

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

TEST - I

TEST OF REASONING

Q.1. Raman starts from point P and walks towards South and stops at point Q. He now takes a right turn followed by a left turn and stops at point R. He finally takes a left turn and stops at point S. If he walks 5 Kms. before taking each turn, towards which direction will Raman have to walk from point S to reach point Q?

- a) North
- b) South
- c) West
- d) East
- e) North-West

Q.2. Among six friends L, M, N, P, Q and S, each having a different height, N is taller than Q and P but shorter than M. P is taller than Q while S is shorter only than L. Which of the following pairs represents the tallest and the shortest among the six friends?

- a) M, P
- b) L, Q
- c) P, Q
- d) Cannot be determined
- e) None of these

Q.3. In a certain code KITE is written as %2\$# and STUD is written as @\$57. How is DESK written in that code?

- a) 8%©#
- b) ©8%#
- c) #7%@
- d) 7#@%
- e) None of these

Q.4. What should come next in the following letter series?

b a c b a c d b a c d e b a c d e f b a c d

- a) c
- b) d
- c) e
- d) f
- e) g

Q.5. Nitin correctly remembers that Nidhi's birthday is before Friday while after Tuesday. Derek correctly remembers that Nidhi's birthday is after Wednesday while before Saturday. On which of the following days does Nidhi's birthday definitely fall?

- a) Monday
- b) Tuesday
- c) Wednesday
- d) Thursday
- e) Cannot be determined

Q.6. The following groups of alphabets form a certain pattern with regard to their position in the English alphabetical series. Based upon the pattern, which of the following five alternatives shall replace the question mark?

XDH, VGJ, TJI, RMN, ?

- a) OOP
- b) PPP
- c) SNO
- d) QLM
- e) None of these

Q.7. If each vowel of the word **WEBPAGE** is substituted with the next letter of the English alphabetical series, and each consonant is substituted with the letter preceding it, which of the following letters will appear thrice?

- a) G
- b) F
- c) Q
- d) V
- e) None of these

Q.8. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word **DOCUMENTARY** each of which has as many letters between them in the word as there are between them in the English alphabets?

- a) None
- b) One
- c) Two
- d) Three
- e) More than three

Q.9. How many meaningful English words can be formed with the letters **TPSI** using each letter only once in each word?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four
- e) More than four

Q.10. If the digits of the number **26839514** are arranged in descending order, the position of how many digits will not remain unchanged?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four
- e) None

In each of the questions below are given four statements followed by four conclusions numbered I, II, III and IV. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Q.11. Statements:Some bats are toys. Some toys are plastics.
Some plastics are mirrors. No mirror is glass.

Conclusions: **I.** Some toys are mirrors. **II.** Some plastics are glasses.**III.** Some bats are mirrors. **IV.** No glass is plastic.

- a) Only III follows
- b) Only either II or IV follows
- c) Only either I or III follows
- d) Only either I or IV follows
- e) None of these

Q.12. Statements:All planets are stars. All stars are asteroids.
All asteroids are moons. Some moons are rocks.

Conclusions: **I.** All asteroids are planets. **II.** All asteroids are stars.**III.** All moons are stars. **IV.** Some rocks are stars.

- a) None follows
- b) Only I follows
- c) Only II follows
- d) Only either I or II follows
- e) None of these

Q.13. Statements:Some cameras are calculators. Some calculators are diaries.
All notebooks are diaries. All diaries are computers.

Conclusions: **I.** Some notebooks are calculators. **II.** Some calculators are computers.**III.** All notebooks are computers. **IV.** Some diaries are cameras.

- a) None follows
- b) Only II follows
- c) Only III follows
- d) Both II and III follow
- e) None of these

Q.14. Statements: All graduates are advocates. Some advocates are judges.
All judges are lawyers. Some lawyers are doctors.

Conclusions: **I.** Some doctors are advocates. **II.** All graduates are judges.**III.** Some doctors are graduates. **IV.** Some lawyers are advocates.

- a) None follows
- b) Only I follows
- c) Only II follows
- d) Either III or IV follows
- e) None of these

Q.15. Statements:All snakes are eagles. Some eagles are rabbits.All rabbits are birds. Some birds are animals.

Conclusions: **I.** Some animals are snakes. **II.** Some birds are snakes.**III.** Some birds are eagles. **IV.** All birds are rabbits.

- a) None follows
- b) Only II follows
- c) Only III follows
- d) Both II and III follow

e) None of these

Study the following information carefully to answer these questions.

P, Q, R, S, T, U, V and W are sitting around a circular table, facing the centre. P sits third to the right of W and third to the left of Q. S sits second to the right of T. V sits second to the left of R. T is not the neighbour of Q. U is neither a neighbour of T nor W.

Q.16. Which of the following pairs has only one person sitting between them, if the counting is done in clockwise direction?

- a) T, V
- b) V, Q
- c) W, P
- d) P, R
- e) None of these

Q.17. Four of the following are alike in a certain way based on their positions in the seating arrangement and so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group?

- a) W, T
- b) P, U
- c) S, Q
- d) R, P
- e) P, Q

Q.18. Who sits second to the left of V?

- a) R
- b) P
- c) U
- d) T
- e) None of these

Q.19. Starting from P's position, if all the eight are arranged in alphabetical order in clockwise direction, the seating position of how many members (excluding P) would not change?

- a) None
- b) One
- c) Two
- d) Three
- e) Four

Q.20. Who sits between U and P?

