q.78) The students of a class are standing in straight line. There are 18 students left of P and 13 students to right of Q. There are 24 students to left of R and 23 students right of S. If R lies on the right side of Q. In this context consider the following statements:

1. R is in between P and Q.
2. S is in between R and P
3. The maximum number of students is 37.
4. The minimum number of students is 25.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) Only three
- d) All four

Q.79) There are 165 steps in a temple. A who is at 91st step is coming down by jumping on every 4th step. B who is at the start, climbs by stepping on every 3rd step. If A takes same time in a jump as B in a step and they start simultaneously and keep their speed uniform, then at which step from the bottom will they meet?

- a) 40th
- b) 52nd
- c) 39th
- d) Not possible to meet

Q.80) 16 girls take 12 days to do work. 12 boys take 8 days. 16 boys begin and work for 3 days. 6 boys leave and are replaced by girls. The whole work is completed in 7 days. Find out the number of girls who joined as a percentage of number of boys who left.

- a) 66.67%
- b) 33.33%
- c) 50%
- d) 75%



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