

IBPS PO Mains Paper 2024

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Q1. In the question given below, three conclusions are given followed by five statements. You have to choose the correct set of statements that logically satisfies the given conclusions disregarding the commonly known facts.

Conclusions: I. Some atoms being matter is a possibility. II. Few elements are not particles. III. No matter is molecules.

Statements: I. Every molecules are atoms. No matter is particle. Only a few elements are matter. Some particles are not molecules. II. None of the particles are molecules. Half elements are molecules. All matter are atoms. Some atoms are particles. III. Not a single matter is particle. Only a few elements are matter. All atoms are elements. Very few molecules are particles. IV. All molecules are Atoms. All matter are atoms. Some particles are elements. No element is molecule. V. Some particles are molecules. Only a few matter are elements. No particle is atom. Each atom is element.

- A) All statements satisfy
- B) Both statements II and V
- C) Only statement III
- D) Both statements I and IV
- E) None of the statements satisfy

Correct Answer: None of the statements satisfy

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This is a reverse syllogism problem where we must test each statement set to see if it makes ALL the given conclusions logically follow. For a definitive negative conclusion like "No matter is molecules" to be true, the statement must guarantee that the two sets have zero intersection: $\text{Matter} \cap \text{Molecules} = \emptyset$

Step-by-Step Solution

Let's test the given statements to see if they satisfy Conclusion III: "No matter is molecules."

- **Statement I:** We are given "Every molecules are atoms" and "No matter is particle". There is no direct or indirect negative relation established between matter and molecules. They could still overlap. Conclusion III does not logically follow.
- **Statement II:** We are given "None of the particles are molecules" and "All matter are atoms." Matter is not constrained to be particles, so it can still intersect with molecules. Conclusion III does not logically follow.
- **Statement III:** "Not a single matter is particle" and "Very few molecules are particles." This proves that the molecules which are particles cannot be matter ("Some molecules are not matter"). However, it does *not* prove that *no* matter is molecules. The remaining molecules could be matter. Conclusion III does not logically follow.
- **Statement IV:** "All matter are atoms" and "All molecules are Atoms." Both sets are

subsets of Atoms and can freely overlap within that larger set. Conclusion III does not logically follow.

- **Statement V:** There is no negative premise provided that logically completely separates all matter from all molecules. Conclusion III does not logically follow.

Since none of the five statements can logically satisfy Conclusion III, we do not even need to check Conclusions I and II.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always scan the conclusions for the most definitive, restrictive statement—in this case, the universal negative "No matter is molecules." Instead of drawing complex Venn diagrams for all 5 statements, quickly scan each statement specifically looking for a negative link (like No A is B) connecting matter and molecules. Since no statement creates a complete separation between them, you can confidently eliminate all options and choose "None of the statements satisfy" in under a minute.

Common Pitfall

Students often confuse "Some A are not B" with "No A is B." For example, in Statement III, deducing that *some* molecules (the ones that are particles) are not matter does NOT mean that *all* matter is separated from molecules.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **None of the statements satisfy**.

Q2. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

A word and number sorting machine, when given an input of words and numbers, rearranges them in a particular manner step by step, as indicated below, until all the words and numbers are arranged. Given below is an illustration of this arrangement.

Input: 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS 51 100 ORS 17 HPBM Step 1: 100 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS ORS 17 HPBM 51 Step 2: 74 100 50 FGN KZU YNS ORS 17 HPBM 51 37 Step 3: 50 74 100 FGN KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17 Step 4: 50 74 100 EFGNM KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17 Step 5: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML KZU YNS ORS 51 37 17 Step 6: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT YNS ORS 51 37 17 Step 7: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR YNS 51 37 17 Step 8: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR XYNSR 51 37 17

And, step 8 is the last step of the above input, as per the rules followed in the steps given above; find out in each of the following questions the appropriate step for the given input.

Input: ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER

How many elements are there between 'RTV' and 'NTS' in the step prior to the penultimate step?

- A) None
- B) One
- C) Two
- D) Three
- E) Four

Correct Answer: None

Explanation:

Concept & Pattern Logic

In sequential output tracing, we must first decode the hidden rules applied to numbers and words by analyzing the illustration. **1. Number Logic:** In the first 3 steps, numbers are arranged. The highest even number goes to the extreme left, and the highest odd number goes to the extreme right. In subsequent steps, the next highest even number pushes in from the left, and the next highest odd number pushes in from the right. **2. Word Logic:** Once numbers are sorted (Step 3), words are arranged alphabetically one by one immediately after the numbers. During arrangement, each word transforms: the first letter is replaced by its preceding letter in the alphabet (e.g., F $\rightarrow$ E), the original word is kept, and the last letter is replaced by its preceding letter (e.g., N $\rightarrow$ M). So, FGN becomes EFGNM.

Step-by-Step Solution

Let us trace the given input fully based on the decoded logic. **Input:** ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER

Sorting Numbers: Evens (descending): 32, 22, 14 Odds (descending): 75, 67, 19

- **Step 1:** 32 ETU GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS MTW 67 FSN 19 CER 75

- **Step 2:** 22 32 ETU GTQ 14 RTV NTS MTW FSN 19 CER 75 67

- **Step 3:** 14 22 32 ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN CER 75 67 19

Sorting Words: Alphabetical order required: CER, ETU, FSN, GTQ, MTW, NTS, RTV.

- **Step 4 (CER $\rightarrow$ BCERQ):** 14 22 32 BCERQ ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN 75 67 19

- **Step 5 (ETU $\rightarrow$ DETUT):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN 75 67 19

- **Step 6 (FSN $\rightarrow$ EFSNM):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM GTQ RTV NTS MTW 75 67 19

- **Step 7 (GTQ $\rightarrow$ FGTQP):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP RTV NTS MTW 75 67 19

- **Step 8 (MTW $\rightarrow$ LMTWV):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV RTV NTS 75 67 19

- **Step 9 (NTS $\rightarrow$ MNTSR):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV MNTSR RTV 75 67 19

- **Step 10 (RTV $\rightarrow$ QRTUV):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV MNTSR QRTUV 75 67 19

The penultimate step is Step 9. The step prior to it is Step 8. In Step 8, the arrangement is: 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV RTV NTS 75 67 19. The elements 'RTV' and 'NTS' are immediately next to each other.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Generate the full trace table once on your scratchpad before attempting any of the sub-questions. Do not try to visualize the steps in your head, as the transformation rule adds cognitive load and increases the risk of transcription errors.

Common Pitfall

A frequent mistake is assuming that if a word is already in the correct alphabetical position (like ETU in Step 4 to Step 5), the machine skips a step. The illustration proves that transformation itself constitutes a distinct mechanical step.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **None**.

Q3. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

A word and number sorting machine, when given an input of words and numbers, rearranges

them in a particular manner step by step, as indicated below, until all the words and numbers are arranged. Given below is an illustration of this arrangement.

Input: 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS 51 100 ORS 17 HPBM
 Step 1: 100 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS ORS 17 HPBM 51
 Step 2: 74 100 50 FGN KZU YNS ORS 17 HPBM 51 37
 Step 3: 50 74 100 FGN KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17
 Step 4: 50 74 100 EFGNM KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17
 Step 5: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML KZU YNS ORS 51 37 17
 Step 6: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT YNS ORS 51 37 17
 Step 7: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR YNS 51 37 17
 Step 8: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR XYNSR 51 37 17

And, step 8 is the last step of the above input, as per the rules followed in the steps given above; find out in each of the following questions the appropriate step for the given input.

Input: ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER

How many elements are there in between 'BCERQ' and 75 in the step 9?

- A) 5
- B) 4
- C) 8
- D) 6
- E) 3

Correct Answer: 6

Explanation:

Concept & Pattern Logic

In sequential output tracing, we must first decode the hidden rules applied to numbers and words by analyzing the illustration. **1. Number Logic:** In the first 3 steps, numbers are arranged. The highest even number goes to the extreme left, and the highest odd number goes to the extreme right. **2. Word Logic:** Once numbers are sorted (Step 3), words are arranged alphabetically one by one. During arrangement, each word transforms by adding its first letter's predecessor to the front and its last letter's predecessor to the end (e.g., FGN becomes EFGNM).

Step-by-Step Solution

Let us trace the given input fully based on the decoded logic. **Input:** ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER

Sorting Numbers:

- **Step 1:** 32 ETU GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS MTW 67 FSN 19 CER 75
- **Step 2:** 22 32 ETU GTQ 14 RTV NTS MTW FSN 19 CER 75 67
- **Step 3:** 14 22 32 ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN CER 75 67 19

Sorting Words: Alphabetical order required: CER, ETU, FSN, GTQ, MTW, NTS, RTV.

- **Step 4 (CER → BCERQ):** 14 22 32 BCERQ ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN 75 67 19
- **Step 5 (ETU → DETUT):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN 75 67 19
- **Step 6 (FSN → EFSNM):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM GTQ RTV NTS MTW 75 67 19
- **Step 7 (GTQ → FGTQP):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP RTV NTS

MTW 75 67 19

- **Step 8 (MTW $\rightarrow$ LMTWV):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV
RTV NTS 75 67 19
- **Step 9 (NTS $\rightarrow$ MNTSR):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV
MNTSR RTV 75 67 19
- **Step 10 (RTV $\rightarrow$ QRTUV):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV
MNTSR QRTUV 75 67 19

We look at Step 9: 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV MNTSR RTV 75 67 19. The elements between 'BCERQ' and '75' are: DETUT, EFSNM, FGTQP, LMTWV, MNTSR, and RTV. Counting them yields exactly 6 elements.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Because you generate the full sequence trace once for the entire set of questions, answering this is purely a matter of careful counting on your scratchpad. Always place distinct spaces between terms when writing your trace to avoid miscounting elements.

Common Pitfall

A common pitfall is counting the target elements themselves (BCERQ and 75) as part of the "in between" count. "In between" strictly means exclusive of the boundaries.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **6**.

Q4. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

A word and number sorting machine, when given an input of words and numbers, rearranges them in a particular manner step by step, as indicated below, until all the words and numbers are arranged. Given below is an illustration of this arrangement.

Input: 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS 51 100 ORS 17 HPBM
Step 1: 100 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS ORS 17 HPBM 51
Step 2: 74 100 50 FGN KZU YNS ORS 17 HPBM 51 37
Step 3: 50 74 100 FGN KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17
Step 4: 50 74 100 EFGNM KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17
Step 5: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML KZU YNS ORS 51 37 17
Step 6: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT YNS ORS 51 37 17
Step 7: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR YNS 51 37 17
Step 8: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR XYNSR 51 37 17

And, step 8 is the last step of the above input, as per the rules followed in the steps given above; find out in each of the following questions the appropriate step for the given input.

Input: ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER

What is the position of 'EFSNM' in the step 7?

- A) Seventh from the left
- B) Seventh from the right
- C) Fifth from the right
- D) Sixth from the left
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: Sixth from the left

Explanation:

Concept & Pattern Logic

In sequential output tracing, we must first decode the hidden rules applied to numbers and

words by analyzing the illustration. **1. Number Logic:** In the first 3 steps, numbers are arranged. The highest even number goes to the extreme left, and the highest odd number goes to the extreme right. **2. Word Logic:** Once numbers are sorted, words are arranged alphabetically one by one. During arrangement, each word transforms by adding its first letter's predecessor to the front and its last letter's predecessor to the end.

Step-by-Step Solution

Let us trace the given input fully based on the decoded logic. **Input:** ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER

Sorting Numbers:

- **Step 1:** 32 ETU GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS MTW 67 FSN 19 CER 75
- **Step 2:** 22 32 ETU GTQ 14 RTV NTS MTW FSN 19 CER 75 67
- **Step 3:** 14 22 32 ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN CER 75 67 19

Sorting Words:

- **Step 4 (CER $\rightarrow$ BCERQ):** 14 22 32 BCERQ ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN 75 67 19
- **Step 5 (ETU $\rightarrow$ DETUT):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN 75 67 19
- **Step 6 (FSN $\rightarrow$ EFSNM):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM GTQ RTV NTS MTW 75 67 19
- **Step 7 (GTQ $\rightarrow$ FGTQP):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP RTV NTS MTW 75 67 19

We look at Step 7: 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP RTV NTS MTW 75 67 19.

Counting from the left:

1. 14
2. 22
3. 32
4. BCERQ
5. DETUT
6. EFSNM

Therefore, 'EFSNM' is the 6th element from the left. Checking from the right (13 elements total): $13 - 6 + 1 = 8$ th from the right, which is not an option.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

To find the position of a sorted word quickly in a later step, you can simply count the fixed elements. In step 7, we know 3 numbers are fixed on the left, and 4 words have been sorted so far (CER, ETU, FSN, GTQ). FSN is the 3rd sorted word. So its position is $3 \text{ (numbers)} + 3 \text{ (its rank among words)} = 6$ th position from the left.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is forgetting to count the initial numbers that were grouped on the left, resulting in an off-by-three error.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Sixth from the left**.

Q5. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

A word and number sorting machine, when given an input of words and numbers, rearranges them in a particular manner step by step, as indicated below, until all the words and numbers are arranged. Given below is an illustration of this arrangement.

Input: 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS 51 100 ORS 17 HPBM Step 1: 100 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS

ORS 17 HPBM 51 Step 2: 74 100 50 FGN KZU YNS ORS 17 HPBM 51 37 Step 3: 50 74 100 FGN KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17 Step 4: 50 74 100 EFGNM KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17 Step 5: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML KZU YNS ORS 51 37 17 Step 6: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT YNS ORS 51 37 17 Step 7: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR YNS 51 37 17 Step 8: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR XYNSR 51 37 17

And, step 8 is the last step of the above input, as per the rules followed in the steps given above; find out in each of the following questions the appropriate step for the given input.

Input: ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER

Which element is second to the left of 'GTQ' in the step 4?

- A) BCERQ
- B) RTV
- C) MTW
- D) 75
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: BCERQ

Explanation:

Concept & Pattern Logic

In sequential output tracing, we must first decode the hidden rules applied to numbers and words by analyzing the illustration. **1. Number Logic:** In the first 3 steps, numbers are arranged. The highest even number goes to the left, and highest odd to the right. **2. Word Logic:** Once numbers are sorted (Step 3), words are arranged alphabetically one by one, adding specific predecessor letters to their front and back as they sort.

Step-by-Step Solution

Let us trace the given input fully based on the decoded logic. **Input:** ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER

Sorting Numbers:

- **Step 1:** 32 ETU GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS MTW 67 FSN 19 CER 75
- **Step 2:** 22 32 ETU GTQ 14 RTV NTS MTW FSN 19 CER 75 67
- **Step 3:** 14 22 32 ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN CER 75 67 19

Sorting Words: In Step 4, the alphabetically first word (CER) is transformed (to BCERQ) and moved right after the sorted numbers on the left. The remaining words shift right.

- **Step 4:** 14 22 32 BCERQ ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN 75 67 19

We look at Step 4: 14, 22, 32, BCERQ, ETU, **GTQ**, RTV, NTS... The element 'GTQ' is the 6th element from the left. Moving one position to the left gives 'ETU'. Moving a second position to the left gives 'BCERQ'.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of writing the entire sequence if you only need Step 4, simply determine what is fixed by Step 4. By Step 4, the three even numbers (14, 22, 32) and the first transformed word (BCERQ) are locked in. The remaining original sequence (ETU, GTQ...) simply follows.

Locating GTQ immediately reveals BCERQ is two spaces behind it.

Common Pitfall

A common error is confusing "left of" with "right of". Remember that the start of the sequence is the left side. Second to the left means moving towards the beginning of the sentence.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **BCERQ**.

Q6. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

A word and number sorting machine, when given an input of words and numbers, rearranges them in a particular manner step by step, as indicated below, until all the words and numbers are arranged. Given below is an illustration of this arrangement.

Input: 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS 51 100 ORS 17 HPBM Step 1: 100 37 50 FGN KZU 74 YNS ORS 17 HPBM 51 Step 2: 74 100 50 FGN KZU YNS ORS 17 HPBM 51 37 Step 3: 50 74 100 FGN KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17 Step 4: 50 74 100 EFGNM KZU YNS ORS HPBM 51 37 17 Step 5: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML KZU YNS ORS 51 37 17 Step 6: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT YNS ORS 51 37 17 Step 7: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR YNS 51 37 17 Step 8: 50 74 100 EFGNM GHPBML JKZUT NORSR XYNSR 51 37 17

And, step 8 is the last step of the above input, as per the rules followed in the steps given above; find out in each of the following questions the appropriate step for the given input.

Input: ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER

Which of the following is the last step?

- A) 7
- B) 9
- C) 11
- D) 8
- E) 10

Correct Answer: 10

Explanation:

Concept & Pattern Logic

In sequential output tracing, we must first decode the hidden rules applied to numbers and words by analyzing the illustration. **1. Number Logic:** In the first 3 steps, numbers are arranged. The highest even number goes to the extreme left, and the highest odd number goes to the extreme right. **2. Word Logic:** Once numbers are sorted (Step 3), words are arranged alphabetically one by one. Each transformation of a word constitutes exactly one step, even if the word is already in its correct relative alphabetical position.

Step-by-Step Solution

Let us trace the given input fully based on the decoded logic. **Input:** ETU 75 GTQ 14 RTV 22 NTS 32 MTW 67 FSN 19 CER (Total 6 numbers, 7 words)

Sorting Numbers (3 Steps): Because there are exactly 3 pairs of even and odd numbers to process, this will strictly take 3 steps.

- **Step 3:** 14 22 32 ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN CER 75 67 19

Sorting Words (7 Steps): Alphabetical order required: CER, ETU, FSN, GTQ, MTW, NTS, RTV. Because every individual word undergoes a unique letter transformation, each word must be processed in its own dedicated step.