- a) S
- b) R
- c) V
- d) Q
- e) None of these

In each of these questions a group of letters is given followed by four combinations of number/symbol numbered a), b), c) & d). Letters are to be coded as per the scheme and conditions given below. You have to find out the serial number of the combination, which represents the letter group. Serial number of

that combination is your answer. If none of the combinations is correct, your answer is e) i.e. **None of these.**

Letters: E Q B K N P L I T C S F H W A

Digit/Symbol Code: 5 * \$ 2 © # 4 9 @ 6 1 8 % 7 3

Conditions:

- (i) If the first letter is a consonant and the last a vowel, both are to be coded as the code for the vowel.
- (ii) If the first letter is a vowel and the last is a consonant, the codes for the two are to be interchanged.
- (iii) If both, the first and the last letters are consonants, both are to be coded as 'ð'.
- (iv) If there are more than two vowels in the group of letters all vowels are to be coded as '£'.

Q.21. IQCPWF

- a) 9*6#78
- b) 9*6#79
- c) ð*6#7ð
- d) 8*6#79
- e) None of these

Q.22. KAWIPL

- a) 2379#4
- b) ð379#ð
- c) 4379#2
- d) 2379#2
- e) None of these

Q.23. IKBQFA

- a) 92\$8*3
- b) 923\$*8
- c) 92*83\$
- d) £2\$8*£
- e) None of these

Q.24. IBTNAE

- a) £\$@©££
- b) \$9@©35
- c) \$@9©35
- d) £©\$©££
- e) None of these

Q.25. TCKAPE

- a) @623#@
- b) @623#5
- c) 5623#5
- d) 5623#@
- e) None of these

These questions are based on the following letter/number/symbol arrangement. Study it carefully and answer the questions.

3 D 6 \$ C 4 E 8 # N 5 F 1 A P * 9 M @ K 2 B % 7 H U

Q.26. Based on the above arrangement, #51 is related to NFA in the same as P9@ is related to which of the following groups of letter/number/symbol?

- a) KB7
- b) M*A
- c) *M2
- d) *M@
- e) None of these

Q.27. How many such consonants are there in the above arrangement each of which is immediately preceded by a number but not immediately followed by another consonant?

- a) None
- b) Two
- c) Four
- d) Five
- e) None of these

Q.28. Four of the following are alike in a certain way based on their positions in the above arrangement and so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group?

- a) A*F
- b) MK9
- c) 2%@
- d) \$4D
- e) #5E

Q.29. How many such symbols are there in the above arrangement each of which is immediately preceded by a consonant and also immediately followed by a number?

- a) None
- b) One
- c) Two
- d) Three
- e) None of these

Q.30. Which of the following is exactly in the middle of the 17th from the right and 18th from the left of the arrangement?

- a) A
- b) 1
- c) F
- d) %
- e) None of these

Below in each question are given two statements (A) and (B). These statements may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes or a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

Mark answer a) if statement (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.

Mark answer b) if statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.

Mark answer c) if both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.

Mark answerd) if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.
Mark answee) if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.

Q.31.

- (A) A substantial increase in the unhealthy competition has been observed among the students.
(B) A rise of 23% is reported every year in the cases of suicides after declaration of grade 10th and 12th examination results.

Q.32.

- (A) The glaciers at the poles of the earth are melting at a fast rate.
(B) In recent times there has been a substantial increase in the incidents of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

Q.33.

- (A) Many schools have banned the sale of fast food in their premises.
(B) Obesity in youngsters has been linked to their poor eating habits.

Q.34.

- (A) Though mobile phones find a good number of users in the rural India, computers and internet still remain a distant dream.
(B) In the recent past there has been large scale migration from rural parts of India to the urban sectors.

Q.35.

- (A) The share prices are touching an all-time low.
(B) Most of the organizations have been grounding or terminating employees and undergoing cost-cutting exercises wherever possible.

Read the following passage carefully and answers the questions given below it.

A group of friends having seven members, A, B, C, D, E, F and G contains four men and three ladies. Each one of them has a different profession, stockbroker, lawyer, doctor, professor, engineer, businessman and banker and each one has passed out of a different college P, S, V, W, X, Y and Z, not necessarily in the same order. None of the ladies is a businessman or a stockbroker. C is a doctor and she has passed out from 'College X'. A is a 'College Y' pass out. B is not a Professor. E is a banker and is 'College S' passed out. F is a stockbroker and has not studied in 'College P'. G is a businessman and has studied in 'College V. The professor is 'College Z' passed out. The lawyer has studied in 'College P. None of the ladies has studied in 'College Y' or 'College S'.

Q.36. Which of the following combination is correct?

- a) B-Doctor-Female
- b) C-W-Male
- c) A-Businessman-Y
- d) D-Professor-Male
- e) None of these

Q.37. Which of the following groups represents female in the group of friends?

- a) A,B,C
- b) E, F,G
- c) B,C,D

- d) B, E, G
- e) None of these

Q.38. Who among the following is a lawyer?

- a) A
- b) B
- c) E
- d) G
- e) None of these

Q.39. What is the profession of D?

- a) Doctor
- b) Stock-broker
- c) Engineer
- d) Professor
- e) None of these

Q.40. From which of the following college has the stockbroker passed out?

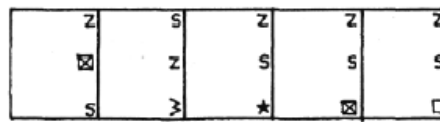
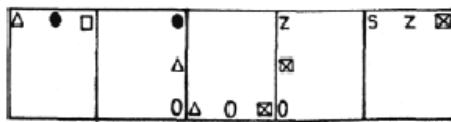
- a) W
- b) Y
- c) S
- d) X
- e) None of these

In each of the questions given below which one of the five answer figure on the right should come after the problem figures on the left, if the sequence were continued.

PROBLEM FIGURES

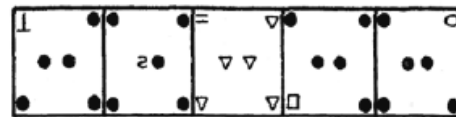
ANSWER FIGURES

Q.41.



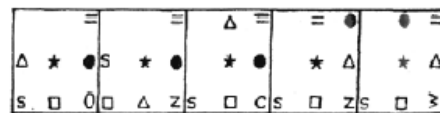
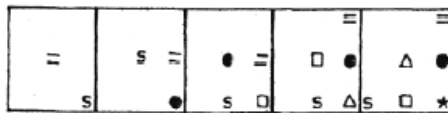
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Q.42.



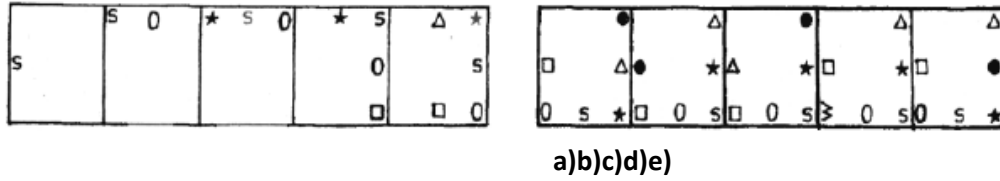
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Q.43.

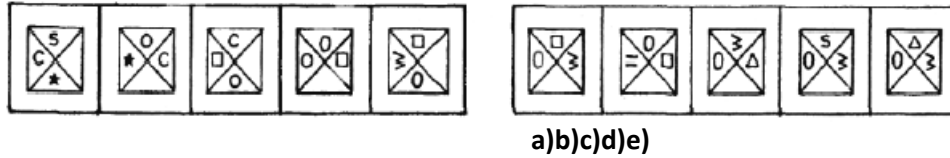


a)b)c)d)e)

Q.44.

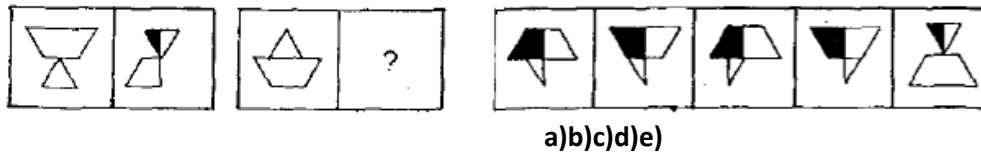


Q.45.

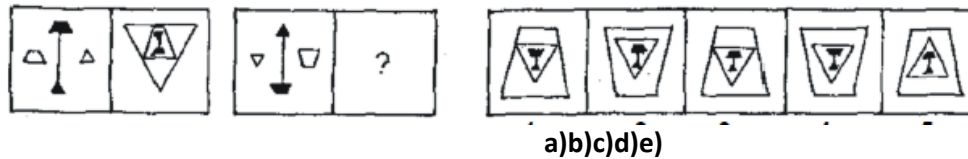


The second figure in the first unit of the problem figures bears a certain relationship to the first figure. Similarly one of the figures in the answer figures bears the same relationship to the first figures in the second unit of the problem figures. You are therefore to locate the figure which would fit the question mark(?).

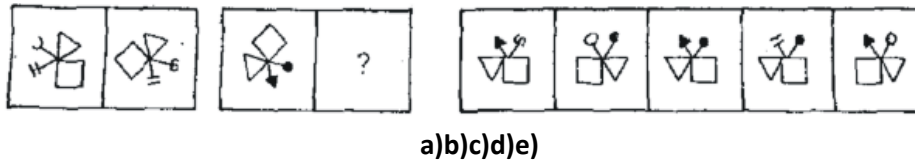
Q.46.



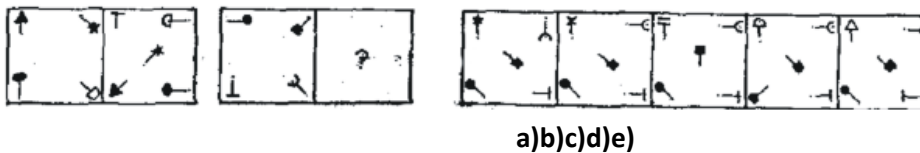
Q.47.



Q.48.



Q.49.



Q.50.



a)b)c)d)e)

TEST - II

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following questions?