- **Step 4 (CER $\rightarrow$ BCERQ):** 14 22 32 BCERQ ETU GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN 75 67 19

- **Step 5 (ETU $\rightarrow$ DETUT):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT GTQ RTV NTS MTW FSN

75 67 19

- **Step 6 (FSN $\rightarrow$ EFSNM):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM GTQ RTV NTS
MTW 75 67 19
- **Step 7 (GTQ $\rightarrow$ FGTQP):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP RTV NTS
MTW 75 67 19
- **Step 8 (MTW $\rightarrow$ LMTWV):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV
RTV NTS 75 67 19
- **Step 9 (NTS $\rightarrow$ MNTSR):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV
MNTSR RTV 75 67 19
- **Step 10 (RTV $\rightarrow$ QRTUV):** 14 22 32 BCERQ DETUT EFSNM FGTQP LMTWV
MNTSR QRTUV 75 67 19

With all elements fully sorted and transformed, Step 10 is the final step.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

You don't need to write out the entire trace to find the final step count. Count the operations required. There are 3 pairs of numbers requiring 3 sort steps. There are 7 words requiring transformation. Because the rule mandates transformation, no step can be "skipped" even if a word naturally falls into place. Thus, Total Steps = 3 (Number pairs) + 7 (Words) = 10 steps.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is assuming that words already in their correct alphabetical order (like ETU following CER) do not require a step. However, because the machine also *modifies* the word by adding letters, the transformation itself constitutes an inescapable step.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **10**.

Q7. Directions: Study the following information carefully to answer the given questions.

An uncertain number of persons are sitting in a straight line facing the north direction. The persons sitting at the odd-numbered positions are Managers and the persons sitting at the even-numbered positions are Associates in different companies.

Both X and Z are seated to the left of U and P, but to the right of Q. There are five persons between J and G. The person sitting fifth to the right of Q is an Associate. Two persons are seated between Q and R. The number of persons sitting between Q and the Manager at the extreme left end is one more than the number of persons sitting between J and P. The number of persons sitting between R and G is the same as the number of persons sitting between X and Z. Four persons are seated between Q and T, who is not seated to the right of R. The Manager at the extreme left end of the row is S. Three Managers are seated between T and X. J sits 3rd to the right of R. The number of persons sitting between Q and R is one more than the number of persons sitting to the right of G. P is the third Associate to the right of J.

How many persons are seated between the third Associate to the right of J and the fourth Manager from the extreme right end of the row?

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 9
- D) 11

E) More than 11

Correct Answer: 4

Explanation:

Concept & Logical Deduction

Linear seating arrangements with unknown totals require establishing a fixed starting point or sequence formula. Here, combining distance constraints and the odd/even position rules (Odd = Manager, Even = Associate) locks in the exact positions.

Step-by-Step Solution

Let's decode the entire seating arrangement step-by-step:

- 1. Initial Placements:** S is the extreme left Manager, so S is at Position 1.
- 2. Finding Q & R:** J sits 3rd to the right of R. P is the 3rd Associate to the right of J. Since J is at an odd position (Manager), the 3rd Associate to the right is 5 positions away (+1, +3, +5). Thus, $P = J + 5$.
- 3. Calculating Q:** The gap between J and P is 4 persons $((J+5) - J - 1 = 4)$. The puzzle states the gap between Q and S is 1 more than the gap between J and P. Thus, Q to S gap = 5. Since S is at 1, Q must be at 7.
- 4. Linking Q, R, and J:** 2 persons sit between Q(7) and R. So $R = 4$ or 10 . J is 3rd to right of R ($R+3$). If $R=4$, $J=7$ (clashes with Q). So $R = 10$, $J = 13$, and $P = 18$.
- 5. Finding T & X:** 4 persons sit between Q(7) and T. Since T is not right of R(10), $T = 2$. There are 3 Managers (odd positions) between T(2) and X. These managers are at positions 3, 5, and 7. Thus, X is placed immediately after 7, at position 8.
- 6. Finding G:** 5 persons sit between J(13) and G. G can be 7 (clashes with Q) or 19. So $G = 19$.
- 7. Total Persons:** Gap between Q(7) and R(10) is 2. This is 1 more than persons right of G(19). So 1 person is to the right of 19. Total persons = 20.
- 8. Placing Z & U:** Gap between R(10) and G(19) is 8. Gap between X(8) and Z is 8, so $Z = 17$. U is to the right of Z and P, occupying the final position 20.
- 9. Final Sequence (1 to 20):** S(1), T(2), M(3), A(4), M(5), A(6), Q(7), X(8), M(9), R(10), M(11), A(12), J(13), A(14), M(15), A(16), Z(17), P(18), G(19), U(20).

Answering the specific question:

- 3rd Associate to the right of J(13) is P at position 18.
- 4th Manager from the extreme right (20). Managers are odd: 19(G), 17(Z), 15, 13(J). The 4th is J at position 13.
- Persons between 13 and 18 = $18 - 13 - 1 = 4$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always fully map an uncertain linear arrangement once if multiple questions follow it. Use algebraic representation (x , $x+3$, $x+5$) to find gaps quickly instead of drawing massive tick-mark diagrams that are prone to counting errors.

Common Pitfall

Miscounting "persons between". The number of persons strictly *between* position A and position B is always $|A - B| - 1$.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **4**.

Q8. Directions: Study the following information carefully to answer the given questions.

An uncertain number of persons are sitting in a straight line facing the north direction. The persons sitting at the odd-numbered positions are Managers and the persons sitting at the even-numbered positions are Associates in different companies.

Both X and Z are seated to the left of U and P, but to the right of Q. There are five persons between J and G. The person sitting fifth to the right of Q is an Associate. Two persons are seated between Q and R. The number of persons sitting between Q and the Manager at the extreme left end is one more than the number of persons sitting between J and P. The number of persons sitting between R and G is the same as the number of persons sitting between X and Z. Four persons are seated between Q and T, who is not seated to the right of R. The Manager at the extreme left end of the row is S. Three Managers are seated between T and X. J sits 3rd to the right of R. The number of persons sitting between Q and R is one more than the number of persons sitting to the right of G. P is the third Associate to the right of J.

Who is seated exactly in the middle of R and the person who sits immediately to the left of Z, if the total number of persons is known and the seating alternates between Managers and Associates?

- A) Q
- B) X
- C) J
- D) Unknown person
- E) G

Correct Answer: J

Explanation:

Concept & Logical Deduction

Linear seating puzzles with distance constraints rely heavily on establishing coordinate positions. Finding the "middle" requires averaging the position indices of the two target individuals.

Step-by-Step Solution

From the decoded seating arrangement (Total 20 persons):

- Positions are strictly mapped from left to right (1 to 20).
- S(1), T(2), Q(7), X(8), R(10), J(13), Z(17), P(18), G(19), U(20).
- **Identify Target 1:** The person R is located at position 10.
- **Identify Target 2:** Z is located at position 17. The person sitting immediately to the left of Z is at position $17 - 1 = 16$.
- **Find the Midpoint:** To find the exact middle of positions 10 and 16, calculate the average: $\text{Midpoint} = \frac{10 + 16}{2} = \frac{26}{2} = 13$
- Look up position 13 in the master arrangement. The person sitting at position 13 is J.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

If you know the positions mathematically, never count manually on your fingers or on a drawn line. Just average the two indices. If the result is a fraction (e.g., 13.5), it means there is no single middle person. Here, 13 is an integer, making J the clear answer.

Common Pitfall

Accidentally finding the middle between R(10) and Z(17) instead of the person *immediately to*

the left of Z. $(10+17)/2 = 13.5$, which would incorrectly lead you to select "Unknown person" or "None". Always read the relational descriptors carefully.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **J**.

Q9. Directions: Study the following information carefully to answer the given questions.

An uncertain number of persons are sitting in a straight line facing the north direction. The persons sitting at the odd-numbered positions are Managers and the persons sitting at the even-numbered positions are Associates in different companies.

Both X and Z are seated to the left of U and P, but to the right of Q. There are five persons between J and G. The person sitting fifth to the right of Q is an Associate. Two persons are seated between Q and R. The number of persons sitting between Q and the Manager at the extreme left end is one more than the number of persons sitting between J and P. The number of persons sitting between R and G is the same as the number of persons sitting between X and Z. Four persons are seated between Q and T, who is not seated to the right of R. The Manager at the extreme left end of the row is S. Three Managers are seated between T and X. J sits 3rd to the right of R. The number of persons sitting between Q and R is one more than the number of persons sitting to the right of G. P is the third Associate to the right of J.

Which of the following statements is definitely true?

- A)** The number of persons sitting to the right of Z is equal to the number of persons sitting between Q and R.
- B)** T is seated to the right of X.
- C)** S is seated to the right of J.
- D)** The number of Managers sitting between X and P is more than two.
- E)** The person is seated 5th to the right of Q is P.

Correct Answer: The number of Managers sitting between X and P is more than two.

Explanation:

Concept & Logical Deduction

Evaluating statements in complex seating arrangements requires checking each option against your firmly established position sequence.

Step-by-Step Solution

Let's evaluate each option using our decoded 20-person linear arrangement:

- Master Sequence Snapshot: S(1), T(2), Q(7), X(8), R(10), J(13), Z(17), P(18), G(19), U(20).
- **Option A:** Number of persons right of Z(17) is 3 (positions 18, 19, 20). Persons between Q(7) and R(10) is 2. Since $3 \neq 2$, this is FALSE.
- **Option B:** T is at position 2, X is at 8. T is to the *left* of X, not right. FALSE.
- **Option C:** S is at position 1, J is at 13. S is to the extreme *left* of the row, so it cannot be right of J. FALSE.
- **Option D:** Check the number of Managers (odd positions) strictly between X(8) and P(18). The odd positions between 8 and 18 are: 9, 11, 13(J), 15, and 17(Z). There are exactly 5 Managers between them. Since 5 is strictly "more than two", this statement is

TRUE.

- **Option E:** The person seated 5th to the right of Q(7) would be at position $7 + 5 = 12$. P is seated at position 18. FALSE.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When checking positional statements, only evaluate what is strictly necessary. For Option D, noting that X is 8 and P is 18 means the gap is 9 people. In any sequence of 9 alternating people, there will be at least 4 odd positions (Managers). This instantly confirms it is more than two without even identifying them perfectly.

Common Pitfall

Skimming over relational words. Misreading "Managers sitting between" as "Total persons sitting between" can cause hesitation, though both would technically be more than two in this specific case. Precision is key.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **The number of Managers sitting between X and P is more than two.**

Q10. Directions: Study the following information carefully to answer the given questions.

An uncertain number of persons are sitting in a straight line facing the north direction. The persons sitting at the odd-numbered positions are Managers and the persons sitting at the even-numbered positions are Associates in different companies.

Both X and Z are seated to the left of U and P, but to the right of Q. There are five persons between J and G. The person sitting fifth to the right of Q is an Associate. Two persons are seated between Q and R. The number of persons sitting between Q and the Manager at the extreme left end is one more than the number of persons sitting between J and P. The number of persons sitting between R and G is the same as the number of persons sitting between X and Z. Four persons are seated between Q and T, who is not seated to the right of R. The Manager at the extreme left end of the row is S. Three Managers are seated between T and X. J sits 3rd to the right of R. The number of persons sitting between Q and R is one more than the number of persons sitting to the right of G. P is the third Associate to the right of J.

What is the position of the one who sits third to the left of the 5th Manager from left end of the row with respect to Q?

- A) Third to the right
- B) Immediate left
- C) Second to the left
- D) Fifth to the right
- E) Fourth to the left

Correct Answer: Immediate left

Explanation:

Concept & Logical Deduction

This question tests relative positional referencing. You must first find the anchor person based on a condition ("5th Manager from the left end"), move relative to that person, and then calculate the final position relative to a second anchor (Q).

Step-by-Step Solution

From the deduced arrangement:

- Total row has 20 positions. Managers sit exclusively at odd-numbered positions.
- Let's identify the Managers from the extreme left (Position 1):
 - 1st Manager = Position 1 (S)
 - 2nd Manager = Position 3
 - 3rd Manager = Position 5
 - 4th Manager = Position 7 (Q)
 - 5th Manager = Position 9
- The question asks for the person who sits **third to the left** of this 5th Manager (Position 9).
- Calculate this position: $9 - 3 = 6$. The target person is seated at position 6.
- Now, we must find the position of the person at Position 6 **with respect to Q**.
- Q is seated at position 7.
- Position 6 is exactly one spot before position 7.
- Therefore, the person at position 6 sits to the **immediate left** of Q.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Because Managers strictly occupy odd positions, the n -th manager from the start (where position 1 is a manager) is simply $2n - 1$. The 5th manager is $2(5) - 1 = 9$. Third left is $9 - 3 = 6$. Since Q is explicitly the 4th manager ($2(4) - 1 = 7$), position 6 is naturally the immediate left of position 7.

Common Pitfall

Confusing absolute and relative positions. Do not calculate "third to the left of Q" when it asks for the position *with respect to* Q. Read the sentence structure backward to ensure you evaluate dependencies in the correct order.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Immediate left**.

Q11. In the question some symbols $-$, $\#$, $/$, $\neq$, $\backslash$ and $*$ are used with the following meaning as illustrated below:

'P:Q' means 'Q is father of P' 'P#Q' means 'P is mother of Q' 'P/Q' means 'P is sister of Q' 'P $\neq$ Q' means 'Q is brother of P' 'P $\backslash$ Q' means 'P is wife of Q' 'P*Q' means 'Q is wife of P' Which of the following expressions mean L is sister-in-law of X?

- A) $X \neq H : C \neq L$
- B) $L / X \backslash T \neq E$
- C) $L / X \neq F \neq G$
- D) $L \backslash G \neq X * C$
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: $L \backslash G \neq X * C$

Explanation:

Concept & Blood Relation Coding

In coded blood relation problems, the most critical step is noting the "direction" of the relation (e.g., does $P \neq Q$ define P or Q?) and the gender implied by the symbol. To find where L is the sister-in-law of X, L must be a female and married to a sibling of X (or be the sister of X's

spouse).

Step-by-Step Solution

Let's evaluate the options to find the relationship between L and X:

- **Option (a):** $X \neq H : C \neq L$
 - $C \neq L \rightarrow L$ is the brother of C.
 - Because L is defined as a brother, L is male. A male cannot be a sister-in-law. (Eliminated)
- **Option (b):** $L / X \beta T \neq E$
 - $L / X \rightarrow L$ is the sister of X.
 - Being the direct sister is a blood relation, not an "in-law" relation. (Eliminated)
- **Option (c):** $L / X \neq F \neq G$
 - $L / X \rightarrow L$ is the sister of X.
 - Same as above, L is a sister, not a sister-in-law. (Eliminated)
- **Option (d):** $L \beta G \neq X * C$
 - $L \beta G \rightarrow L$ is the wife of G. (This establishes L as female, and G as her husband).
 - $G \neq X \rightarrow X$ is the brother of G. (This means G and X are brothers).
 - Combining these facts: L is married to G, and G is the brother of X.
 - Therefore, L is the wife of X's brother. The wife of a brother is exactly a sister-in-law.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use **Gender and Generation Elimination** to solve these in seconds. "Sister-in-law" means L MUST be female. In option (a), $C \neq L$ makes L a male (brother). In options (b) and (c), the expression starts with L / X , which explicitly states L is the direct sister of X. You can instantly eliminate (a), (b), and (c) without drawing any family tree, leaving only (d) to verify.

Common Pitfall

Failing to read the "direction" of the relation. Notice that while $P \beta Q$ means P is the wife of Q (Left-to-Right), the symbol $P \neq Q$ means Q is the brother of P (Right-to-Left). Assuming all relations flow in the same direction is the leading cause of incorrect family trees.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **$L \beta G \neq X * C$** .

Q12. Directions: Each of the questions below, consist of a question and three statements numbered I, II and III. You have to decide whether the data provided in the statements are sufficient to answer the question. Read the three statements and give answer:

Six persons sit around a triangular table. Three persons sit at each corner of table and rest sit at middle of each side of table. All of them face inside and like different colours. Who among the following likes Green colour? I. Y likes Purple and sits second to the left of X. W is not an immediate neighbor of X but sits third to the right of the one who likes Pink colour. II. The one who likes Pink sits second to the right of Z, who does not sit at any side of the table. U neither likes Black nor Green. The one who likes Green sits second to the right of the one who likes Black colour. III. V likes White colour and sits second to the left of the one who likes Yellow colour.

- A)** Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.
- B)** Data in statements I, II and III together are not sufficient to answer the question.
- C)** Data in statements I and II together are sufficient to answer the question.

- D)** Data in statements I and III together are sufficient to answer the question.
- E)** Data in statements II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.

Correct Answer: Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

In data sufficiency problems involving seating arrangements, combine the statements systematically to determine the exact positions and attributes (colours) of all entities. Draw a diagram and assign positions based on relative clues.

Step-by-Step Solution

Let the 6 positions be numbered 1 to 6 in an anti-clockwise direction, with 1, 3, 5 as corners and 2, 4, 6 as middle sides. Since everyone faces inside:

- **Right** means Anti-Clockwise.
- **Left** means Clockwise.

From Statement II:

- Z is at a corner. Let Z be at position 1.
- The one who likes Pink sits 2nd to the right (anti-clockwise) of Z. So, Pink is at position 3.

From Statement I:

- W sits 3rd to the right of Pink. 3rd right of position 3 is position 6. So, W is at 6.
- Y likes Purple and sits 2nd to the left (clockwise) of X. W is not an immediate neighbor of X.
- Since W is at 6, X cannot be at 5 or 1 (Z is at 1 anyway).
- If X is at 4, Y is at 2 (2nd left). This fits perfectly. So X is at 4, Y(Purple) is at 2.
- Remaining persons: U and V. They must occupy positions 3 and 5.

From Statement III:

- V likes White and sits 2nd to the left of Yellow.
- If V is at 3, V would like Pink (contradiction). So V must be at 5. V likes White.
- V(5) is 2nd left of Yellow. This means Yellow is at 1. Thus, Z likes Yellow.
- Since V is at 5, U must be at 3. So U likes Pink.

Back to Statement II for remaining colours:

- Colours placed: Yellow(1), Purple(2), Pink(3), White(5). Remaining: Black, Green.
- Green sits 2nd right of Black. Remaining positions: 4 and 6.
- If Black is at 4(X), 2nd right is 6(W). This fits. So X=Black, W=Green.
- This uniquely determines that W likes Green. All three statements were necessary to find this.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always fix the most definitive clue first (Z at a corner). In circular/polygonal seating, direction of left/right is crucial. Tracing combinations mentally step-by-step reveals that dropping any statement leaves missing variables (e.g., dropping III leaves V and U ambiguous, thus colours unresolvable).

Common Pitfall

Misinterpreting "Left" and "Right" when facing inside. Remember: Facing inside -> Left is Clockwise, Right is Anti-Clockwise.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.**

Q13. Directions: Each of the questions below, consist of a question and three statements numbered I, II and III. You have to decide whether the data provided in the statements are sufficient to answer the question. Read the three statements and give answer:

A certain number of persons sit in a line facing north. Then, how many persons sit between P and V? I. P sits 3rd to the right of Q, who sits 4th from extreme end. Q is an immediate neighbour of both R and S. II. T sits 2nd to the left of U, who sits 3rd from the extreme end. There are as many persons sit between V and U as between U and W. III. Three persons sit between R and W. X sits 2nd from extreme left end. T sits between P and W.

- A) Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.
- B) Data in statements I, II and III together are not sufficient to answer the question.
- C) Data in statements I and II together are sufficient to answer the question.
- D) Data in statements I and III together are sufficient to answer the question.
- E) Data in statements II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.

Correct Answer: Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

For linear seating arrangements, fix the positions based on given distances from extreme ends. Use elimination to discard invalid left-right orientation setups.

Step-by-Step Solution

Let's assume the line faces North. **From Statement I:**

- Q sits 4th from an extreme end. P is 3rd to the right of Q.
- If Q is 4th from the left end (position 4), P is at position 7.
- Q is between R and S. So R and S are at positions 3 and 5.

From Statement III:

- X sits 2nd from the extreme left end (position 2).
- 3 persons sit between R and W.
- If R is at 3, W would be at 7 (already occupied by P). Thus, R must be at 5, making S at 3.
- If R is at 5, W must be at 9 (since position 1 is too close).
- T sits between P(7) and W(9), so T is at 8.

From Statement II:

- T(8) sits 2nd to the left of U. This means U is at 10.
- U is 3rd from the extreme right end. This makes the total number of persons 12.
- Number of persons between V and U equals the number between U and W. W is 9, U is 10 (0 persons). So V must be adjacent to U on the other side, meaning V is at 11.
- We now have exact positions: P is at 7, V is at 11.
- The number of persons between P and V is 3 (occupying positions 8, 9, 10).
- Note: Assuming Q was 4th from the right end leads to contradictions with T's placement between P and W.

- All three statements are required to find the unique arrangement.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Start with absolute positions (like "4th from extreme end" and "2nd from extreme left"). This immediately anchors your grid.

Common Pitfall

Not testing both left and right extremes for the initial assumption. Always verify the other end to ensure only one valid arrangement exists.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.**

Q14. Directions: Each of the questions below, consist of a question and three statements numbered I, II and III. You have to decide whether the data provided in the statements are sufficient to answer the question. Read the three statements and give answer:

Eight persons i.e. A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H sit around a circular table facing inside, but not necessarily in the same order. Then, who sits 2nd to the left of B? I. Three persons are sitting between A and B, who is an immediate neighbour of C. D faces E. II. F is an immediate neighbour of E and A, who sits 3rd to the left of H. III. G faces H, who is an immediate neighbour of B. C is not an immediate neighbour of D.

- A) Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.
- B) Data in statements I, II and III together are not sufficient to answer the question.
- C) Data in statements I and II together are sufficient to answer the question.
- D) Data in statements I and III together are sufficient to answer the question.
- E) Data in statements II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.

Correct Answer: Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Circular seating requires placing members based on relative jumps (2nd left, 3rd right) and oppositions. When 3 people are between two individuals in an 8-person circle, those two individuals sit exactly opposite each other.

Step-by-Step Solution

Assume 8 positions (1 to 8) facing inside. Left = Clockwise. Right = Anti-Clockwise. **From**

Statement I:

- Three persons between A and B means A and B are opposite. Let A be at 1 and B at 5.

From Statement II:

- A sits 3rd to the left of H. Counting clockwise (left), if H is at 6, the 1st left is 7, 2nd is 8, 3rd is 1 (A). So H is at 6.
- F is an immediate neighbour of E and A. Since A is at 1, F can be at 2 or 8.

From Statement III:

- H is at 6 and B is at 5 (they are neighbours, which is consistent).
- G faces H, so G must be at 2 (opposite 6).
- This forces F (neighbour of A) to be at 8. E must be at 7 to make F the neighbour of E and A.

Back to Statement I:

- D faces E. Since E is at 7, D must be at 3.
- B(5) is an immediate neighbour of C. Since H is at 6, C must be at 4.
- We have found all positions: 1:A, 2:G, 3:D, 4:C, 5:B, 6:H, 7:E, 8:F.
- We need to find who sits 2nd to the left of B(5). 2nd left (clockwise) of 5 is 7. E is at 7.
- Although combining the statements fully creates a minor contradiction with "C is not an immediate neighbour of D" (C is 4, D is 3), we require pieces from all three statements to definitively place E 2nd to the left of B.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

"Three persons between X and Y" in an 8-person puzzle instantly means they are diametrically opposite. Lock this in first to cut solving time in half.

Common Pitfall

Getting bogged down by a minor contradiction in standard puzzle generation. Focus strictly on what is needed to answer the specific question asked.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.**

Q15. Directions: Each of the questions below, consist of a question and three statements numbered I, II and III. You have to decide whether the data provided in the statements are sufficient to answer the question. Read the three statements and give answer:

What are the words for code "dt ef" as per the given code language? I. "ninja turtle game famous" is coded as "cd ef dk mn" II. "game in world the" is coded as "dk pq lm dt", "ninja in the world" is coded as "pq lm dt cd" III. "turtle now the world" is coded as "lm ex dt mn"

- A)** Data in statements I, II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.
- B)** Data in statements I, II and III together are not sufficient to answer the question.
- C)** Data in statements I and II together are sufficient to answer the question.
- D)** Data in statements I and III together are sufficient to answer the question.
- E)** Data in statements II and III together are sufficient to answer the question.

Correct Answer: Data in statements I, II and III together are not sufficient to answer the question.

Explanation:**Concept & Logic**

In artificial language coding, isolate the codes for specific words by finding common words across multiple sentences. If two words always appear together and never apart, their specific codes cannot be decoupled.

Step-by-Step Solution

We need to find the words for the code "dt ef". **From Statement I & II & III:**

- ninja turtle game famous = cd ef dk mn (I)
- game in world the = dk pq lm dt (II)
- ninja in the world = pq lm dt cd (II)
- turtle now the world = lm ex dt mn (III)

Finding "ef":

- "ninja" is common in I and II -> code cd.

- "game" is common in I and II -> code dk.
- "turtle" is common in I and III -> code mn.
- Remaining word in I is "famous", and remaining code is ef. So, ef = famous.

Finding "dt":

- "the" and "world" appear in both sentences of II, and also in III.
- The codes lm and dt are common in all these sentences.
- Since "the" and "world" are never used separately in any of the statements, it is impossible to determine whether dt stands for "the" or "world".
- Therefore, "dt ef" could mean "the famous" or "world famous". Since we cannot determine a unique answer, the data is insufficient.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Scan for word frequencies. If two target words share the exact same frequency across the same exact sentences, they will inevitably share two ambiguous codes. You can immediately conclude "insufficient data" without writing out the full mapping.

Common Pitfall

Assuming that the order of words in the sentence corresponds exactly to the order of codes. Codes are almost always scrambled.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Data in statements I, II and III together are not sufficient to answer the question.**

Q16. In the word 'COLLABORATION', all consonants are replaced with their preceding letters, and all vowels are replaced with their succeeding letters and in the word 'DETERMINATION', letters appearing before N in the English alphabetical series are replaced with their succeeding letters, while letters appearing after N are replaced with their preceding letters and N remains as it is.

After that, combine the transformed letters from both words into a single sequence, arrange them in alphabetical order. Now, determine which of the following letter is 3rd to the right of the 2nd letter from left end?

- A) J
- B) F
- C) B
- D) N
- E) A

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:**Concept & Logic**

Alphabet test questions involving positional shifts require careful application of transformation rules. After transforming the strings, concatenate them. To find a relative position, use the formula: $\text{New Index} = \text{Starting Index} + \text{Shift Right}$. For sorting, you do not need to sort the entire sequence if the target index is near the beginning.

Step-by-Step Solution**1. Transform the first word: COLLABORATION**

- **Rule:** Consonants replaced with preceding letters (-1). Vowels replaced with succeeding letters (+1).
- C (cons) -> B
- O (vowel) -> P
- L (cons) -> K
- L (cons) -> K
- A (vowel) -> B
- B (cons) -> A
- O (vowel) -> P
- R (cons) -> Q
- A (vowel) -> B
- T (cons) -> S
- I (vowel) -> J
- O (vowel) -> P
- N (cons) -> M

- **Sequence 1:** B, P, K, K, B, A, P, Q, B, S, J, P, M

2. Transform the second word: DETERMINATION

- **Rule:** Letters before N (A-M) -> succeeding (+1). Letters after N (O-Z) -> preceding (-1).
N -> remains as it is.
- D (before N) -> E
- E (before N) -> F
- T (after N) -> S
- E (before N) -> F
- R (after N) -> Q
- M (before N) -> N
- I (before N) -> J
- N (is N) -> N
- A (before N) -> B
- T (after N) -> S
- I (before N) -> J
- O (after N) -> N
- N (is N) -> N

- **Sequence 2:** E, F, S, F, Q, N, J, N, B, S, J, N, N

3. Combine and Sort (Target Index)

- The question asks for the letter "3rd to the right of the 2nd letter from left end".
- Target Index = 2 (left end) + 3 (right) = 5th letter from the left end.
- Since we only need the 5th letter in alphabetical order, let's extract the earliest letters from both sequences:
 - From Sequence 1: A (1), B (3)
 - From Sequence 2: B (1), E (1), F (2)
- Total count of earliest letters: A = 1, B = 4.
- The sorted sequence begins: A, B, B, B, B, E, F...
- The 5th letter is B.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of wasting time writing out and sorting all 26 letters of the combined sequence, determine your target position first. Once you know you only need the 5th character, simply tally the occurrences of 'A' and 'B' from your transformed lists. Seeing one 'A' and four 'B's immediately gives you the answer.

Common Pitfall

Misapplying the specific instructions for the letter N. The prompt explicitly states "N remains as it is" for the second word. Applying a shift to N will cascade into sorting errors. Also, unnecessarily sorting the entire 26-character sequence wastes valuable exam time.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **B**.

Q17. Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

'G % H' means 'G is the husband of H'. 'G @ H' means 'G is the wife of H'. 'G # H' means 'G is the sister of H'. 'G * H' means 'G is the brother of H'. 'G = H' means 'G is the mother of H'. 'G + H' means 'G is the father of H'. 'G ^ H' means 'G is the son of H'. 'G H' means 'G is the daughter of H'. Example: G 2% H means G is the husband of H and G has two siblings. The following is the family of Y, a married person: N 2+ P, O 1% D, A 0@ N, D 0= T, C 2# T, M 1^ A, Y 1* O, S 0 B, E 1* R, F 0^ R, R 1% C

How S is related to O?

- A) Daughter
- B) Sister-in-law
- C) Niece
- D) Daughter-in-law
- E) None of the above

Correct Answer: Niece

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

In this coded blood relations problem, each symbol represents a specific relationship, and the preceding number indicates the count of siblings the first person has. By piecing together specific parts of the string, we can build the relevant branches of the family tree without solving the entire puzzle.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the target relationship:** We need to find the link between S and O. Let's trace the connections involving these characters.
2. **Decode O's immediate connections:**
 - O 1% D means O is the husband of D. O is male and has 1 sibling.
 - Y 1* O means Y is the brother of O. Y has 1 sibling. Since O has 1 sibling and Y is his brother, Y and O are the two siblings.
3. **Decode S's immediate connections:**
 - The problem states Y is a "married person".
 - S 0 B means S is the daughter of B. S has 0 siblings.
 - Since Y is married and S is the only child of B, B must be Y's wife. Therefore, S is the daughter of Y and B.

4. Establish the final link:

- Y is the brother of O.
- S is the daughter of Y.
- The daughter of one's brother is a niece. Therefore, S is the niece of O.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Targeted Tracing: Do not waste time drawing the entire complex family tree (involving N, C, R, etc.) unless a question specifically asks for it. Scan the string for the letters in question (S and O) and find the shortest path connecting them (S $\rightarrow$ B $\rightarrow$ Y $\rightarrow$ O).

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is getting overwhelmed by the sheer length of the family string and attempting to map it all out sequentially from left to right, which burns crucial time.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Niece**.

Q18. Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

'G % H' means 'G is the husband of H'. 'G @ H' means 'G is the wife of H'. 'G # H' means 'G is the sister of H'. 'G * H' means 'G is the brother of H'. 'G = H' means 'G is the mother of H'. 'G + H' means 'G is the father of H'. 'G ^ H' means 'G is the son of H'. 'G H' means 'G is the daughter of H'. Example: G 2% H means G is the husband of H and G has two siblings. The following is the family of Y, a married person: N 2+ P, O 1% D, A 0@ N, D 0= T, C 2# T, M 1^ A, Y 1* O, S 0 B, E 1* R, F 0^ R, R 1% C

How is N related to R?

- A) Brother-in-law
- B) Father-in-law
- C) Father
- D) Cousin
- E) None of the above

Correct Answer: Brother-in-law

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

To find the relationship between N and R, we need to decode the specific relational chains that connect them. This involves identifying spouses, parents, and matching the given sibling counts to merge different branches of the family tree.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Decode R's connections:

- R 1% C means R is the husband of C. (R is Male, C is Female).

2. Trace backward from C to find N:

- C 2# T means C is the sister of T, and C has exactly 2 siblings.
- D 0= T means D is the mother of T. By extension, D is the mother of C as well.
- O 1% D means O is the husband of D. So, O and D are the parents of C and T.

3. Connect N to the sibling group:

- Look at N's code: N 2+ P means N is the father of P, and critically, **N has 2**

siblings.

- Since O and D are parents to C, T, and one other sibling (because C has 2 siblings total), N perfectly fits as the third sibling in this group.
- Therefore, N is the brother of C and T.

4. Determine the final relationship:

- R is married to C.
- N is the brother of C.
- The brother of one's wife is a brother-in-law. Thus, N is the brother-in-law of R.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Work backward from the target individuals. You know R is married to C. Your immediate next goal is to find how C connects to N. Noticing that both C and N have exactly 2 siblings is the key "aha" moment that proves they belong to the same sibling group under parents O and D. Common Pitfall

Ignoring the number attached to the symbol. The numbers (like the 2 in C 2# T and N 2+ P) are crucial for logically deducing that N is the unnamed sibling of C and T.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Brother-in-law**.

Q19. Eight persons — A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H are sitting around a circular table facing toward the center, but not necessarily in the same order. Also, each of them is holding number cards from 2 to 9 (one card per person). The numbers on their cards are distinct. Consecutive numbered card holders are not sitting adjacent to each other. B is sitting second to the left of the person holding the card numbered 7. The person holding the card numbered 3 is sitting second to the right of E, who holds an even-numbered card greater than 4. C holds a card whose number is a prime number, but C is not sitting adjacent to either B or the person holding the card numbered 9. The person holding the card numbered 9 is sitting immediately to the right of A, who holds a card number divisible by both 2 and 4. The difference between the numbers on the cards hold by D and the person sitting opposite D is 3. The person holding the card numbered 2 sits third to the left of the person holding the card numbered 6. The sum of the numbers on the cards hold by G and the person sitting to G's immediate right is 11. The person holding the card numbered 4 is sitting opposite the person holding the card numbered 8.

Which of the following is true about the seating arrangement?

- A) The person holding card numbered 6 sits second to the right of A.
- B) C is seated opposite to the person holding card numbered 9.
- C) The person holding card numbered 4 sits third to the left of E.
- D) G and the person holding card numbered 3 are seated adjacent to each other.
- E) None of the above.

Correct Answer: G and the person holding card numbered 3 are seated adjacent to each other.

Explanation:**Concept & Logic**

This is a circular arrangement puzzle with a dual-variable twist (persons and distinct cards from 2 to 9). The golden rule here is that **consecutive numbered cards cannot be**

adjacent. Facing the center means "Left" is clockwise and "Right" is anti-clockwise.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Deduce A and E's cards:

- A holds a card divisible by 2 and 4, so $A \in \{4, 8\}$.
- Card 4 is opposite 8.
- If $A = 8$, the person to A's immediate right holds 9. Since 8 and 9 are consecutive, they cannot be adjacent. Thus, A **MUST** be 4.
- Consequently, the person opposite A holds 8.
- E holds an even number >4 , meaning $E \in \{6, 8\}$. Since A and 8 are opposite, E must be the one holding 8 to satisfy all conditions.

2. Build the circle (Positions 1 to 8, Anti-Clockwise = Right):

- Let A(4) be at Pos 1.
- E(8) is opposite at Pos 5.
- Person with 9 is immediately right (anti-clockwise) of A $\rightarrow$ Pos 2 holds 9.
- Person with 3 is 2nd to the right of E(8). From Pos 5, 2nd right is Pos 7. So, Pos 7 holds 3.

3. Place remaining cards (2, 5, 6, 7):

- Person with 2 is 3rd to the left (clockwise) of person with 6.
- Placing 6 at Pos 6 puts 2 at Pos 3. This validly avoids consecutive adjacencies.
- Only 5 and 7 remain for Pos 4 and Pos 8. Putting 7 at Pos 4 makes it adjacent to E(8) (violating the consecutive rule). Thus, 7 is at Pos 8, and 5 is at Pos 4.

4. Map the remaining Persons:

- B is 2nd left of person with 7 (Pos 8). 2nd left (clockwise) of 8 is 6. Thus, B is at Pos 6 (holding 6).
- D and opposite have a difference of 3. The only opposite pairs with a difference of 3 are at Pos 2 (9) and Pos 6 (6). Since B is at Pos 6, D must be at Pos 2 (holding 9).
- $G + \text{immediate right} = 11$. At Pos 8, $G(7) + \text{right person A}(4) = 11$. So G is at Pos 8.
- C holds a prime and is not adjacent to B(6) or 9. Pos 4 holds a prime (5) and is adjacent to 2 and 8, satisfying this. Thus, C is at Pos 4.
- F and H interchangeably occupy the remaining Pos 3 (holding 2) and Pos 7 (holding 3).

5. Evaluate Options:

- G is at Pos 8. The person holding 3 is at Pos 7. Positions 7 and 8 are adjacent. This statement is true.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always start with the most restrictive negative constraints. The "no consecutive adjacent numbers" rule instantly solves the $A=4$ vs $A=8$ dilemma, creating a rigid anchor for the entire puzzle.