Q.51. $124 + 56 \times 1.5 - 12 = ?$

- a) -1890
- b) 252
- c) 230
- d) 196
- e) None of these

Q.52. $(21.35)^2 + (12.25)^2 = ?$

- a) 171.4125
- b) 605.885
- c) 604.085
- d) 463.8125
- e) None of these

Q.53. $(46351 - 36418 - 4505) \div ? = 1357$

- a) 4
- b) 6
- c) 3
- d) 2
- e) None of these

Q.54. $378.35 + 478 \div 12.5 = ?$

- a) 508.268
- b) 416.59
- c) 425.28
- d) 68.508
- e) None of these

Q.55. $74844 \div 42 \times ? = 5850$

- a) 34
- b) 42
- c) 22
- d) 54
- e) None of these

Q.56. $\sqrt{571536} / 42 \times ? = 5850$

- a) 420
- b) 240

- c) 315
- d) 325
- e) None of these

Q.57. $\sqrt[3]{1092727}=?$

- a) 108
- b) 99
- c) 97
- d) 107
- e) None of these

Q.58. $(550\% \text{ of } 250) \div 275 =?$

- a) 15
- b) 1.5
- c) 0.5
- d) 25
- e) None of these

Q.59. $334.41 + 47.26 + 1.25 + 5 + 0.66 =$

- a) 411.24
- b) 396.15
- c) 388.58
- d) 376.85
- e) None of these

Q.60. $34^{56} * 34^{53}$

- a) 39304
- b) 1156
- c) 170504
- d) 102
- e) None of these

What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following number series?

Q.61. 1108 1117 1142 1191? 1393

- a) 1312
- b) 1300
- c) 1272
- d) 1204
- e) None of these

Q.62. 8484 4248 2112 1074 513?

- a) 201
- b) 286.5
- c) 256.5
- d) 171
- e) None of these

Q.63. 154 162 226? 954 1954

- a) 242
- b) 554
- c) 442
- d) 642
- e) None of these

Q.64. 124 228 436? 1684 3348

- a) 844
- b) 852
- c) 872
- d) 834
- e) None of these

Q.65. 25 30 70 260 1280?

- a) 6400
- b) 7680
- c) 6380
- d) 7660
- e) None of these

Q.66. In howmany different ways can the letters of the word '**OPERATE**' be arranged?

- a) 5040
- b) 720
- c) 2520
- d) 360
- e) None of these

Q.67. The number obtained by interchanging the two digits of a two-digit number is less than the original number by 18. The sum of the two digits of the number is 16. What is the original number?

- a) 97
- b) 87
- c) 79
- d) Cannot be determined
- e) None of these

Q.68. Excluding the stoppages, the speed of a bus is 64 kms/hr. and including the stoppages the speed of the bus is 48 kms/hr. For how many minutes does the bus stop per hour?

- a) 12.5 minutes
- b) 15 minutes
- c) 10 minutes
- d) 18 minutes
- e) None of these

Q.69. The difference between two numbers is 3 and the difference between their squares is 63.Which is the larger number?

- a) 12
- b) 9
- c) 15

- d) Cannot be determined
- e) None of these

Q.70. In a college election between two candidates, one candidate got 55% of the total valid votes. 15% of the votes were invalid. If the total votes were 15,200, what is the number of valid votes the other candidate got?

- a) 7106
- b) 6840
- c) 8360
- d) 5814
- e) None of these

Q.71. The simple interest obtained on an amount of Rs.45,000/- at the end of 4 years is Rs.15,300/-. What would be the approximate compound interest obtained on the same amount at the same rate of interest in the same period?

- a) Rs.18,244
- b) Rs.19,500
- c) Rs.16,285
- d) Rs. 18,566
- e) Rs.17,364

Q.72. If all the fractions $\frac{3}{5}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{8}{11}$, $\frac{4}{9}$, $\frac{2}{7}$, $\frac{5}{7}$ and $\frac{5}{12}$ are arranged in the descending order of their values, which one will be the third?

- a) $\frac{1}{8}$
- b) $\frac{4}{9}$
- c) $\frac{5}{12}$
- d) $\frac{8}{11}$
- e) $\frac{3}{5}$

Q.73 By how much is $\frac{4}{5}$ th of 1150 less than $\frac{5}{6}$ th of 1248?

- a) 140
- b) 115
- c) 125
- d) 120
- e) None of these

Q.74. 15% of 45% of a number is 105.3. What is 24% of that number?

- a) 385.5
- b) 374.4
- c) 390
- d) 375
- e) None of these

Q.75. There are two numbers such that the sum of twice the first number and thrice the second number is 300 and the sum of thrice the first number and twice the second number is 265. Which is the larger number?

- a) 24
- b) 39
- c) 85
- d) 74
- e) None of these

Q.76. 21 binders can bind 1400 books in 15 days. How many binders will be required to bind 800 books in 20 days?

- a) 7
- b) 9
- c) 12
- d) 14
- e) None of these

Q.77. Prathik sold a music system to Karthik at 20% gain and Karthik sold it to Swasthik at 40% gain. If Swasthik paid Rs. 10,500/- for the music system, what amount did Prathik pay for the same?

- a) Rs.8,240/-
- b) Rs.7,500/-
- c) Rs.6,250/-
- d) Cannot be determined
- e) None of these

Q.78. The average monthly income of a family of four earning members was Rs. 15,130. One of the daughters in the family got married and left home, so the average monthly income of the family came down to Rs. 14,660. What is the monthly income of the married daughter?

- a) Rs. 15,350
- b) Rs. 12,000
- c) Rs. 16,540
- d) Cannot be determined
- e) None of these

Q.79. Farah got married 8 years ago. Today her age is $1\frac{2}{7}$ times her age at the time of her marriage. At present her daughter's age is one-sixth of her age. What was her daughter's age 3 years ago?

- a) 6 years
- b) 4 years
- c) 3 years
- d) Cannot be determined
- e) None of these

Q.80. If $25a + 25b = 115$, then what is the average of a and b?