Common Pitfall

Confusing Left and Right in a circular arrangement. When everyone faces the center, Left is always Clockwise, and Right is always Anti-Clockwise.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **G and the person holding card numbered 3 are seated adjacent to each other.**

Q20. Eight persons — A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H are sitting around a circular table facing toward the center, but not necessarily in the same order. Also, each of them is holding number cards from 2 to 9 (one card per person). The numbers on their cards are distinct. Consecutive numbered card holders are not sitting adjacent to each other. B is sitting second to the left of the person holding the card numbered 7. The person holding the card numbered 3 is sitting second to the right of E, who holds an even-numbered card greater than 4. C holds a card whose number is a prime number, but C is not sitting adjacent to either B or the person holding the card numbered 9. The person holding the card numbered 9 is sitting immediately to the right of A, who holds a card number divisible by both 2 and 4. The difference between the numbers on the cards hold by D and the person sitting opposite D is 3. The person holding the card numbered 2 sits third to the left of the person holding the card numbered 6. The sum of the numbers on the cards hold by G and the person sitting to G's immediate right is 11. The person holding the card numbered 4 is sitting opposite the person holding the card numbered 8.

Who is seated immediately to the left of the person holding the card numbered 7?

- A) A
- B) F
- C) B
- D) G
- E) Can't be determined

Correct Answer: Can't be determined

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

To determine exact positions in an advanced circular arrangement, every variable must be strictly defined by the clues. If the clues do not uniquely distinguish two or more entities, their exact positions remain ambiguous.

Step-by-Step Solution

- 1. Establish the base arrangement:** Following the core deductions from the puzzle, we can map the cards and most people to 8 positions (anti-clockwise sequence 1 through 8):
 - Pos 1: A (holds 4)
 - Pos 2: D (holds 9)
 - Pos 3: ? (holds 2)
 - Pos 4: C (holds 5)
 - Pos 5: E (holds 8)
 - Pos 6: B (holds 6)
 - Pos 7: ? (holds 3)
 - Pos 8: G (holds 7)
- 2. Identify missing entities:** The only people left to place are F and H. The only positions left are Position 3 and Position 7.
- 3. Analyze remaining clues:**
 - We have exhausted all given clues (adjacency, sum, differences, consecutive card restrictions).

- Neither F nor H is explicitly or implicitly constrained to a specific card or position among the two remaining slots.
- Therefore, F could be at Position 3 (holding 2) with H at Position 7 (holding 3), OR vice versa.

4. **Answer the specific question:** The question asks who is immediately to the left of the person holding 7.

- The person holding 7 is G at Position 8.
- "Left" in a center-facing circle is clockwise. The position immediately clockwise to Position 8 is Position 7.
- Position 7 is occupied by either F or H. Since we cannot confirm which one, the answer cannot be determined.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When you reach the end of a puzzle derivation and two variables are left with no unused clues, do not waste time re-reading the prompt hoping to find a hidden meaning. Trust your extraction process; "Cannot be determined" is frequently the correct answer for exactly this reason.

Common Pitfall

Guessing between the remaining variables based on alphabetical order or arbitrary assumptions instead of objectively acknowledging the ambiguity.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Can't be determined**.

Q21. Eight persons — A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H are sitting around a circular table facing toward the center, but not necessarily in the same order. Also, each of them is holding number cards from 2 to 9 (one card per person). The numbers on their cards are distinct. Consecutive numbered card holders are not sitting adjacent to each other. B is sitting second to the left of the person holding the card numbered 7. The person holding the card numbered 3 is sitting second to the right of E, who holds an even-numbered card greater than 4. C holds a card whose number is a prime number, but C is not sitting adjacent to either B or the person holding the card numbered 9. The person holding the card numbered 9 is sitting immediately to the right of A, who holds a card number divisible by both 2 and 4. The difference between the numbers on the cards hold by D and the person sitting opposite D is 3. The person holding the card numbered 2 sits third to the left of the person holding the card numbered 6. The sum of the numbers on the cards hold by G and the person sitting to G's immediate right is 11. The person holding the card numbered 4 is sitting opposite the person holding the card numbered 8.

What is the card number held by the person seated opposite to B?

- A) 8
- B) 6
- C) 4
- D) 9
- E) 2

Correct Answer: 9

Explanation:**Concept & Logic**

This question relies on accurately mapping the specific pairs of individuals sitting diametrically opposite each other in an 8-person circular table.

Step-by-Step Solution**1. Locate B in the arrangement:**

- The puzzle states B is second to the left of the person holding card 7.
- Through full derivation, we established that G holds 7 and sits at Position 8.
- Left is clockwise. Second to the left of Position 8 is Position 6. Therefore, B is seated at Position 6.

2. Determine B's card:

- The clues dictate that the person holding 2 is third to the left of the person holding 6. This perfectly aligns with Position 3 (holding 2) and Position 6 (holding 6). So, B holds the card numbered 6.

3. Identify the opposite position:

- In an evenly spaced 8-person circle, a person at position P is opposite the person at position $P+4$ (or $P-4$).
- Opposite Position 6 is Position 2.

4. Identify the occupant of Position 2:

- Based on our primary derivation, A(4) is at Pos 1, and the person with 9 is immediately to A's right (anti-clockwise) at Pos 2.
- Furthermore, the difference between D and the person opposite D is 3. The cards at Pos 2 (9) and Pos 6 (6) have a difference of exactly 3. Since B is at Pos 6, D must be at Pos 2, holding the card numbered 9.
- Thus, the person opposite B holds the card 9.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

If you have successfully mapped out the table, this is a simple lookup question. Always draw a clear, large diagram of the circle on your scratch paper to ensure opposite pairs are visually perfectly aligned, eliminating calculation errors.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is misidentifying opposite pairs by counting incorrectly around the circle. Always remember the $P+4$ rule for an 8-person table.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **9**.

Q22. Eight persons — A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H are sitting around a circular table facing toward the center, but not necessarily in the same order. Also, each of them is holding number cards from 2 to 9 (one card per person). The numbers on their cards are distinct. Consecutive numbered card holders are not sitting adjacent to each other. B is sitting second to the left of the person holding the card numbered 7. The person holding the card numbered 3 is sitting second to the right of E, who holds an even-numbered card greater than 4. C holds a card whose number is a prime number, but C is not sitting adjacent to either B or the person holding the card numbered 9. The person holding the card numbered 9 is sitting immediately to the right of A, who holds a card number divisible by both 2 and 4. The difference between the numbers on the cards hold by D and the person sitting opposite D is 3. The person holding the card numbered 2 sits third to the left of the person holding the card

numbered 6. The sum of the numbers on the cards held by G and the person sitting to G's immediate right is 11. The person holding the card numbered 4 is sitting opposite the person holding the card numbered 8.

If the sum of the card numbers held by A and H is 7, then what will be the difference between the card numbers held by C and the one who is sitting second to the left of E?

- A) 0
- B) 2
- C) 4
- D) 3
- E) 1

Correct Answer: 3

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Conditional questions introduce a temporary new rule that resolves previous ambiguities. Here, the "If..." clause allows us to finally fix the specific positions of the remaining undetermined variables (F and H) before executing a final arithmetic step.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Resolve the F/H ambiguity:

- The base arrangement dictates that A holds the card numbered 4.
- The conditional clue states: $A + H = 7$.
- Substituting A's value: $4 + H = 7 \Rightarrow H = 3$.
- From our initial derivation, the cards 2 and 3 were distributed between F and H at Positions 3 and 7. Since $H = 3$, H must be seated at the position holding 3 (Position 7).
- Consequently, F is seated at the position holding 2 (Position 3).

2. Identify C's card number:

- Based on the main puzzle derivation, C sits at Position 4 and holds the card numbered 5.

3. Locate the person second to the left of E:

- E is seated at Position 5 (holding 8).
- Facing the center, "Left" is clockwise.
- Moving clockwise from Position 5: The first left is Position 4, and the second left is **Position 3**.
- We established in Step 1 that Position 3 is occupied by F, who holds the card numbered 2.

4. Calculate the final difference:

- The difference between C's card and F's card (2nd left of E).
- Difference = $|5 - 2| = 3$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Focus precisely on what the question is asking. You don't necessarily need the whole circle for the final step. Once you realize E is at 5 and its 2nd left is 3, you only need the card value at Position 3 (which is 2) and C's card value (which is 5). The identity of H resolving to 3 just

confirms that Pos 3 is indeed 2.

Common Pitfall

Forgetting the direction rule for circular arrangements (Left = Clockwise, Right = Anti-clockwise). If you mistakenly went anti-clockwise from E, you would land on Position 7 (card 3), leading to a difference of $5-3 = 2$, which is an incorrect trap option.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **3**.

Q23. Directions: Read the following arrangement of symbols, letters, and numbers carefully and answer the questions based on it.

& F A # L K 4 \$ 9 G P @ 8 B S M @ € 5 D % L K 4 A 9 @ S W ¥ 6 B & 8 # J

Step I: All the symbols, which are immediately followed by a letter, will be placed from extreme left end in the same order. Step II: If a letter is immediately followed by a symbol, then such letters are placed from extreme right end in the English Alphabetical order. Step III: All the numbers between the 7 element from the left end and 7 element from the right end are placed between the 11 and the 12 element from the left end in descending order. Step IV: The first ten elements of the arrangement from the left end are placed from extreme right end in the same order. Note: Step II is performed after the completion of Step I, similarly, Step III is performed after the completion of Step II, and so on.

How many elements are between two 'A' after applying step IV in the given arrangement?

- A) 13
- B) 17
- C) 14
- D) 15
- E) 16

Correct Answer: 16

Explanation:

Concept & Strategy

Alphanumeric series problems with sequential steps require methodical processing. The key is to meticulously track the elements and the precise conditions (e.g., "immediately followed by") for each step without rushing.

Step-by-Step Solution

Initial Arrangement: & F A # L K 4 9 G P @ 8 B S M @ € 5 D % L K 4 A 9 @ S W ¥ 6 B & 8 # J

Step I: Symbols followed by a letter move to the extreme left.

- Symbols followed by letters in the original series: & (by F), # (by L), % (by L), (by K), @ (by S), # (by J).
- Moving them to the extreme left gives the new arrangement: & # % @ # F A L K 4 9 G P @ 8 B S M @ € 5 D L K 4 A 9 S W ¥ 6 B & 8 J

Step II: Letters followed by a symbol move to the right in alphabetical order.

- In the sequence from Step I, letters followed by symbols are: P (by @), M (by @), W (by ¥), B (by &, the second B).
- Notice the first B is followed by S (a letter), so it stays.

- Alphabetical order of these letters: B, M, P, W.
- Moving them to the extreme right gives: & # % @ # F A L K 4 9 G @ 8 S @ € 5 D L K 4 A 9 S ¥ 6 & 8 J B M P W

Step III: Numbers between the 7th element from the left and 7th from the right move between the 11th and 12th elements.

- 7th from the left is F. 7th from the right is &.
- Numbers between F and & are: 4, 9, 8, 5, 4, 9, 6.
- Extracting these numbers leaves the 11th element as `` and the 12th as G.
- Sorting the numbers descending (9, 9, 8, 6, 5, 4, 4) and placing them between `` and G:
& # % @ # F A L K 9 9 8 6 5 4 4 G @ B S @ € D L K A S ¥ & 8 J B M P W

Step IV: First ten elements move to the right end.

- First 10 elements: & # % @ # F A L K
- Moving them to the extreme right gives the final arrangement: 9 9 8 6 5 4 4 G @ B S @ € D L K A S ¥ & 8 J B M P W & # % @ # F A L K

Finding the Answer:

- We need to count the elements between the two 'A's in this final sequence.
- Position of the first A: 18th from the left.
- Position of the second A: 35th from the left.
- Total elements between them = $35 - 18 - 1 = 16$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of rewriting the entire sequence from scratch for every step, practice "crossing out and re-indexing" elements if allowed on your scratchpad. Since multiple questions rely on the exact final string, perfectly generating the Step IV string once ensures absolute accuracy for all sub-questions.

Common Pitfall

The most common mistake occurs in Step II by missing that the first B is followed by S (a letter) and incorrectly moving it. Always read the character immediately following the target letter carefully!

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **16**.

Q24. Directions: Read the following arrangement of symbols, letters, and numbers carefully and answer the questions based on it.

&F A # L K 4 \$ 9 G P @ 8 B S M @ € 5 D % L K 4 A 9 @ S W ¥ 6 B & 8 # J

Step I: All the symbols, which are immediately followed by a letter, will be placed from extreme left end in the same order. Step II: If a letter is immediately followed by a symbol, then such letters are placed from extreme right end in the English Alphabetical order. Step III: All the numbers between the 7 element from the left end and 7 element from the right end are placed between the 11 and the 12 element from the left end in descending order. Step IV: The first ten elements of the arrangement from the left end are placed from extreme right end in the same order. Note: Step II is performed after the completion of Step I, similarly, Step III is performed after the completion of Step II, and so on.

Which element is 7 to the left of 21 element from the left end after applying step IV in the given arrangement?

- A) S
- B) L

C) D

D) €

E) @

Correct Answer: €**Explanation:****Concept & Strategy**

For questions asking to locate an element relative to another element's position, always compute the mathematical offset first to save time and reduce counting errors. If both directions are from the same end (e.g., "left of the ... from the left end"), subtract the values.

Step-by-Step Solution

First, we must determine the final arrangement by following all four steps meticulously.

Initial Arrangement: & F A # L K 4 9 G P @ 8 B S M @ € 5 D % L K 4 A 9 @ S W ¥ 6 B & 8 # J

Step I: Symbols followed by a letter move left.

- Moving &, #, %, , @, and # to the extreme left gives: & # % @ # F A L K 4 9 G P @ 8 B S M @ € 5 D L K 4 A 9 S W ¥ 6 B & 8 J

Step II: Letters followed by a symbol move right in alphabetical order.

- Moving P, M, W, B to the extreme right as B, M, P, W gives: & # % @ # F A L K 4 9 G @ 8 S @ € 5 D L K 4 A 9 S ¥ 6 & 8 J B M P W

Step III: Specific numbers move between the 11th and 12th elements.

- Extracting 4, 9, 8, 5, 4, 9, 6 (which are between the 7th left and 7th right elements) leaves `` as the 11th and G as the 12th.
- Sorting descending and placing between `` and G gives: & # % @ # F A L K 9 9 8 6 5 4 4 G @ B S @ € D L K A S ¥ & 8 J B M P W

Step IV: First ten elements move to the right end.

- Moving & # % @ # F A L K to the right end gives our final sequence: 9 9 8 6 5 4 4 G @ B S @ € D L K A S ¥ & 8 J B M P W & # % @ # F A L K

Finding the Target Element:

- The question asks for the element 7 to the left of the 21st element from the left end.
- Mathematically simplify the position: $21 - 7 = 14$ th element from the left end.
- Counting 14 elements from the left in our final sequence: 1:`, 2:9, 3:9, 4:8, 5:6, 6:5, 7:4, 8:4, 9:G, 10:@, 11:B, 12:S, 13:@, 14:€.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When asked for an element "X to the left of Y from the left end", always perform the arithmetic first. By doing $21 - 7 = 14$, you only need to count from the left end once, saving precious time and preventing miscounts during backtracking.

Common Pitfall

A frequent error is recounting the elements incorrectly by accidentally skipping symbols like @ or € when scanning the text quickly. Touch or point to each element as you count to exactly 14.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is €.

Q25. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Microsoft and OpenAI have forged a strategic alliance to advance the frontier of artificial intelligence (AI) research and development. Leveraging Microsoft's vast resources and technological prowess alongside OpenAI's cutting-edge AI research, the partnership aims to accelerate innovation in AI technologies. Together, they collaborate on projects aimed at tackling complex challenges across various domains, from healthcare and climate change to education and beyond. This collaboration underscores their shared commitment to harnessing the power of AI for the betterment of society.

Which of the following statement can be concluded from the passage? I. Microsoft and OpenAI have joined forces to pioneer advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) research and development. II. The partnership between Microsoft and OpenAI combines Microsoft's extensive resources and technological prowess with OpenAI's cutting-edge AI research. III. The partnership between Microsoft and OpenAI focuses solely on developing consumer-oriented AI products and services.

- A) Only I and II
- B) Only II and III
- C) Only I and III
- D) Only II
- E) Only III

Correct Answer: Only I and II

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

In "Statement and Conclusion" problems, a valid conclusion must be directly supported by or explicitly stated within the provided passage. Extraneous information or statements that contradict the passage's core message must be eliminated.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Analyze Statement I:** "Microsoft and OpenAI have joined forces to pioneer advancements..." The passage explicitly states they have "forged a strategic alliance to advance the frontier of artificial intelligence (AI) research and development." This makes Statement I a valid conclusion.
- **Analyze Statement II:** "The partnership... combines Microsoft's extensive resources... with OpenAI's cutting-edge AI research." This is directly supported by the passage's sentence: "Leveraging Microsoft's vast resources and technological prowess alongside OpenAI's cutting-edge AI research..." Statement II is valid.
- **Analyze Statement III:** "...focuses solely on developing consumer-oriented AI products..." The passage contradicts this by stating they tackle challenges across "healthcare and climate change to education and beyond" for the "betterment of society." Statement III is invalid.
- **Conclusion:** Only statements I and II are correct based on the passage.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use the "Option Elimination" method. As soon as you identify Statement III as false (due to the restrictive word "solely" and contradictory goals), you can instantly eliminate options containing it. This makes it much faster to confirm the remaining valid statements.

Common Pitfall

A major pitfall is bringing outside knowledge into reading comprehension. Even if a statement might seem factually true in the real world, it cannot be deemed a valid conclusion if it is not supported by the specific text provided.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only I and II**.

Q26. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Microsoft and OpenAI have forged a strategic alliance to advance the frontier of artificial intelligence (AI) research and development. Leveraging Microsoft's vast resources and technological prowess alongside OpenAI's cutting-edge AI research, the partnership aims to accelerate innovation in AI technologies. Together, they collaborate on projects aimed at tackling complex challenges across various domains, from healthcare and climate change to education and beyond. This collaboration underscores their shared commitment to harnessing the power of AI for the betterment of society.

Which of the following statement should be the course of action? I. Expand the scope of collaborative projects between Microsoft and OpenAI to include research initiatives aimed at addressing global challenges such as climate change, healthcare disparities, and education access. II. Transition Microsoft and OpenAI's partnership to focus exclusively on commercializing AI technologies for profitdriven ventures. III. Discontinue collaborative efforts between Microsoft and OpenAI due to conflicting research priorities and organizational objectives.

- A) Only I
- B) Only II
- C) Only I and II
- D) Only I and III
- E) Only II and III

Correct Answer: Only I

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

A valid "Course of Action" must be a practical and logical step that addresses a problem or follows naturally from the goals outlined in the given statement. It should align with the established objectives and not introduce contradictory or harmful directions.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Evaluate Course of Action I:** "Expand the scope of collaborative projects... addressing global challenges..." The passage explicitly outlines their shared commitment to tackling challenges in healthcare, climate change, and education for societal betterment. Proceeding with and expanding these initiatives is the logical next step. Action I is valid.
- **Evaluate Course of Action II:** "Transition... to focus exclusively on commercializing... for profitdriven ventures." This directly contradicts the passage's emphasis on the "betterment of society" and tackling broad humanitarian challenges. Action II is invalid.
- **Evaluate Course of Action III:** "Discontinue collaborative efforts... due to conflicting research priorities..." The passage describes a unified "shared commitment" and "strategic alliance," implying synergy, not conflict. Terminating the partnership is illogical.

based on the text. Action III is invalid.

- **Conclusion:** Only Action I represents a logical and consistent path forward based on the passage.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Look for extreme or negative keywords. Words like "exclusively" (in II) and "Discontinue" (in III) are often red flags in positive, progress-oriented passages. Recognizing that the passage is entirely positive allows you to quickly eliminate negative or overly restrictive actions.

Common Pitfall

Choosing an action that makes sense in a purely cynical business context rather than relying strictly on the tone and explicit goals provided in the text. Always stick to the narrative set by the passage.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only I**.

Q27. We have five words given below, such that one letter of each word is bold. Find how many meaningful words can be formed by using the letters (only once) which are bold in each given word?

A. Wonderful B. Journey C. **T**echnology D. Fa**m**ous E. Inspi**r**ation

- A) One
- B) None
- C) Two
- D) Three
- E) More than three

Correct Answer: One

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

The problem requires identifying specific letters from the given words and rearranging them to form valid English words. This tests anagram-solving and basic vocabulary skills.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Extract Letters:** First, identify the bold letter in each given word.
 - Wonderful → O
 - Journey → R
 - **T**echnology → T
 - Fa**m**ous → M
 - Inspi**r**ation → S
- **Form Words:** The extracted letters are O, R, T, M, S.
- **Rearrange:** Using these five letters exactly once, we can form the meaningful English word "STORM".
- No other meaningful standard English words can be formed using all five of these letters.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When faced with jumbled letters, look for common consonant blends (like ST, TR) and place the vowels strategically to quickly test possible word combinations.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is misidentifying the faintly bolded letters in the original words, leading to an incorrect pool of letters, or forming a word that doesn't use every letter exactly once as required.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **One**.

Q28. Directions (28-32): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Six persons: A, B, C, D, E, and F were born on different dates in March 2000, falling between the 20th and 28th, but not necessarily in the same order. There are three vacant dates, and these are not consecutive.

A was born on an odd-numbered date. B was born on the 25th, but not before C. Three persons were born between A and F. F was born just next date of E. There are two vacant dates between C and F. D was born on an even-numbered date, and was born neither just before E nor just after A.

Which of the following pairs of dates could be vacant, based on the given information?

- A) 21st and 24th
- B) 22nd and 27th
- C) 23rd and 26th
- D) 20th and 28th
- E) 24th and 26th

Correct Answer: 24th and 26th

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This is a linear arrangement puzzle involving dates. The core strategy is to determine fixed positions first (like B on the 25th) and then use distance constraints ("three persons between", "two vacant dates") to narrow down possibilities for the remaining entities.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Initial Setup:** We have 9 dates (20th to 28th) for 6 persons and 3 non-consecutive vacant dates.
- **Fixed Clues:**
 - B is born on the 25th.
 - F is born the day immediately after E (E and F are consecutive).
- **Positioning F and C:**
 - C is born before B (25th), so C is between 20th and 24th.
 - There are two vacant dates between C and F. Since E and F are consecutive, placing them early (e.g., 20, 21) doesn't allow room for C to be placed before 25th with two vacant dates between them. F must be late in the month.
 - F cannot be 26th because E would be 25th, clashing with B.
 - Let's test F = 28th. This makes E = 27th.
- **Placing Remaining Persons:**
 - "Three persons were born between A and F(28)". Two of those persons are E(27) and B(25). The third must be C.

- For C to be between A and B with two vacant dates between C and F(28), C must be on the 23rd. The vacant dates between 23rd and 28th are exactly the 24th and 26th (non-consecutive, which is valid).
- So, we have: C(23), Vacant(24), B(25), Vacant(26), E(27), F(28).
- A must be before C to ensure exactly three persons are between A and F. The only available odd date before 23 is 21. So, A = 21st.
- Dates left for D and the final vacant slot: 20th and 22nd.
- D must be on an even date (both are). However, D is "neither just before E nor just after A". Since A is 21st, 22nd is "just after A". Thus, D cannot be 22nd.
- Therefore, D = 20th, making 22nd the third vacant date.

- Final Arrangement Table:

Date Person/Status

20	D
21	A
22	Vacant
23	C
24	Vacant
25	B
26	Vacant
27	E
28	F

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always look for the most restrictive compound condition. Here, F being linked to E, having exactly 3 people between A and F, and exactly 2 vacant dates between C and F forms a rigid block that can only fit at the end of the timeline.

Common Pitfall

Misinterpreting "three persons were born between" as "three days between". The puzzle strictly separates chronological "dates" (which include vacants) from the sequence of actual "persons" born.

Final Answer

From our derived arrangement, the vacant dates are the 22nd, 24th, and 26th. The pair that matches is 24th and 26th. Therefore, the correct answer is **24th and 26th**.

Q29. Directions (28-32): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Six persons: A, B, C, D, E, and F were born on different dates in March 2000, falling between the 20th and 28th, but not necessarily in the same order. There are three vacant dates, and these are not consecutive.

A was born on an odd-numbered date. B was born on the 25th, but not before C. Three persons were born between A and F. F was born just next date of E. There are two vacant dates between C and F. D was born on an even-numbered date, and was born neither just before E nor just after A.

On which of the following dates was D born?

- A) 21
- B) 20
- C) 26
- D) 24

E) 25

Correct Answer: 20**Explanation:****Concept & Logic**

This is a linear arrangement puzzle. Solving it requires tracking two parallel sequences: the chronological dates (which include empty slots) and the ordered list of the 6 persons actually born.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Initial Setup:** We have 9 dates (20th to 28th) for 6 persons and 3 non-consecutive vacant dates.
- **Determine Anchor Points:**
 - B is born on the 25th.
 - E and F are born on consecutive days (E then F).
- **Deduce the Timeline Block:**
 - C is born before B (25th). There are two vacant dates between C and F.
 - To fit this, F must be late in the month. If F is 28th, E is 27th.
 - "Three persons were born between A and F(28)". Those persons must be E(27), B(25), and one more (C).
 - For C to be the third person with two vacant dates between it and F(28), C must be on the 23rd. The vacant dates are 24th and 26th.
 - To keep three persons between A and F, A must be placed before C. The next available odd date is 21st.
- **Finalizing D's Position:**
 - We are left with dates 20th and 22nd for D and the final vacant slot.
 - Constraint: D is on an even date (both 20 and 22 are even).
 - Constraint: D is "not just after A". Since A is on the 21st, D cannot be on the 22nd.
 - Therefore, D must be on the 20th, leaving 22nd as vacant.

- Final Arrangement Table:

Date Person/Status

20	D
21	A
22	Vacant
23	C
24	Vacant
25	B
26	Vacant
27	E
28	F

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When forced to choose between two remaining slots (like 20 and 22 for D), immediately cross-reference the negative constraints ("neither just before E nor just after A") to force the correct placement instantly.

Common Pitfall

Placing D on the 22nd simply because it's the first available even date after the 20th, forgetting to check the "not just after A" rule, which invalidates the entire arrangement.

Final Answer

According to the final arrangement, D was born on the 20th of March. Therefore, the correct answer is **20**.

Q30. Directions (28-32): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Six persons: A, B, C, D, E, and F were born on different dates in March 2000, falling between the 20th and 28th, but not necessarily in the same order. There are three vacant dates, and these are not consecutive.

A was born on an odd-numbered date. B was born on the 25th, but not before C. Three persons were born between A and F. F was born just next date of E. There are two vacant dates between C and F. D was born on an even-numbered date, and was born neither just before E nor just after A.

How many people were born between B and C?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) None
- E) Four

Correct Answer: None

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This is a sequence and linear arrangement problem. The key to solving subsequent questions in a puzzle set is to rely entirely on the master arrangement table derived from the initial clues.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Recall the Master Arrangement:** Based on the constraints (B on 25th, F next to E, 3 persons between A and F, etc.), we deduced the following exact timeline:
 - 20th: D
 - 21st: A
 - 22nd: Vacant
 - 23rd: C
 - 24th: Vacant
 - 25th: B
 - 26th: Vacant
 - 27th: E
 - 28th: F
- **Analyze the Specific Query:** The question asks for the number of *people* born between B and C.
- **Locate Entities:** C is born on the 23rd, and B is born on the 25th.
- **Evaluate the Gap:** The only date between the 23rd and 25th is the 24th.
- **Check Status:** According to our arrangement table, the 24th is a **Vacant** date.

- **Conclusion:** Because the date between them is empty, zero actual persons were born between them.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Pay very close attention to the wording of the question. "How many dates are between..." vs "How many people were born between..." will yield different answers (1 date vs 0 people).

Common Pitfall

A student might see the dates 23rd and 25th and automatically assume the 24th represents one person, failing to remember that the 24th is one of the designated vacant dates.

Final Answer

There is only one date (the 24th) between C (23rd) and B (25th), and it is a vacant date. Therefore, the correct answer is **None**.

Q31. Directions (28-32): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Six persons: A, B, C, D, E, and F were born on different dates in March 2000, falling between the 20th and 28th, but not necessarily in the same order. There are three vacant dates, and these are not consecutive.

A was born on an odd-numbered date. B was born on the 25th, but not before C. Three persons were born between A and F. F was born just next date of E. There are two vacant dates between C and F. D was born on an even-numbered date, and was born neither just before E nor just after A.

Which of the following statements is true?

- A) E and B were born on consecutive dates.
- B) A was born three days after F.
- C) D was born before C.
- D) D was born on the 25th.
- E) All are true

Correct Answer: D was born before C.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

In logical puzzles, "True/False" statement questions act as a final verification of your deduced master arrangement. You must systematically test each option against your complete timeline.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Recall the Master Arrangement:

- 20th: D
- 21st: A
- 22nd: Vacant
- 23rd: C
- 24th: Vacant
- 25th: B
- 26th: Vacant
- 27th: E

- 28th: F
- **Evaluate Option (a):** "E and B were born on consecutive dates."
 - E is on the 27th, B is on the 25th. They are separated by a vacant day (26th). False.
- **Evaluate Option (b):** "A was born three days after F."
 - A is on the 21st, F is on the 28th. A was born *before* F, not after. False.
- **Evaluate Option (c):** "D was born before C."
 - D is on the 20th, C is on the 23rd. The 20th comes before the 23rd. **True.**
- **Evaluate Option (d):** "D was born on the 25th."
 - B was born on the 25th. D was born on the 20th. False.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

If you are highly confident in your master table, stop evaluating options as soon as you find a definitive "True" statement (unless there is an "All of the above" option that requires checking the rest).

Common Pitfall

Rushing through the options and misreading "before" as "after", or confusing the names of the persons with the dates they represent. Always trace the statement back to the exact data points in your table.

Final Answer

Comparing all statements against the derived arrangement, only the statement that D (20th) was born before C (23rd) is factual. Therefore, the correct answer is **D was born before C.**

Q32. Directions (28-32): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Six persons: A, B, C, D, E, and F were born on different dates in March 2000, falling between the 20th and 28th, but not necessarily in the same order. There are three vacant dates, and these are not consecutive.

A was born on an odd-numbered date. B was born on the 25th, but not before C. Three persons were born between A and F. F was born just next date of E. There are two vacant dates between C and F. D was born on an even-numbered date, and was born neither just before E nor just after A.

Who among them was born on 22nd March?

- A) A
- B) D
- C) C
- D) No one
- E) E

Correct Answer: No one

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This requires a direct lookup from the complete chronological arrangement deduced from the initial puzzle clues.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Recall the Master Arrangement:** We successfully deduced the following timeline for the

9 available slots:

- 20th: D
- 21st: A
- **22nd: Vacant**
- 23rd: C
- 24th: Vacant
- 25th: B
- 26th: Vacant
- 27th: E
- 28th: F

- **Locate the Target Date:** The question specifically asks for the entity assigned to the 22nd of March.
- **Identify the Occupant:** Looking at our table, the 22nd is designated as a "Vacant" date.
- **Conclusion:** Because it is a vacant date, zero persons from the group (A, B, C, D, E, F) were born on this specific day.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

If a puzzle involves "vacant" or "empty" positions, always keep a mental or physical check mark for where those empty slots landed. Questions like this are designed as quick "free points" once the hard work of building the table is done.

Common Pitfall

Second-guessing a solid derivation just because an answer is "None" or "No one". If your logic holding the rest of the table together is sound, trust the empty slots.

Final Answer

Based on the logical deduction of the timeline, the 22nd of March is one of the three vacant dates. Therefore, the correct answer is **No one**.

Q33. In the question below, a few statements are given depicting an issue or a problem. You have to assume everything in the statements to be true even if they are at variance from commonly known facts, and on the basis of the information given in the statements, decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Statement: Semiconductor facilities play a critical role in the global electronics industry's supply chain.

Courses of Action: I. Governments should impose heavy tariffs on semiconductor imports, hindering the global electronics industry's access to critical components. II. Manufacturers should neglect investments in research and development, relying solely on outdated semiconductor technologies for production.

- A)** Only I follows
- B)** Only II follows
- C)** Either I or II follows
- D)** Neither I nor II follows
- E)** Both I and II follow

Correct Answer: Neither I nor II follows

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

A valid course of action should be a practical and positive step that addresses the issue or supports the critical fact stated in the premise, without causing negative repercussions.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Analyze the Statement:** The premise establishes that semiconductor facilities are crucial to the global electronics supply chain. Any logical action should support, protect, or enhance this critical role.
- **Evaluate Course of Action I:** Imposing heavy tariffs would hinder access to critical components. This is a detrimental action that harms the industry, contradicting the goal of supporting a critical supply chain. Thus, I does not follow.
- **Evaluate Course of Action II:** Neglecting research and relying on outdated technologies is a regressive step that would ruin manufacturers and weaken the supply chain. This is completely illogical as a positive course of action. Thus, II does not follow.
- **Conclusion:** Since both suggested actions are negative and harmful, neither logically follows from the given statement.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

In "Course of Action" questions, immediately eliminate any option that creates a new problem or worsens the existing situation. Both I and II are clearly destructive actions, making it easy to instantly select "Neither".

Common Pitfall

Overthinking whether there's a hidden "reverse psychology" or long-term protective strategy behind tariffs. Always take the statements at face value and look for direct, universally positive solutions.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Neither I nor II follows**.

Q34. The question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement: Should the RBI lift the ban on the BOB World app?

Arguments: I. Yes, lifting the ban promotes financial inclusion, but it may also risk exposing users to potential security threats. II. No, maintaining the ban ensures financial security and protects users from potential fraudulent activities and data breaches.

- A) If only I is strong
- B) If only II is strong
- C) If either I or II is strong
- D) If neither I nor II is strong
- E) If both I and II are strong

Correct Answer: If only II is strong

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

A "strong" argument must be directly related to the statement, logically sound, and decisive. Ambivalent or contradictory arguments are considered "weak".

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Analyze Argument I:** This argument starts by supporting the lifting of the ban for "financial inclusion" but immediately undermines its own stance by stating "but it may also risk exposing users to potential security threats." Because it is hesitant and contradictory, it fails to make a decisive point. Therefore, Argument I is weak.
- **Analyze Argument II:** This argument provides a clear, logical, and firm reason for maintaining the ban: ensuring financial security and protecting users from fraud and data breaches. This is a primary responsibility of regulatory bodies like the RBI. Therefore, Argument II is strong.
- **Conclusion:** Only the second argument holds up logically without contradicting itself.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Arguments containing words like "but", "might", or presenting both pros and cons within the same point are almost always weak because they lack conviction. You can quickly eliminate Argument I based on this structural flaw.

Common Pitfall

Mistaking a balanced view for a "strong" argument. In this specific question format, an argument must pick a side and defend it resolutely to be considered strong.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **If only II is strong**.

Q35. In the following question, there is a statement followed by two assumptions labeled I and II. Examine the statement and determine which of the assumptions is implicit.

Statement: Immigration policies should balance national security concerns with humanitarian values, promoting fair and orderly migration processes, fostering social integration, and addressing economic needs.

Assumptions: I. Stricter immigration controls are necessary to ensure national security and manage the influx of migrants, while upholding legal immigration pathways. II. Welcoming and inclusive immigration policies benefit societies by enriching cultural diversity, filling labour gaps, and contributing to economic growth and innovation.

- A) Only assumption I is implicit
- B) Only assumption II is implicit
- C) Either I or II is implicit
- D) Neither I nor II is implicit
- E) Both I and II are implicit

Correct Answer: Both I and II are implicit

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

An assumption is an unstated premise that must be true for the author's statement to be logical. If a statement calls for a "balance" between two competing interests, it implicitly assumes that both interests have valid, underlying justifications.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Analyze the Statement:** The author advocates for immigration policies that *balance* two main pillars: 1) national security concerns, and 2) humanitarian/economic values

(fairness, integration, economic needs).

- **Evaluate Assumption I:** This assumption justifies the "national security" side of the balance. If the author believes we must balance security concerns, they implicitly assume that controls are necessary to manage security and influx. This underpins one half of the author's statement.
- **Evaluate Assumption II:** This assumption justifies the "humanitarian and economic" side of the balance. By stating policies should foster integration and address economic needs, the author implicitly assumes that welcoming migrants brings these benefits (filling labor gaps, economic growth). This underpins the other half of the statement.
- **Conclusion:** Because the statement calls for a balance between these two perspectives, the author must logically accept the core validity of both perspectives as assumptions.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When a statement proposes a compromise or balance between X and Y, assumptions that define the core value or necessity of X, and the core value or necessity of Y, are typically both implicit.

Common Pitfall

Rejecting Assumption I because it uses the word "stricter". While the statement doesn't explicitly say "stricter", the concept of managing national security inherently assumes some level of necessary control or restriction, which validates the premise of the assumption.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Both I and II are implicit.**

Q36. Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Five ships (A, B, C, D, and E) are moored at Dock M, and their captains (P, Q, R, S, and T) are steering their respective ships. Each ship starts from the dock, moves in a specific direction, and covers a certain distance before reaching its final position which is named as ship's captain's name.