- a) 4.6
- b) 2.5
- c) 4.5
- d) 3.4

e) None of these

Q.81. Swapnil, Aakash and Vinay begin to jog around a circular stadium. They complete their revolutions in 36 seconds, 48 seconds and 42 seconds respectively. After how many seconds will they be together at the starting point?

- a) 504 seconds
- b) 940 seconds
- c) 1008 seconds
- d) 470 seconds
- e) None of these

Q.82. On a test consisting of 250 questions, Jassi answered 40% of the first 125 questions correctly. What percent of the other 125 questions does she need to answer correctly for her grade on the entire exam to be 60%?

- a) 75
- b) 80
- c) 60
- d) Cannot be determined
- e) None of these

Q.83. A, B, C, D and E are five consecutive odd numbers. The sum of A and C is 146. What is the value of E?

- a) 75
- b) 81
- c) 71
- d) 79
- e) None of these

Q.84. The cost of 5 pendants and 8 chains is Rs.1,45,785/-. What would be the cost of 15 pendants and 24 chains?

- a)Rs.3,25,285/-
- b)Rs.4,39,355/-
- c)Rs.5,50,000/-
- d) Cannot be determined
- e) None of these

Q.85. If the numerator of a fraction is increased by 220% and the denominator is increased by 150%, the resultant fraction is $\frac{4}{5}$. What is the original fraction?

- a) $\frac{5}{8}$
- b) $\frac{3}{5}$
- c) $\frac{4}{5}$
- d) $\frac{5}{6}$
- e) None of these

Each question below is followed by two statements A and B. You are to determine whether the data given in the statement is sufficient for answering the question. You should use the data and your knowledge of Mathematics to choose between the possible answers.

Give answer a) if the statement A alone is sufficient to answer the question, but the statement B alone is not sufficient.

Give answer b) if the statement B alone is sufficient to answer the question, but the statement A alone is not sufficient.

Give answer c) if both statements A and B together are needed to answer the question.

Give answer d) if either the statement A alone or statement B alone is sufficient to answer the question.

Give answer e) if you cannot get the answer from the statement A and B together, but need even more data.

Q.86. What is the number of teachers in the school?

- A. Each teacher takes at least three lectures in a day.
- B. There are 45 lectures in a week.

Q.87. In how many years can a simple interest of Rs.6,570 be obtained on an amount of Rs.36,500?

- A. The rate of simple interest is 6 p.c.p.a.
- B. The difference between the simple interest and compound interest is Rs.402.084.

Q.88. What is the three digit number?

- A. Two-fifth of the number is half of 204.
- B. 20% of the number is 51.

Q.89. What is Raveena's age?

- A. Raveena is half as old as Karishma.
- B. Raveena's age is $\frac{3}{5}$ th of her mother's age who is 45 years old.

Q.90. What is the area of the rectangular plot?

- A. The length of the plot is 375 metres.
- B. The length of the plot is thrice its breadth.

Q.91. The product of two consecutive even numbers is 5821 68. Which is the smaller number?

- a) 760
- b) 762
- c) 764
- d) 766
- e) 756

Q.92. In a sale, a perfume is available at a discount of 15% on the selling price. If the perfume's discounted selling price is Rs.3675.40, what was the original selling price of the perfume?

- a) Rs.4,324/-
- b) Rs.4,386/-
- c) Rs.4,400/-
- d) Rs.4,294/-
- e) None of these

Q.93. If $(74)^2$ is subtracted from the square of a number, the answer so obtained is 5340. What is the number?

- a) 98
- b) 102
- c) 104
- d) 110
- e) None of these

Q.94. The population of a town was 48600. It increased by 25% in the first year and decreased by 8% in the second year. What will be the population of the town at the end of 2 years?

- a) 65610
- b) 55580
- c) 60750
- d) 64850
- e) None of these

Q.95. The average of 5 positive integers is 436. The average of first two numbers is 344 and the average of last two numbers is 554. What is the third number?

- a) 482
- b) 346
- c) 556
- d) 384
- e) None of these

What **approximate** value should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following questions? (You are not expected to calculate the exact value.)

Q.96. $47^2 / 3.25 * 2.5 = ?$

- a) 1624
- b) 1535
- c) 1687
- d) 1593
- e) 1699

Q.97. $749 - 325 - 124 / 1254 - 1100 = ?$

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 6
- d) 8
- e) 12

Q.98. $\sqrt{3219} * \sqrt{4178} = ?$

- a) 3953
- b) 3528
- c) 3498
- d) 3667
- e) 3591

Q.99. 115% of $624 + \frac{2}{7}$ of $419 = ?$

- a) 887
- b) 837
- c) 765
- d) 756
- e) 787

Q.100. $54.35 \times 39.87 \div 13.35 = ?$

- a) 174
- b) 156
- c) 162
- d) 168
- e) 152

TEST - III

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are printed in **bold** to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

The current global food situation is very serious and hence, we need to understand the reasons for such a dramatic increase in food prices in a short period. It is argued that increases in energy costs are resulting in cost push inflation but the contribution of energy costs to overall costs in agriculture may not explain the huge increase in food prices. Related to the current **elevated** energy prices, there has been a diversion of corn and edible oils to bio-fuels, which is significantly influenced by policy mandates. Very clearly this diversion to bio-fuels is a policy induced new reality, which coincided with price escalation in precisely those products and hence, is noteworthy.

The financialization of commodity trade and current extraordinary conditions in global financial markets could have influenced the spurt in prices. The recent reductions in interest rates in the U.S. and the injection of liquidity have resulted in investors seeking new avenues such as commodity markets, in view of the **turbulence** in financial markets and the low returns in treasuries. The relatively easy liquidity and low interest rates, by themselves, make holding of inventories attractive and thus induce greater volatility in commodity markets. The weakening of the U.S. dollar is also **advanced** as a reason for the recent **volatility** in commodity markets, including food items. It is evident that this phenomenon is now also coinciding with the across the board rise in food prices.

In brief, while there are demand and supply side pressures on food items, there is considerable merit in the argument that the recent extraordinary increases in food prices are closely linked to public policy responses to high energy costs in advanced economies, and the turbulence in financial markets and financial institutions. It is said that the impact of such policy induced diversion of food to bio-fuels is significant at this juncture and reflects a preference to fill the fuel tanks of automobiles rather than fill the empty stomachs of people. Similarly, it is sometimes held that the weight accorded to financial stability in public policy may now be at the expense of stability in real sector - especially of sensitive commodities like food. At the same time, there is a general **consensus** that public policy in regard to food in many economies around the world has not provided adequate **incentive** to farmers to increase the supply of food and other agricultural products to comfortably match the growing demand over the medium term.

Q.101. In what way are bio-fuels responsible for the increasing cost of food?

- (A) It is a policy mandated to use bio-fuel in place of petroleum products especially in developing countries.
 - (B) Certain essential food commodities are being used for manufacturing alternative fuels.
 - (C) The low cost of bio-fuels has created fluctuation in prices of other agricultural commodities.
- a) A only
 - b) B only
 - c) C only
 - d) A and B only
 - e) None of these

Q.102. Which of the following situation(s) has/have prompted investors to look towards commodity markets ?

- (A) Dip in rates of interest in the U.S.
 - (B) Easy Liquidity.
 - (C) Volatility in commodity prices.
- a) A and B only
 - b) Band C only
 - c) A and C only
 - d) All the three
 - e) None of these

Q.103. The passage lays emphasis on which of the following central theme(s)?

- (A) The abysmally throwaway prices offered for food commodities.
 - (B) The worldwide acute shortage of food commodities.
 - (C) Promoting the use of bio-fuel for automobiles.
- a) A only
 - b) B only
 - c) C only
 - d) All the three
 - e) None of these

Q.104. Which of the following statements is **FALSE** in the context of the passage?

- (A) Unusual conditions in global financial markets have aggravated the food price.
 - (B) No government would prefer fuelling vehicles to feeding the hungry.
 - (C) Maintenance of financial stability in public policy will be at the cost of stability in the real sector.
- a) A and B only
 - b) B and C only
 - c) B only
 - d) C only
 - e) None of these

Q.105. Which of the following shows a cause-effect relationship between its two components?

- a) Reduction in interest rates and abundance of food commodities
- b) Reduction in energy prices and increase in food commodity prices
- c) Turbulence in financial markets and escalation in production of food commodities
- d) Dipping of U.S. dollar value and volatility in commodity markets
- e) Injection of liquidity and the drop in investor confidence

Q.106. Which of the following statements is TRUE in the context of the passage?

- a) Commodity markets have become erratic due to easy liquidity and low interest rate
- b) Governments of many countries have begun paying better prices for food commodities to ensure their farmers are taken care of
- c) Farmers in developing countries have to compulsorily produce a certain quantity of bio-fuels annually
- d) The financialization of commodity trade has resulted in a dip in prices of food products
- e) The weakening of other currencies against the US dollar has resulted in high fuel prices

Q.107. Which of the following best explains the phrase “this phenomenon” as used in the fourth paragraph of the passage?

- a) Volatility in commodity markets which has led to hoarding
- b) Escalating food prices caused by high interest rates
- c) Easy liquidity because of lack of investment in America
- d) Weakening of the US dollar and consequent variability in commodity markets
- e) Fluctuation in energy prices and outdated public policy

Q.108. Which of the following can be inferred from the contents of the passage?

- (A)** At present the demand for food items exceeds the supply.
 - (B)** Fuel production has been given higher priority than caring for the millions who are starving.
 - (C)** Farmers have not been motivated to increase their production of food.
- a) A and B only
 - b) Band C only
 - c) A and C only
 - d) None of these
 - e) All A B & C

Q.109. Which of the following can be a remedy of the global situation mentioned in the passage?

- (A)** Reducing the production of cars and thereby the demand for energy.
 - (B)** Inducing farmers to increase their food and other agricultural produce.
 - (C)** Increasing the prices of food items to compensate farmers for their losses.
- a) A only
 - b) A and B only
 - c) B only
 - d) B and C only
 - e) None of these

Choose the word which is most **OPPOSITE** in meaning of the word given in bold as used in the passage.

Q.110. consensus

- a) deviant
- b)disagreement
- c)dejection
- d)denial
- e)dissuasion

Q.111. elevated

- a)raised
- b)stabilized
- c)inclined
- d)fallen

e)slanted

Q.112. volatility

- a)agitation
- b)effervescence
- c)optimism
- d)disparity
- e)inactivity

Choose the word/group of words which is most nearly the **SAME** in meaning as the word given in bold as used in the passage.