Movements of the ships: I. Ship A, steered by Captain P, starts moving north and covers 5m, then turns left and moves 8m, finally turning right and moving 10m to reach its final position. II. Ship B, steered by Captain Q, moves east for 12m, then turns right and moves 7m, finally turning right again and moving 3m to its final position. III. Ship C, steered by Captain R, starts by moving south for 6m, then turns right and moves 5m, then turns left and moves 9m to its final position. IV. Ship D, steered by Captain S, moves west for 10m, then turns left and moves 4m, finally turning right and moving 6m to its final position. V. Ship E, steered by Captain T, starts moving north for 8m, then turns right and moves 10m, finally turning right again and moving 5m to its final position.

In which direction is S with respect to R in the final position?

- A) North
- B) North-west
- C) North-east
- D) South-west
- E) South

Correct Answer: North-west

Explanation:**Concept & Direction Sense**

To find the relative direction, determine the final coordinates of each point on a Cartesian plane where the starting dock is the origin (0,0). North is positive y-axis, South is negative y-axis, East is positive x-axis, West is negative x-axis.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Coordinate mapping for R:** Ship C moves south 6m (0, -6), turns right (west) and moves 5m (-5, -6), turns left (south) and moves 9m (-5, -15). Final position R = (-5, -15).
- **Coordinate mapping for S:** Ship D moves west 10m (-10, 0), turns left (south) and moves 4m (-10, -4), turns right (west) and moves 6m (-16, -4). Final position S = (-16, -4).
- **Determine relative direction:** To go from R to S, we move from x = -5 to x = -16 (West) and from y = -15 to y = -4 (North).
- Since the movement is towards the North and West, S is North-West of R.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of drawing the entire complex diagram for all ships, only trace the paths of the specific ships mentioned in the question to save time.

Common Pitfall

Misinterpreting left and right turns when moving South or West. Remember to orient yourself in the direction of travel.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **North-west**.

Q37. Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Five ships (A, B, C, D, and E) are moored at Dock M, and their captains (P, Q, R, S, and T) are steering their respective ships. Each ship starts from the dock, moves in a specific direction, and covers a certain distance before reaching its final position which is named as ship's captain's name.

Movements of the ships: I. Ship A, steered by Captain P, starts moving north and covers 5m, then turns left and moves 8m, finally turning right and moving 10m to reach its final position. II. Ship B, steered by Captain Q, moves east for 12m, then turns right and moves 7m, finally turning right again and moving 3m to its final position. III. Ship C, steered by Captain R, starts by moving south for 6m, then turns right and moves 5m, then turns left and moves 9m to its final position. IV. Ship D, steered by Captain S, moves west for 10m, then turns left and moves 4m, finally turning right and moving 6m to its final position. V. Ship E, steered by Captain T, starts moving north for 8m, then turns right and moves 10m, finally turning right again and moving 5m to its final position.

What is the total distance covered by Q and R in their journey?

- A) 32m
- B) 22m
- C) 62m
- D) 42m
- E) Can't be determined

Correct Answer: 42m

Explanation:**Concept & Distance Calculation**

The total distance covered by a ship is the simple arithmetic sum of all the individual straight-line segments it travelled, regardless of the direction.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Distance covered by Q (Ship B):** It moves 12m, then 7m, then 3m. Total distance = $12 + 7 + 3 = 22\text{ m}$.
- **Distance covered by R (Ship C):** It moves 6m, then 5m, then 9m. Total distance = $6 + 5 + 9 = 20\text{ m}$.
- **Total combined distance:** Sum the individual distances: $22\text{ m} + 20\text{ m} = 42\text{ m}$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For "total distance covered" (not shortest distance/displacement), simply scan the text for the numbers associated with the specific ships and add them up. You do not need to deduce directions at all.

Common Pitfall

Confusing "total distance" with "shortest distance" (displacement) from the starting point.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **42m**.

Q38. Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Five ships (A, B, C, D, and E) are moored at Dock M, and their captains (P, Q, R, S, and T) are steering their respective ships. Each ship starts from the dock, moves in a specific direction, and covers a certain distance before reaching its final position which is named as ship's captain's name.

Movements of the ships: I. Ship A, steered by Captain P, starts moving north and covers 5m, then turns left and moves 8m, finally turning right and moving 10m to reach its final position. II. Ship B, steered by Captain Q, moves east for 12m, then turns right and moves 7m, finally turning right again and moving 3m to its final position. III. Ship C, steered by Captain R, starts by moving south for 6m, then turns right and moves 5m, then turns left and moves 9m to its final position. IV. Ship D, steered by Captain S, moves west for 10m, then turns left and moves 4m, finally turning right and moving 6m to its final position. V. Ship E, steered by Captain T, starts moving north for 8m, then turns right and moves 10m, finally turning right again and moving 5m to its final position.

Which of the following statements is true?

- A) P is in north-east of Q.
- B) Shortest distance between P and R is 19m.
- C) T is in north-east of Q.
- D) Ship E covered 33m total distance.
- E) All are true

Correct Answer: T is in north-east of Q.

Explanation:**Concept & Direction Sense**

Evaluate each statement by determining the final coordinates of the relevant ships relative to

the starting point (0,0). North is positive y-axis, East is positive x-axis.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Map Q (Ship B):** East 12m (12, 0), right (south) 7m (12, -7), right (west) 3m (9, -7).
Position Q = (9, -7).
- **Map T (Ship E):** North 8m (0, 8), right (east) 10m (10, 8), right (south) 5m (10, 3).
Position T = (10, 3).
- **Check statement (c):** Compare T to Q. T's x-coordinate (10) is greater than Q's (9), meaning it is further East. T's y-coordinate (3) is greater than Q's (-7), meaning it is further North. Thus, T is North-East of Q. This statement is true.
- Let's briefly verify others: P is (-8, 15), so it is North-West of Q, not North-East.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When checking multiple statements, start by evaluating the directional ones (like options a and c) before calculating complex shortest distances, as directional checks are often faster to deduce mentally.

Common Pitfall

Drawing the diagram inaccurately without paying attention to the relative lengths of the segments, leading to wrong visual conclusions about relative positions.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **T is in north-east of Q.**

Q39. Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Five ships (A, B, C, D, and E) are moored at Dock M, and their captains (P, Q, R, S, and T) are steering their respective ships. Each ship starts from the dock, moves in a specific direction, and covers a certain distance before reaching its final position which is named as ship's captain's name.

Movements of the ships: I. Ship A, steered by Captain P, starts moving north and covers 5m, then turns left and moves 8m, finally turning right and moving 10m to reach its final position. II. Ship B, steered by Captain Q, moves east for 12m, then turns right and moves 7m, finally turning right again and moving 3m to its final position. III. Ship C, steered by Captain R, starts by moving south for 6m, then turns right and moves 5m, then turns left and moves 9m to its final position. IV. Ship D, steered by Captain S, moves west for 10m, then turns left and moves 4m, finally turning right and moving 6m to its final position. V. Ship E, steered by Captain T, starts moving north for 8m, then turns right and moves 10m, finally turning right again and moving 5m to its final position.

What is the shortest distance between the initial and final position of ship B?

- A) 130 m
- B) $\sqrt{100}$ m
- C) 120 m
- D) $\sqrt{130}$ m
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: $\sqrt{130}$ m

Explanation:

Concept & Pythagorean Theorem

The shortest distance between two points on a 2D plane (initial and final position) is calculated using the distance formula or Pythagorean theorem: $\text{Distance} = \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Find initial position:** The starting dock is the origin (0, 0).
- **Find final position of Ship B (Q):** It moves east 12m to (12, 0), turns right (south) 7m to (12, -7), and turns right (west) 3m to (9, -7).
- **Calculate shortest distance:** The displacement in the x-direction is 9m (East) and in the y-direction is -7m (South).
- Using Pythagoras: $\text{Distance} = \sqrt{9^2 + (-7)^2} = \sqrt{81 + 49} = \sqrt{130} \text{ m}$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Break the movement into net horizontal and vertical components. Net East = 12 - 3 = 9. Net South = 7. The shortest distance is simply the hypotenuse of a right triangle with legs 9 and 7.

Common Pitfall

Simply adding the segments (12 + 7 + 3) instead of finding the straight-line displacement.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is $\sqrt{130} \text{ m}$.

Q40. Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions. There are two cars, Car 1 and Car 2, with 9 persons (A to I) traveling. One car has 5 persons, and other car has 4 persons. All of them are facing south as seated in each row of each car. Each car has three seats at the back and two seats at the front, such that one of the back seat in one car is vacant. Also, consecutively named persons are not sitting adjacent to each other (neither beside/front/back nor above/below). Car 2 is placed above the Car 1. The seats are arranged in two rows in each car, with the following seat numbers in each car as shown in the diagram:

A is seated in Car 1, either in seat 1a or 1b. No one is seated between B and E. No one is seated behind E. F is seated in Car 2 and in the same row with B. I is just diagonally above C. No one is to the left of G. D is not seated adjacent to I. The seat just behind C is not vacant. D is not seated in the middle of the row of seats.

Who among the following is seated in 1d?

- A) H
- B) D
- C) G
- D) No one
- E) F

Correct Answer: No one

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This is a complex constraint-satisfaction puzzle involving grid seating, directionality (facing South), and adjacency rules (no consecutively named persons are adjacent).

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Identify the Grid and Facing Direction:** Cars have a front row (2 seats: a, b) and a back row (3 seats: c, d, e). Facing south means the left of a person corresponds to the viewer's right.
2. **Place Car 2 Back Row:** B and E have no one between them, and F is in the same row as B. Since the front row only has 2 seats, B, E, and F must occupy the 3-seat back row of Car 2 (2c, 2d, 2e).
3. **Apply Adjacency Rule for B, E, F:** E and F are consecutive letters, so they cannot sit together. Thus, B must sit between them. The order is E-B-F or F-B-E. Since E has "no one behind E" (it is a back row seat), this holds perfectly.
4. **Place C, A, and I:** "The seat just behind C is not vacant" means C is in a front row. A is in 1a or 1b. Thus, A and C occupy 1a and 1b. I is "diagonally above C". If C were in 1a, I would be in 2b, leaving 2a for H. But H and I are consecutive and cannot be adjacent. Therefore, C must be in 1b, A is in 1a, and I is diagonally above C in 2a.
5. **Place G:** "No one is to the left of G". Facing south, this means G is at the extreme right of the viewer (the 'b' or 'e' column). With 1b (C) and 2e (E or F) taken, and knowing I is in 2a, G must be in 2b.
6. **Find the Vacant Seat:** Car 2 is full (F, B, E in back; I, G in front). The vacant seat is in Car 1's back row. C is in 1b, so 1e (behind C) is not vacant. D cannot be in the middle (1d). Thus, 1d is the vacant seat.
7. **Place D and H:** D cannot be adjacent to I(2a). If D is in 1c (below F), he is not adjacent to I. H takes the last seat 1e. This means E must be in 2e (above H, OK) and F must be in 2c (above D, OK) to satisfy consecutive letter rules.
8. **Conclusion:** The seat 1d is the vacant seat.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Focus on the most restrictive clues first. The 3-person cluster (B, E, F) immediately fills Car 2's back row. Realizing that E and F are consecutive immediately forces B into the middle seat (2d). Tracking the "vacant seat" logic alongside "D is not in the middle" quickly isolates 1d as the empty space without even finishing the entire grid.

Common Pitfall

Forgetting that the passengers are facing **South**. This reverses their left and right relative to the viewer. If you incorrectly place G on the viewer's left, the entire seating arrangement collapses.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **No one**.

Q41. Directions: Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions. There are two cars, Car 1 and Car 2, with 9 persons (A to I) traveling. One car has 5 persons, and other car has 4 persons. All of them are facing south as seated in each row of each car. Each car has three seats at the back and two seats at the front, such that one of the back seat in one car is vacant. Also, consecutively named persons are not sitting adjacent to each other (neither beside/front/back nor above/below). Car 2 is placed above the Car 1. The seats are arranged in two rows in each car, with the following seat numbers in each car as shown in the diagram:

A is seated in Car 1, either in seat 1a or 1b. No one is seated between B and E. No one is seated behind E. F is seated in Car 2 and in the same row with B. I is just diagonally above C. No one is to the left of G. D is not seated adjacent to I. The seat just behind C is not

vacant. D is not seated in the middle of the row of seats.

Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and thus form a group, then who among the following doesn't belong to that group?

- A) F
- B) B
- C) C
- D) E
- E) G

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This question asks for the "odd one out" based on the established spatial seating arrangement of the 9 individuals across the two cars. We must look for patterns regarding row placement, facing direction, or corner/middle positioning.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Recall the Completed Seating Arrangement:

- **Car 2:** F(2c), B(2d), E(2e) in the back row; I(2a), G(2b) in the front row.
- **Car 1:** D(1c), Vacant(1d), H(1e) in the back row; A(1a), C(1b) in the front row.

2. Analyze the Given Options:

- **F** is in seat 2c, which is at the extreme end of the row.
- **B** is in seat 2d, which is exactly in the middle of the back row.
- **C** is in seat 1b, which is at the extreme end of the front row.
- **E** is in seat 2e, which is at the extreme end of the back row.
- **G** is in seat 2b, which is at the extreme end of the front row.

3. Identify the Pattern:

Four of the individuals (F, C, E, G) are seated at the extreme ends (corners) of their respective rows. Person B is the only one seated in a middle seat.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

In seating arrangement odd-one-out questions, the grouping logic is almost always based on physical position: corner seats vs. middle seats, facing directions (not applicable here as all face south), or front vs. back rows. Spotting that B is the only middle-seat occupant instantly yields the answer without needing further analysis.

Common Pitfall

Misplacing the initial arrangement. If you incorrectly solved the main puzzle (e.g., placing F in the middle seat 2d), you will likely select the wrong odd-one-out. Always verify your initial diagram against all constraints.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **B**.

Q42. Directions: Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions accordingly.

Eighteen students are divided into six different groups viz., Red, Violet, Brown, Orange, Purple and Olive. They are sitting in a linear row and facing north direction. Each group

consists of three students. A, B, C, D, E and F are captains of their groups. The distance between any two adjacent groups is equal. Other group members are G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q and R.

G, C and P belong to Violet group. Two groups are sitting between Brown and Purple groups. Neither Brown nor Purple group sits at either end. Orange group sits between Brown and Violet groups. Red group is third to the left of Olive group. A and D belong to Olive and Orange group, respectively. D sits to the left of C. Nine members are sitting between B and E, who belongs to Purple group. F is captain of O and M. K and I belong to the same group, but neither Orange nor Purple group. H and L belong to the group that is to the left of D. R is not a member of Purple group. J and E do not belong to the same group. B doesn't belong to Brown group.

How many students are seated to the right of group member O?

- A) Three
- B) Six
- C) Nine
- D) None
- E) More than nine

Correct Answer: More than nine

Explanation:

Concept & Linear Arrangement

This is a complex linear arrangement problem combined with group classification. The key is to first determine the sequence of the six groups from left to right using positional constraints, and then deduce the specific members within each group.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Group Positions:

- Let the positions be 1 to 6 from left to right.
- Brown and Purple are separated by two groups and neither is at an end, so they must occupy positions 2 and 5.
- Red is third to the left of Olive. The only available pair with a distance of 3 (excluding 2 and 5) is 1 and 4. Thus, Red is at 1 and Olive is at 4.
- Positions 3 and 6 remain. Orange is between Brown and Violet. If Violet is at 1, it conflicts with Red. Thus, Violet is at 6, Orange is at 3, and Brown must be at 2 to be adjacent to Orange. Consequently, Purple is at 5.

- **Group Sequence:** 1-Red, 2-Brown, 3-Orange, 4-Olive, 5-Purple, 6-Violet.

- Assigning Members:

- Violet(6) = {C, G, P}.
- 9 members (3 groups) sit between B and E(Purple, 5). So B is at 1 (Red). Red(1) = {B, ?, ?}.
- Orange(3) = {D, ?, ?}. Olive(4) = {A, ?, ?}.
- Captain F has O and M. The only available empty group for a captain is Brown(2). Brown(2) = {F, O, M}.
- H and L are left of D(Orange). They must be in Red(1). Red(1) = {B, H, L}.

- K and I are together, not in Orange/Purple. They must fit in Olive(4). Olive(4) = {A, K, I}.
- Remaining: J, N, Q, R. R is not in Purple, so R is in Orange. J is not with E(Purple), so J is in Orange. Orange(3) = {D, J, R}.
- Purple(5) = {E, N, Q}.

- Answering the Question:

- Member O is in the Brown group at Position 2.
- The groups to the right are Orange, Olive, Purple, and Violet (Positions 3, 4, 5, 6).
- These 4 groups consist of $4 \times 3 = 12$ students.
- Regardless of O's internal position in group 2, there are at least 12 students to the right, which is more than nine.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always separate macro-arrangements (group order) from micro-arrangements (group members). Once you place Brown at position 2, you immediately know 4 full groups (12 people) sit to its right, instantly making "More than nine" the correct answer without needing to find every single member.

Common Pitfall

Assuming "between" means exactly in the middle rather than forming a continuous block, or misinterpreting "Nine members" as 9 groups rather than 3 groups ($9 \div 3 = 3$ groups).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **More than nine**.

Q43. Directions: Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions accordingly.

Eighteen students are divided into six different groups viz., Red, Violet, Brown, Orange, Purple and Olive. They are sitting in a linear row and facing north direction. Each group consists of three students. A, B, C, D, E and F are captains of their groups. The distance between any two adjacent groups is equal. Other group members are G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q and R.

G, C and P belong to Violet group. Two groups are sitting between Brown and Purple groups. Neither Brown nor Purple group sits at either end. Orange group sits between Brown and Violet groups. Red group is third to the left of Olive group. A and D belong to Olive and Orange group, respectively. D sits to the left of C. Nine members are sitting between B and E, who belongs to Purple group. F is captain of O and M. K and I belong to the same group, but neither Orange nor Purple group. H and L belong to the group that is to the left of D. R is not a member of Purple group. J and E do not belong to the same group. B doesn't belong to Brown group.

B and H belong to the _____

- A) Brown group
- B) Red group
- C) Purple and Red groups respectively
- D) Olive and Brown groups respectively
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: Red group

Explanation:**Concept & Linear Arrangement**

This is a complex linear arrangement problem combined with group classification. The key is to map out the positions of the groups first and then deduce the members using elimination.

Step-by-Step Solution**- Group Positions:**

- Let the positions be 1 to 6 from left to right.
- Brown and Purple are separated by two groups and neither is at an end, so they must occupy positions 2 and 5.
- Red is third to the left of Olive. The only available pair with a distance of 3 (excluding 2 and 5) is 1 and 4. Thus, Red is at 1 and Olive is at 4.
- Positions 3 and 6 remain. Orange is between Brown and Violet. This requires Violet to be at 6, Orange at 3, and Brown at 2. Consequently, Purple is at 5.
- **Group Sequence:** 1-Red, 2-Brown, 3-Orange, 4-Olive, 5-Purple, 6-Violet.

- Assigning Members:

- Violet(6) = {C, G, P}.
- 9 members (3 groups) sit between B and E(Purple, 5). So B is at 1 (Red). Red(1) = {B, ?, ?}.
- Orange(3) = {D, ?, ?}. Olive(4) = {A, ?, ?}.
- Captain F has O and M. The only available empty group for a captain is Brown(2). Brown(2) = {F, O, M}.
- H and L are left of D(Orange). They must be in Red(1). Red(1) = {B, H, L}.
- K and I are together, not in Orange/Purple. They fit in Olive(4). Olive(4) = {A, K, I}.
- Remaining: J, N, Q, R. R is not in Purple, so R is in Orange. J is not with E(Purple), so J is in Orange. Orange(3) = {D, J, R}.
- Purple(5) = {E, N, Q}.

- Answering the Question:

- Based on our deduction, the Red group at Position 1 consists of members B, H, and L.
- Therefore, both B and H belong to the Red group.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

By strategically tracking left/right constraints, you can identify that "H and L belong to the group to the left of D". Since D is in Orange (Position 3), the groups to the left are Brown (Position 2) and Red (Position 1). With Brown occupied by {F, O, M}, H and L must default to Red alongside B.

Common Pitfall

Failing to cross-reference positional clues (like "left of D") with group capacity. Every group has exactly 3 members, which heavily restricts where floating members can be placed.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Red group**.

Q44. Directions: Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions accordingly.

Eighteen students are divided into six different groups viz., Red, Violet, Brown, Orange, Purple and Olive. They are sitting in a linear row and facing north direction. Each group consists of three students. A, B, C, D, E and F are captains of their groups. The distance

between any two adjacent groups is equal. Other group members are G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q and R.

G, C and P belong to Violet group. Two groups are sitting between Brown and Purple groups. Neither Brown nor Purple group sits at either end. Orange group sits between Brown and Violet groups. Red group is third to the left of Olive group. A and D belong to Olive and Orange group, respectively. D sits to the left of C. Nine members are sitting between B and E, who belongs to Purple group. F is captain of O and M. K and I belong to the same group, but neither Orange nor Purple group. H and L belong to the group that is to the left of D. R is not a member of Purple group. J and E do not belong to the same group. B doesn't belong to Brown group.

Which among the following options is the odd from the rest?

- A) K and I are in Olive group
- B) O and M are in Brown group
- C) J and N are in Orange group
- D) E and Q are in Purple group
- E) B and L are in Red group

Correct Answer: J and N are in Orange group

Explanation:

Concept & Linear Arrangement

To identify the odd statement, we must fully reconstruct the linear group arrangement and map every single member to their respective 3-person group using the provided logical constraints.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Group Positions:

- Let the positions be 1 to 6 from left to right.
- Brown and Purple are separated by two groups and neither is at an end, so they must occupy positions 2 and 5.
- Red is third to the left of Olive. The only available pair with a distance of 3 (excluding 2 and 5) is 1 and 4. Thus, Red is at 1 and Olive is at 4.
- Positions 3 and 6 remain. Orange is between Brown and Violet. This requires Violet to be at 6, Orange at 3, and Brown at 2. Consequently, Purple is at 5.
- **Group Sequence:** 1-Red, 2-Brown, 3-Orange, 4-Olive, 5-Purple, 6-Violet.

- Assigning Members:

- Violet(6) = {C, G, P}.
- 9 members (3 groups) sit between B and E(Purple, 5). So B is at 1 (Red). Red(1) = {B, ?, ?}.
- Orange(3) = {D, ?, ?}. Olive(4) = {A, ?, ?}.
- Captain F has O and M. The only available empty group for a captain is Brown(2). Brown(2) = {F, O, M}.
- H and L are left of D(Orange). They must be in Red(1). Red(1) = {B, H, L}.
- K and I are together, not in Orange/Purple. They fit in Olive(4). Olive(4) = {A, K, I}.
- Remaining: J, N, Q, R. R is not in Purple, so R is in Orange. J is not with E(Purple),

so J is in Orange. Orange(3) = {D, J, R}.

- Purple(5) = {E, N, Q}.

- Answering the Question:

- Evaluating the options based on our final arrangement:

- (a) K and I are in Olive group: True.

- (b) O and M are in Brown group: True.

- (c) J and N are in Orange group: False. J is in Orange, but N is in Purple.

- (d) E and Q are in Purple group: True.

- (e) B and L are in Red group: True.

- Since (c) is the only incorrect statement, it is the odd one out.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

"Odd one out" questions in arrangement puzzles almost always feature four completely true statements and one false statement (or vice versa). Verify each option systematically against your fully completed grid. If you find a contradiction early, quickly double-check that specific member's constraints to save time.

Common Pitfall

Guessing the odd one out based on superficial patterns (like vowel/consonant pairings) rather than strictly adhering to the logical deductions derived from the passage.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **J and N are in Orange group**.

Q45. Directions: Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions accordingly.

Eighteen students are divided into six different groups viz., Red, Violet, Brown, Orange, Purple and Olive. They are sitting in a linear row and facing north direction. Each group consists of three students. A, B, C, D, E and F are captains of their groups. The distance between any two adjacent groups is equal. Other group members are G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q and R.

G, C and P belong to Violet group. Two groups are sitting between Brown and Purple groups. Neither Brown nor Purple group sits at either end. Orange group sits between Brown and Violet groups. Red group is third to the left of Olive group. A and D belong to Olive and Orange group, respectively. D sits to the left of C. Nine members are sitting between B and E, who belongs to Purple group. F is captain of O and M. K and I belong to the same group, but neither Orange nor Purple group. H and L belong to the group that is to the left of D. R is not a member of Purple group. J and E do not belong to the same group. B doesn't belong to Brown group.

Which of the following group/groups is/are seated between Red group and Violet group?

A) Both Brown and Purple groups

B) Olive group

C) Orange group

D) None

E) All three (a), (b), and (c)

Correct Answer: All three (a), (b), and (c)

Explanation:**Concept & Linear Arrangement**

This problem evaluates your ability to determine the sequence of independent entities (groups) positioned in a linear row using absolute and relative clues.

Step-by-Step Solution**- Group Positions:**

- Let the positions be 1 to 6 from left to right.
- Brown and Purple are separated by two groups and neither is at an end, so they must occupy positions 2 and 5.
- Red is third to the left of Olive. The only available pair with a distance of 3 (excluding 2 and 5) is 1 and 4. Thus, Red is at 1 and Olive is at 4.
- Positions 3 and 6 remain. Orange is between Brown and Violet. If Violet is at 1, it conflicts with Red. Thus, Violet is at 6, Orange is at 3, and Brown must be at 2 to be adjacent to Orange. Consequently, Purple is at 5.
- **Group Sequence Deducted:** 1 - Red 2 - Brown 3 - Orange 4 - Olive 5 - Purple 6 - Violet

- Answering the Question:

- The Red group is located at Position 1 (the extreme left).
- The Violet group is located at Position 6 (the extreme right).
- The groups situated between them occupy positions 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- These correspond to the Brown, Orange, Olive, and Purple groups respectively.
- Therefore, all the groups listed in options (a), (b), and (c) are seated between the Red and Violet groups.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Notice that Red is placed at Position 1 and Violet is placed at Position 6. By definition, every other group in the arrangement (Brown, Orange, Olive, Purple) must lie between the two extremes. This makes the "All three" option the only logical conclusion once the extremes are confirmed.

Common Pitfall

Confusing "between" with "exactly adjacent". In standard logical reasoning puzzles, asking what is "between" two boundary endpoints includes everything inside that range unless "immediately between" is specified.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **All three (a), (b), and (c).**

Q46. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Japan is at the forefront of a demographic shift that is reshaping societies worldwide. With one of the most rapidly ageing populations globally, it faces unique challenges and opportunities in maintaining economic vitality and social stability. The Japanese government has developed a multifaceted approach to address these issues, encompassing healthcare, labor market reforms, and community-based initiatives.

As of recent estimates, over 29% of Japan's population is aged 65 or older, making it the world's oldest society. The country's low fertility rate and high life expectancy contribute to this demographic phenomenon. While increased longevity is a testament to advancements in healthcare and living standards, the shrinking working-age population poses economic challenges. Dependency ratios are rising, with fewer workers supporting a growing number of retirees. Healthcare is a cornerstone of Japan's ageing population strategy. The country

operates a universal healthcare system that provides affordable and high-quality medical services. However, the growing number of elderly individuals has strained resources. To address this, the government has introduced policies to shift focus from hospital-based care to community-based care. This model emphasizes home healthcare services, enabling older individuals to receive medical attention and support in familiar surroundings.

Technological innovation plays a significant role in improving elderly care. Japan has been a pioneer in developing and deploying robotic assistants for caregiving. Robots equipped with artificial intelligence (AI) help with tasks such as lifting patients, providing companionship, and monitoring health conditions. These advancements not only alleviate caregiver burdens but also ensure the elderly can maintain a degree of independence.

The ageing population has also prompted Japan to rethink its labor policies. To mitigate the economic impact of a shrinking workforce, the government is encouraging older individuals to remain employed longer. In 2021, Japan raised the mandatory retirement age for public servants to 65, with further plans to allow workers to continue until 70. Many private companies have followed suit, creating flexible work arrangements to accommodate senior employees. Additionally, the government is actively promoting women's participation in the workforce, addressing a long-standing gender gap. By enhancing access to childcare and promoting equal pay initiatives, Japan aims to unlock the potential of its underutilized human resources. Efforts are also underway to attract foreign workers, albeit at a cautious pace, given Japan's historically conservative approach to immigration. Policies such as the Specified Skilled Worker visa program aim to fill labor shortages in key sectors like healthcare and construction. Japan's pension system faces sustainability challenges due to the increasing ratio of retirees to active contributors. To ensure its viability, the government has implemented several reforms, including raising the pension eligibility age and encouraging private retirement savings. Additionally, public awareness campaigns emphasize the importance of financial planning for old age.

Recognizing the importance of social inclusion, Japan has also invested in community-building initiatives to combat the isolation often experienced by the elderly. Programs such as "Silver Human Resource Centers" offer older individuals opportunities to engage in part-time work or volunteer activities, fostering a sense of purpose and community. Intergenerational programs that bring together youth and seniors are also gaining popularity, promoting mutual understanding and support.

Japan has embraced smart city concepts to cater to an ageing society. Urban planning now incorporates features like barrier-free public spaces, accessible transportation systems, and community hubs for elderly residents. Technology-driven solutions such as health monitoring apps and remote consultations have become widespread, ensuring older individuals can easily access healthcare and support services. Despite these efforts, challenges remain. The cost of maintaining an ageing society is immense, and Japan's public debt is among the highest globally. Balancing the needs of the elderly with those of younger generations requires careful policy-making and equitable resource allocation. Furthermore, cultural attitudes towards immigration and gender roles must evolve to fully address labor shortages. Japan's proactive approach to its ageing population provides valuable lessons for other nations facing similar demographic trends. By investing in healthcare, technology, and inclusive policies, Japan demonstrates how an ageing society can adapt and thrive. While challenges persist, the resilience and innovation embedded in Japan's administrative strategies offer hope for a balanced and sustainable future.

This comprehensive approach positions Japan not only to manage its demographic challenges but also to serve as a global leader in addressing the complexities of an ageing world.

What can be inferred as the primary reason for Japan's ageing population challenges?

- A) High rates of immigration
- B) Decreasing fertility rates combined with increasing life expectancy
- C) Lack of technological innovation in healthcare
- D) Overdependence on foreign workers
- E) Declining investments in urban planning

Correct Answer: Decreasing fertility rates combined with increasing life expectancy

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Reading Comprehension requires direct textual evidence or logical inference derived entirely from the provided passage. The key is to locate the exact sentence discussing the root causes of the demographic shift.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** The question asks for the primary reason behind Japan's ageing population challenges.
2. **Scan the Passage for Keywords:** Look for terms like "primary reason", "causes", "contribute to", or "demographic phenomenon".
3. **Locate Evidence:** In the second paragraph, the text explicitly states: "The country's low fertility rate and high life expectancy contribute to this demographic phenomenon."
4. **Evaluate Options:**
 - Option A (High rates of immigration) is incorrect; the passage notes a historically conservative approach to immigration.
 - Option B directly matches the textual evidence provided.
 - Options C, D, and E either contradict the passage or address secondary effects/unrelated topics rather than root causes.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For specific detail questions, do not rely on outside knowledge. Use the "Keyword Scanning" technique: identify the core nouns in the question stem (e.g., "reason", "ageing population") and scan the first few paragraphs where background context is typically established.

Common Pitfall

Students often select an answer that describes a consequence rather than a cause (e.g., labor shortages). Always distinguish between the cause (fertility/life expectancy) and the effect (shrinking workforce).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Decreasing fertility rates combined with increasing life expectancy**.

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Why is Japan encouraging community-based healthcare instead of hospital-based care for the elderly?

- A) To reduce healthcare costs and resource strain
- B) To increase hospital revenue
- C) To eliminate dependency on robotic caregivers
- D) To privatize healthcare services
- E) To introduce stricter healthcare policies

Correct Answer: To reduce healthcare costs and resource strain

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Reading comprehension requires pinpointing the cause-and-effect relationship established directly in the text. Look for transition words like "However" and "To address this" which usually introduce problems and their respective solutions.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** We need the specific reason for shifting from hospital-based to community-based care.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Look for "community-based care" and "hospital-based care" in the text.
3. **Locate Evidence:** In the second paragraph, the author writes: "However, the growing number of elderly individuals has strained resources. To address this, the government has introduced policies to shift focus from hospital-based care to community-based care."
4. **Evaluate Options:**
 - The text explicitly states that the shift is a response to "strained resources" caused by the growing elderly population.
 - Option A (To reduce healthcare costs and resource strain) is a direct paraphrase of "strained resources".
 - The other options are either not mentioned (revenue, privatization, stricter policies) or blatantly contradict the passage's praise for technological caregiving.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Whenever a question asks "Why did X do Y?", locate action Y in the passage and read the sentence immediately preceding it. The justification almost always precedes the policy shift.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is reading too much into surrounding paragraphs (like the robotic caregivers mentioned later) and assuming they are the main reason for policy shifts, rather than sticking to the direct textual link.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **To reduce healthcare costs and resource strain.**

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What is a plausible reason for Japan promoting the participation of older individuals in the workforce?

- A) To maintain traditional labor practices
- B) To offset the economic impact of a shrinking workforce
- C) To discourage younger workers from emigrating
- D) To attract more foreign investments in technology
- E) To align with global retirement age trends

Correct Answer: To offset the economic impact of a shrinking workforce

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

In analytical reading, when a government enacts a policy, the passage typically states the exact socioeconomic motivation for that policy. Scanning for the policy in question will immediately reveal the stated intent.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** Identify the reason why Japan is keeping older individuals in the workforce.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Look for phrases like "older individuals in the workforce", "remain employed", or "retirement age".
3. **Locate Evidence:** Paragraph 4 explicitly states: "To mitigate the economic impact of a shrinking workforce, the government is encouraging older individuals to remain employed longer."
4. **Evaluate Options:**
 - Option A contradicts the text, as changing retirement ages is a reform, not maintaining a tradition.
 - Option B ("To offset the economic impact of a shrinking workforce") is a direct paraphrase of "To mitigate the economic impact of a shrinking workforce".
 - Options C, D, and E are fabricated reasons not found anywhere in the text regarding this specific policy.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use "synonym matching" between the options and the passage text. The word "mitigate" means to reduce or offset. Finding that exact synonym link confirms the correct answer in seconds.

Common Pitfall

Test-takers sometimes choose answers that sound logically plausible in the real world (like aligning with global trends) instead of strictly adhering to the reasons provided in the passage.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **To offset the economic impact of a shrinking workforce.**

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Which policy reflects Japan's cautious approach to immigration?

- A) Raising the retirement age to 70
- B) Promoting gender equality in the workforce
- C) The introduction of the Specified Skilled Worker visa program
- D) Launching universal healthcare
- E) Creating intergenerational programs

Correct Answer: The introduction of the Specified Skilled Worker visa program

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Answering this question requires matching a specific government policy mentioned in the text to its corresponding socio-political stance—in this case, Japan's conservative stance on immigration.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** We must identify which specific program or policy is cited as an example of Japan managing its labor shortage through immigration cautiously.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Look for keywords like "immigration", "cautious", or "foreign workers".
3. **Locate Evidence:** Paragraph 4 discusses this directly: "Efforts are also underway to attract foreign workers, albeit at a cautious pace, given Japan's historically conservative approach to immigration. Policies such as the Specified Skilled Worker visa program aim to fill labor shortages in key sectors..."
4. **Evaluate Options:**

- Options A and B are internal labor policies (retirement age and gender equality).
- Option C exactly matches the policy named in conjunction with immigration efforts.
- Options D and E relate to healthcare and community building, not immigration.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Identify the sentence containing the core keyword ("immigration"), then read the very next sentence. The example providing the exact policy name will usually immediately follow the conceptual claim.

Common Pitfall

A student might rush and select an option that solves a labor shortage (like promoting gender equality) without ensuring it specifically answers the prompt about *immigration*.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **The introduction of the Specified Skilled Worker visa program.**

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Why is technology significant in Japan's elderly care reforms?

- A) It helps reduce hospital construction costs
- B) It replaces the need for community-based programs
- C) It aids caregivers and supports elderly independence
- D) It focuses solely on financial planning for retirees
- E) It eliminates the need for intergenerational initiatives

Correct Answer: It aids caregivers and supports elderly independence

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Reading Comprehension involves retrieving specific facts stated in the text. When queried about the significance of a specific topic (like technology), locate the paragraph dedicated to that subject and extract the direct benefits mentioned.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** We need to find the stated reason for technology's significance in elderly care.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Locate the paragraph starting with "Technological innovation plays a significant role in improving elderly care."