Q.113. incentive

- a)acceleration
- b)surplus
- c)baiting
- d)inspiration
- e)encouragement

Q.114. advanced

- a)put forward
- b)set aside
- c)taken over
- d)marched forward
- e)escalated further

Q.115. turbulence

- a)tranquility
- b)certainty
- c)turmoil
- d)restless
- e)lackluster

In each question there is a statement followed by three starters which are denoted by (A), (B) and (C). Each starter is a group of first few words of the sentence which, on proper completion, is supposed to convey the same meaning of the original statement. Find out which one or more starters can form grammatically correct sentence(s) to convey the **SAME** meaning of the original statement.

Q.116. Even if you dislike him you must not be rude to him.

- (A) You must be polite
 - (B) Although you must not be rude
 - (C) Since you don't like.....
- a) Any one of the three
 - b) A only
 - c) B only
 - d) C only
 - e) None of these

Q.117. No sooner did he offer the bouquet to the guest than he left the dais.

- (A) Hardly had he left the
- (B) As soon as he left
- (C) He left the dais immediately.....
- a) Only A
- b) Only B
- c) Either A or B
- d) Only C
- e) Either B or C

Q.118. That social worker is the most respected person in our district.

- (A) All other persons
- (B) Most other social workers
- (C) All the social workers in our.....
- a) None of the three
- b) Either A or B
- c) Either A or C
- d) Either B or C
- e) Only A

Q.119. They lost to their opponents although they played most valiantly.

- (A) Their opponents
- (B) Despite the opponents'.....
- (C) The opponents played valiantly.....
- a) Any one of the three
- b) Only A
- c) Only B
- d) Only C
- e) None of these

Q.120. It was too dark for us to be able to see anything.

- (A) We could not see
- (B) Since we could not see
- (C) For us, it was so dark to
- a) Only A
- b) Only B
- c) Only C
- d) Either A or B
- e) Either A or C

Q.121. So *terrible* was the earthquake that all the skyscrapers in the locality were completely ruined.

- (A) Owing to the intensity.....
- (B) None of the skyscrapers in the
- (C) The intensity of earthquake was so high that.....
- a) Only A
- b) Only B
- c) All the three
- d) Either A or B

e) Only C

Q.122. You must act as per my instructions only.

(A) Only you act..... **(B)** My instructions **(C)** You must do.....

- a) Any one of the three
- b) Either A or B
- c) Either B or C
- d) Either A or C
- e) None of these

Q.123. If you are diligent, you can master any skill in a short time span.

(A) Unless you master..... **(B)** If you can be mastering .. **(C)** In spite of being diligent

- a) None of the three
- b) Either A or B
- c) Either B or C
- d) Either A or C
- e) Any one of the three

Q.124. However, often I tried my best, I could not succeed in my endeavour.

(A) Despite **(B)** In spite of..... **(C)** Though I could not succeed.....

- a) Only A
- b) Only B
- c) Only C
- d) Either A or B
- e) None of these

Q.125. Do whatever you think appropriate.

(A) Don't do..... **(B)** Do you think..... **(C)** You don't think....

- a) Any one of the three
- b) Only C
- c) Either B or C
- d) Only B
- e) None of these

Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

(A) Nobody likes to practice it, no matter how easy and how beneficial it is.

(B) An ounce of patience is worth, or at times even better than a pound of brains.

(C) Patience, a virtue, is considered to be even better than wisdom.

(D) This is the biggest drawback in us, in our national character.

(E) Every one of us agrees with this fact in principle, without reservation.

(F) But, unfortunately, when it comes to practising patience, there is a problem.

Q.126. Which of the following should be the **SIXTH (LAST)** statement after rearrangement?

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

e) E

Q.127. Which of the following should be the **FIFTH** statement after rearrangement?

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

Q.128. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** statement after rearrangement?

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

Q.129. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** statement after rearrangement?

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

Q.130. Which of the following should be the **THIRD** statement after rearrangement?

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

Which of the phrases a), b), c) and d) given below each sentence should replace the phrases printed in bold in the following sentences to make the sentence grammatically correct. If the sentence is correct as it is and 'No correction is required', mark e) as the answer.

Q.131. He postponed making a decision **until he been given** complete information.

- a) till he had been given
- b) until he will get
- c) till he would be giving
- d) till he could be giving
- e) No correction required

Q.132. He refused to sign till he **would read** the text of the agreement.

- a) had read
- b) will read
- c) would have read
- d) should be reading
- e) No correction required

Q.133. He didn't want **risking to get wet** as he had only one suit.

- a)risking for getting wet
- b)risking at getting wet
- c)to risk getting wet
- d)to get wet at the risk of
- e)No correction required

Q.134. They came in **quiet so as not** to wake the others in the dormitory.

- a)as quiet as not
- b)so quiet as not
- c)so quiet that not
- d)quietly so as not
- e) No correction required

Q.135. Kidnappers had telephoned the victim's father from a public booth **to conceal his** identity.

- a)for concealing his
- b)because of concealing their
- c)to conceal their
- d)by concealing his
- e) No correction required

Q.136. He usually wears a coat but he **is not wearing** it today as it is not cold.

- a) has not wearing
- b)has not been worn
- c)doesn't wear
- d)didn't wore
- e) No correction required

Q.137. If you were rule bound as you claim to be, **you should stop** at the signal.

- a)should stop before
- b)would have stopped at
- c)should be stopped at
- d)would have been stopped
- e) No correction required

Q.138. Some social service organizations**are done yeoman service** in empowering the downtrodden women.

- a)will be provided yeoman service
- b)have been doing yeoman service
- c)are doing service of yeoman
- d)have been doing services of yeoman
- e) No correction required

Q.139. The metal roof was dismantled to be broken up **and sell as scrap.**

- a)for selling with scrap
- b)for sell as scrap
- c)and to sell as scrap
- d)and sold as scrap
- e) No correction required

Q.140. It is noteworthy to note that India had pioneered the *use* of non-cash based payment systems.

- a) is noteworthy that
- b) is notably that
- c) is worth to note
- d) is noted about
- e) No correction required

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

Technology **(141)** lives. But **(142)** if people want it to. This qualification is important, and **(143)** to understanding progress. Akio Morita, the founder of Sony, used to make inventions not by writing code but by making minute, detailed studies of **(144)** people lived their lives. It is observable that when he relinquished direct involvement in product development at the company in the 1980s, Sony seemed to lose its **(145)** of developing a truly radical invention like the Walkman that the world takes to en masse.

However much it seems that machines are in **(146)** they are not, yet the belief that the technology alone holds the key to **(147)** the way people work, buy, and do business is strong. The rise of dotcoms in the late 1990s was **(148)** by a belief that technology was changing the rules of marketing and employee relationships. This is not to say there have been no changes in the new economy; but that they **(149)** to appear where technology makes it **(150)** for people to communicate with each other, or have been unrelated to the technology. The dynamic is still a human one.

Q.141.

- a) makes
- b) explains
- c) shakes
- d) ruins
- e) changes

Q.142.

- a) seldom
- b) only
- c) never
- d) not
- e) occasionally

Q.143.

- a) encouraging
- b) supported
- c) disastrous
- d) key
- e) primarily

Q.144.

- a) when
- b) whether

- c)how
- d)why
- e)where

Q.145.

- a) knack
- b)business
- c)plant
- d)share
- e)profit

Q.146.

- a)action
- b)operation
- c)transition
- d)progress
- e)control

Q.147.

- a)determining
- b)highlighting
- c)informing
- d)encroaching
- e)accomplishing

Q.148.

- a)underlying
- b)disputed
- c)accompanied
- d)govern
- e)successful

Q.149.

- a)fail
- b)refuse
- c)avoid
- d)tend
- e)cease

Q.150.

- a) tough
 - b)easier
 - c)awkward
 - d) essential
 - e)laborious
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ANSWERS

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|------|---|------|---|-------|---|-------|---|
| Q.1 | A | Q.39 | D | Q.77 | C | Q.115 | C |
| Q.2 | B | Q.40 | A | Q.78 | C | Q.116 | B |
| Q.3 | D | Q.41 | C | Q.79 | C | Q.117 | D |
| Q.4 | C | Q.42 | A | Q.80 | E | Q.118 | A |
| Q.5 | D | Q.43 | D | Q.81 | C | Q.119 | B |
| Q.6 | B | Q.44 | B | Q.82 | B | Q.120 | A |
| Q.7 | B | Q.45 | E | Q.83 | D | Q.121 | E |
| Q.8 | C | Q.46 | A | Q.84 | E | Q.122 | C |
| Q.9 | B | Q.47 | C | Q.85 | A | Q.123 | A |
| Q.10 | E | Q.48 | D | Q.86 | E | Q.124 | D |
| Q.11 | B | Q.49 | B | Q.87 | A | Q.125 | E |
| Q.12 | A | Q.50 | E | Q.88 | D | Q.126 | D |
| Q.13 | D | Q.51 | D | Q.89 | B | Q.127 | A |
| Q.14 | E | Q.52 | B | Q.90 | C | Q.128 | B |
| Q.15 | C | Q.53 | A | Q.91 | B | Q.129 | C |
| Q.16 | D | Q.54 | B | Q.92 | A | Q.130 | E |
| Q.17 | E | Q.55 | C | Q.93 | C | Q.131 | A |
| Q.18 | C | Q.56 | D | Q.94 | E | Q.132 | A |
| Q.19 | B | Q.57 | E | Q.95 | D | Q.133 | C |
| Q.20 | A | Q.58 | E | Q.96 | E | Q.134 | D |
| Q.21 | D | Q.59 | C | Q.97 | A | Q.135 | C |
| Q.22 | B | Q.60 | A | Q.98 | D | Q.136 | E |
| Q.23 | E | Q.61 | C | Q.99 | B | Q.137 | B |
| Q.24 | A | Q.62 | B | Q.100 | C | Q.138 | B |
| Q.25 | C | Q.63 | C | Q.101 | B | Q.139 | D |
| Q.26 | E | Q.64 | B | Q.102 | A | Q.140 | A |
| Q.27 | D | Q.65 | D | Q.103 | A | Q.141 | E |
| Q.28 | B | Q.66 | C | Q.104 | D | Q.142 | B |
| Q.29 | C | Q.67 | A | Q.105 | D | Q.143 | D |
| Q.30 | A | Q.68 | B | Q.106 | A | Q.144 | C |
| Q.31 | A | Q.69 | A | Q.107 | D | Q.145 | A |
| Q.32 | E | Q.70 | D | Q.108 | C | Q.146 | B |
| Q.33 | B | Q.71 | E | Q.109 | C | Q.147 | B |
| Q.34 | D | Q.72 | E | Q.110 | B | Q.148 | C |
| Q.35 | C | Q.73 | D | Q.111 | D | Q.149 | D |
| Q.36 | E | Q.74 | B | Q.112 | E | Q.150 | B |
| Q.37 | C | Q.75 | D | Q.113 | E | | |
| Q.38 | B | Q.76 | B | Q.114 | A | | |