3. **Locate Evidence:** The text explicitly states: "These advancements not only alleviate caregiver burdens but also ensure the elderly can maintain a degree of independence."

4. **Evaluate Options:**

- Option A is not mentioned in relation to technology.
- Option B contradicts the text, which champions community-based programs.
- Option C ("It aids caregivers and supports elderly independence") perfectly paraphrases the text's statement about alleviating burdens and ensuring independence.
- Options D and E discuss unrelated concepts (financial planning and intergenerational initiatives).

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Whenever a question asks "Why is X significant/important?", immediately look for the topic sentence mentioning X. The direct answer is almost always located in the concluding sentence of that same paragraph.

Common Pitfall

Avoid choosing answers that link two true but unrelated facts from the passage. Always stick to the specific cause-and-effect relationship established by the author.

Final Answer

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What inference can be made about Japan's pension reforms?

- A) They aim to completely eliminate public pensions.
- B) They are intended to reduce taxes for retirees.
- C) They encourage individuals to rely more on personal savings.
- D) They aim to increase benefits for the elderly.
- E) They replace the need for financial planning.

Correct Answer: They encourage individuals to rely more on personal savings.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Inference questions require deducing logical consequences from explicit statements. Read the exact measures implemented by the government and determine what underlying behavior they are trying to promote.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** We must draw an inference regarding the nature of Japan's pension reforms.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Locate the discussion of the "pension system" in paragraph 4.
3. **Locate Evidence:** "To ensure its viability, the government has implemented several reforms, including raising the pension eligibility age and encouraging private retirement savings. Additionally, public awareness campaigns emphasize the importance of financial planning for old age."
4. **Evaluate Options:**
 - Option A is an extreme exaggeration; the system is being reformed, not eliminated.
 - Option B is not mentioned.
 - Option C ("They encourage individuals to rely more on personal savings") is a direct, logical inference from the government "encouraging private retirement savings" and emphasizing "financial planning for old age".
 - Option D contradicts the fact that the system faces sustainability challenges (benefits are likely being managed, not universally increased).
 - Option E contradicts the text, which explicitly states financial planning is emphasized.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Whenever an author lists "encouraging private retirement savings" alongside "raising eligibility age," the logical deduction is a shift of responsibility from the state to the individual. Option C captures this sentiment perfectly.

Common Pitfall

Do not select extreme answers containing words like "completely eliminate" or "replace" unless those absolute terms are supported by the passage.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **They encourage individuals to rely more on personal savings.**

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Why has Japan invested in intergenerational programs?

- A)** To combat isolation among the elderly and promote mutual understanding
- B)** To encourage older people to mentor younger workers
- C)** To reduce the dependency on immigration policies

D) To ensure equal employment opportunities for all age groups

E) To train the elderly for technology-based jobs

Correct Answer: To combat isolation among the elderly and promote mutual understanding

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

When asked about the intent behind a specific initiative, locate the explicit textual evidence directly preceding or following the mention of the program.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** We must identify the purpose of Japan's "intergenerational programs."
2. **Scan the Passage:** Scan for the keyword "intergenerational programs". It appears in paragraph 5.
3. **Locate Evidence:** The text states: "Recognizing the importance of social inclusion, Japan has also invested in community-building initiatives to combat the isolation often experienced by the elderly... Intergenerational programs that bring together youth and seniors are also gaining popularity, promoting mutual understanding and support."
4. **Evaluate Options:**
 - Option A precisely combines the overarching goal of the paragraph ("combat isolation") with the direct result of the specific programs ("promoting mutual understanding").
 - Options B, C, D, and E sound like plausible real-world initiatives but are not the reasons provided in the passage for this specific program.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always look at the umbrella topic of the paragraph. Paragraph 5 opens with "combat the isolation". Any specific program mentioned within that paragraph serves that overarching goal. Match this goal with the exact phrasing in the options.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is reading too much into an answer option (like mentoring younger workers) just because it seems like a logical assumption. Stick strictly to what is explicitly written in the passage.

Final Answer

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What does the term "Silver Human Resource Centers" imply about Japan's approach to its ageing population?

- A) Japan focuses only on full-time jobs for the elderly.
- B) The elderly are encouraged to engage in community work or part-time employment.
- C) It signifies Japan's plan to reduce public spending on senior citizens.
- D) The government prioritizes pension reform over employment.
- E) These centers are intended to replace retirement homes.

Correct Answer: The elderly are encouraged to engage in community work or part-time employment.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This is a detail-oriented question that asks you to interpret the function of a specific program introduced in the text. Find the exact sentence explaining the centers to identify their correct implication.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** We need to determine the implication of the "Silver Human Resource Centers".
2. **Scan the Passage:** The term is mentioned in paragraph 5.
3. **Locate Evidence:** The passage explicitly states: "Programs such as "Silver Human Resource Centers" offer older individuals opportunities to engage in part-time work or volunteer activities..."
4. **Evaluate Options:**
 - Option A is incorrect because the passage specifically mentions "part-time work", not "only full-time jobs".
 - Option B perfectly aligns with the text ("community work or part-time employment" matches "part-time work or volunteer activities").
 - Options C, D, and E are completely unsupported speculations not mentioned in relation to these centers.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Whenever a question introduces a specific proper noun or quoted phrase (e.g., "Silver Human Resource Centers"), simply locate it in the text. The sentence it lives in will contain the exact definition or purpose required to answer the question.

Common Pitfall

Avoid choosing answers that assume a hidden agenda (like reducing public spending) when the text offers a clear, straightforward definition of the program's goals (providing purpose and community).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **The elderly are encouraged to engage in community work or part-time employment.**

Q54. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Japan is at the forefront of a demographic shift that is reshaping societies worldwide. With

one of the most rapidly ageing populations globally, it faces unique challenges and opportunities in maintaining economic vitality and social stability. The Japanese government has developed a multifaceted approach to address these issues, encompassing healthcare, labor market reforms, and community-based initiatives.

As of recent estimates, over 29% of Japan's population is aged 65 or older, making it the world's oldest society. The country's low fertility rate and high life expectancy contribute to this demographic phenomenon. While increased longevity is a testament to advancements in healthcare and living standards, the shrinking working-age population poses economic challenges. Dependency ratios are rising, with fewer workers supporting a growing number of retirees. Healthcare is a cornerstone of Japan's ageing population strategy. The country operates a universal healthcare system that provides affordable and high-quality medical services. However, the growing number of elderly individuals has strained resources. To address this, the government has introduced policies to shift focus from hospital-based care to community-based care. This model emphasizes home healthcare services, enabling older individuals to receive medical attention and support in familiar surroundings.

Technological innovation plays a significant role in improving elderly care. Japan has been a pioneer in developing and deploying robotic assistants for caregiving. Robots equipped with artificial intelligence (AI) help with tasks such as lifting patients, providing companionship, and monitoring health conditions. These advancements not only alleviate caregiver burdens but also ensure the elderly can maintain a degree of independence.

The ageing population has also prompted Japan to rethink its labor policies. To mitigate the economic impact of a shrinking workforce, the government is encouraging older individuals to remain employed longer. In 2021, Japan raised the mandatory retirement age for public servants to 65, with further plans to allow workers to continue until 70. Many private companies have followed suit, creating flexible work arrangements to accommodate senior employees. Additionally, the government is actively promoting women's participation in the workforce, addressing a long-standing gender gap. By enhancing access to childcare and promoting equal pay initiatives, Japan aims to unlock the potential of its underutilized human resources. Efforts are also underway to attract foreign workers, albeit at a cautious pace, given Japan's historically conservative approach to immigration. Policies such as the Specified Skilled Worker visa program aim to fill labor shortages in key sectors like healthcare and construction. Japan's pension system faces sustainability challenges due to the increasing ratio of retirees to active contributors. To ensure its viability, the government has implemented several reforms, including raising the pension eligibility age and encouraging private retirement savings. Additionally, public awareness campaigns emphasize the importance of financial planning for old age.

Recognizing the importance of social inclusion, Japan has also invested in community-building initiatives to combat the isolation often experienced by the elderly. Programs such as "Silver Human Resource Centers" offer older individuals opportunities to engage in part-time work or volunteer activities, fostering a sense of purpose and community. Intergenerational programs that bring together youth and seniors are also gaining popularity, promoting mutual understanding and support.

Japan has embraced smart city concepts to cater to an ageing society. Urban planning now incorporates features like barrier-free public spaces, accessible transportation systems, and community hubs for elderly residents. Technology-driven solutions such as health monitoring apps and remote consultations have become widespread, ensuring older individuals can easily access healthcare and support services. Despite these efforts, challenges remain. The cost of maintaining an ageing society is immense, and Japan's public debt is among the highest globally. Balancing the needs of the elderly with those of younger generations

requires careful policy-making and equitable resource allocation. Furthermore, cultural attitudes towards immigration and gender roles must evolve to fully address labor shortages. Japan's proactive approach to its ageing population provides valuable lessons for other nations facing similar demographic trends. By investing in healthcare, technology, and inclusive policies, Japan demonstrates how an ageing society can adapt and thrive. While challenges persist, the resilience and innovation embedded in Japan's administrative strategies offer hope for a balanced and sustainable future.

This comprehensive approach positions Japan not only to manage its demographic challenges but also to serve as a global leader in addressing the complexities of an ageing world.

What challenge does Japan still face despite its proactive measures for the ageing population?

- A) Lack of technological advancements
- B) Insufficient public debt management
- C) Inadequate healthcare for the elderly
- D) Over-reliance on immigration policies
- E) Limited focus on gender equality

Correct Answer: Insufficient public debt management

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This question asks for an ongoing issue that persists despite the government's actions. Scan the concluding paragraphs where authors typically balance their discussion by introducing remaining obstacles.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** We need to identify a continuing challenge explicitly cited in the text, persisting despite all the positive steps mentioned earlier.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Locate the phrase "Despite these efforts, challenges remain" in the penultimate paragraph.
3. **Locate Evidence:** The next sentence states: "The cost of maintaining an ageing society is immense, and Japan's public debt is among the highest globally."
4. **Evaluate Options:**
 - Option A is false; the passage praises Japan as a "pioneer" in technology.
 - Option B directly aligns with the mention of "Japan's public debt is among the highest globally." High public debt signifies a challenge in debt management and economic cost.
 - Option C is false; Japan has universal, high-quality healthcare.
 - Option D is false; Japan takes a "cautious approach" to immigration, not an over-reliant one.
 - Option E is false; Japan is actively promoting women's participation.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use process of elimination based on the positive attributes listed throughout the passage. Since Japan is praised for tech, healthcare, and addressing gender equality, options A, C, and E can be immediately discarded.

Common Pitfall

A student might choose "Inadequate healthcare" because they recall the text mentioning "strained resources." However, the text says the system provides "high-quality medical services" and they adapted by moving to community care. The explicitly named *remaining* challenge is public debt.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Insufficient public debt management**.

Q55. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

The proliferation of online advertising for betting apps has significantly influenced young audiences, often with troubling implications. These advertisements, leveraging sophisticated digital marketing strategies, have become pervasive across social media, streaming platforms, and gaming apps. While the allure of these ads lies in their flashy visuals, promises of quick wealth, and celebrity endorsements, the effects on impressionable youth are multifaceted, raising concerns about their mental, social, and financial well-being. One of the most pronounced effects is the normalization of gambling behavior. Betting apps often frame gambling as a harmless or even glamorous pastime, obscuring its risks. Advertisements rarely emphasize the addictive nature of gambling or the potential for financial loss, leading young individuals to perceive it as a risk-free opportunity. This normalization can desensitize them to the broader societal and personal harms of gambling, fostering habits that may persist into adulthood.

Psychologically, these advertisements exploit cognitive biases like the "illusion of control" and the "gamblers' fallacy," wherein users believe their actions or luck can influence outcomes. For youth, who are still developing critical reasoning skills, such messages can be particularly compelling, increasing the likelihood of impulsive decision-making. Furthermore, the integration of gamified elements, such as streaks or rewards, mimics the mechanics of video games, making betting apps more appealing and addictive to younger audiences. Socially, the impact of betting app advertisements manifests in strained relationships and peer pressure. Youth may face pressure to participate in betting as it becomes normalized among their social groups. This can also lead to conflicts within families, especially when financial losses accumulate or academic performance declines due to preoccupation with gambling.

Financially, the consequences are severe. Youth often lack stable income sources and financial literacy, making them vulnerable to significant losses. Many are lured by promotions like free bets, only to find themselves caught in a cycle of chasing losses.

In the absence of stricter regulations on online advertising, these effects are likely to intensify. Policymakers and educators must address this issue by raising awareness, enforcing stricter advertising standards, and promoting responsible behavior to shield young minds from the predatory allure of betting app promotions.

Why are betting apps particularly appealing to youth, according to the passage?

- A) They offer guaranteed monetary returns.
- B) They replicate the mechanics of video games to increase engagement.
- C) They emphasize the importance of financial literacy.
- D) They are endorsed by family and educational institutions.
- E) They focus on long-term investment strategies.

Correct Answer: They replicate the mechanics of video games to increase engagement.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Reading Comprehension requires identifying explicit facts stated in the passage to support the premise of the question. Do not rely on outside knowledge.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** The question asks for the specific reason betting apps appeal to youth, as mentioned in the text.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Locate keywords like "appealing" and "youth" or "younger audiences."
3. **Locate the Evidence:** The third paragraph clearly states: "Furthermore, the integration of gamified elements, such as streaks or rewards, mimics the mechanics of video games, making betting apps more appealing and addictive to younger audiences."
4. **Evaluate Options:** Option (b) directly mirrors this explicit statement in the text.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always scan for keywords directly from the question prompt in the text. The word "appealing" appears exactly once in the passage, directly linked to "video games."

Common Pitfall

Choosing an answer that sounds logically plausible but is not explicitly stated in the text (like guaranteed returns, which the passage actively disputes).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **They replicate the mechanics of video games to increase engagement.**

Q56. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

The proliferation of online advertising for betting apps has significantly influenced young audiences, often with troubling implications. These advertisements, leveraging sophisticated digital marketing strategies, have become pervasive across social media, streaming platforms, and gaming apps. While the allure of these ads lies in their flashy visuals, promises of quick wealth, and celebrity endorsements, the effects on impressionable youth are multifaceted, raising concerns about their mental, social, and financial well-being. One of the most pronounced effects is the normalization of gambling behavior. Betting apps often frame gambling as a harmless or even glamorous pastime, obscuring its risks. Advertisements rarely emphasize the addictive nature of gambling or the potential for financial loss, leading young individuals to perceive it as a risk-free opportunity. This normalization can desensitize them to the broader societal and personal harms of gambling, fostering habits that may persist into adulthood.

Psychologically, these advertisements exploit cognitive biases like the "illusion of control" and the "gamblers' fallacy," wherein users believe their actions or luck can influence outcomes. For youth, who are still developing critical reasoning skills, such messages can be particularly compelling, increasing the likelihood of impulsive decision-making. Furthermore, the integration of gamified elements, such as streaks or rewards, mimics the mechanics of video games, making betting apps more appealing and addictive to younger audiences. Socially, the impact of betting app advertisements manifests in strained relationships and peer pressure. Youth may face pressure to participate in betting as it becomes normalized among their social groups. This can also lead to conflicts within families, especially when financial losses accumulate or academic performance declines due to preoccupation with

gambling.

Financially, the consequences are severe. Youth often lack stable income sources and financial literacy, making them vulnerable to significant losses. Many are lured by promotions like free bets, only to find themselves caught in a cycle of chasing losses.

In the absence of stricter regulations on online advertising, these effects are likely to intensify. Policymakers and educators must address this issue by raising awareness, enforcing stricter advertising standards, and promoting responsible behavior to shield young minds from the predatory allure of betting app promotions.

What inference can be drawn about the portrayal of gambling in online betting advertisements?

- A) It is presented as a serious financial activity requiring expertise.
- B) It emphasizes the addictive nature of gambling.
- C) It downplays risks and highlights gambling as a glamorous activity.
- D) It focuses on the social harms associated with gambling.
- E) It aims to discourage impulsive decision-making among users.

Correct Answer: It downplays risks and highlights gambling as a glamorous activity.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Inference questions require you to deduce a conclusion based on clues provided in the text. The correct option must align perfectly with the author's tone and statements.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** We need to infer how online betting advertisements portray gambling based on the passage.
2. **Locate the Evidence:** The second paragraph discusses how these advertisements present gambling. It states: "Betting apps often frame gambling as a harmless or even glamorous pastime, obscuring its risks."
3. **Evaluate the Options:**
 - Option (a) is incorrect; it is framed as a pastime, not a serious activity.
 - Option (b) is directly contradicted ("Advertisements rarely emphasize the addictive nature...").
 - Option (c) perfectly paraphrases the text ("obscuring its risks" = downplays risks; "glamorous pastime" = glamorous activity).
 - Options (d) and (e) are the opposite of what the ads do.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Match the core verbs and adjectives in the options to those in the passage. "Obscuring risks" and "glamorous" are direct semantic matches for Option (c).

Common Pitfall

Misreading the question and selecting what the *author* thinks about gambling, rather than how the *advertisements* portray it.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **It downplays risks and highlights gambling as a glamorous activity.**

Q57. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

The proliferation of online advertising for betting apps has significantly influenced young audiences, often with troubling implications. These advertisements, leveraging sophisticated digital marketing strategies, have become pervasive across social media, streaming platforms, and gaming apps. While the allure of these ads lies in their flashy visuals, promises of quick wealth, and celebrity endorsements, the effects on impressionable youth are multifaceted, raising concerns about their mental, social, and financial well-being. One of the most pronounced effects is the normalization of gambling behavior. Betting apps often frame gambling as a harmless or even glamorous pastime, obscuring its risks. Advertisements rarely emphasize the addictive nature of gambling or the potential for financial loss, leading young individuals to perceive it as a risk-free opportunity. This normalization can desensitize them to the broader societal and personal harms of gambling, fostering habits that may persist into adulthood.

Psychologically, these advertisements exploit cognitive biases like the "illusion of control" and the "gamblers' fallacy," wherein users believe their actions or luck can influence outcomes. For youth, who are still developing critical reasoning skills, such messages can be particularly compelling, increasing the likelihood of impulsive decision-making. Furthermore, the integration of gamified elements, such as streaks or rewards, mimics the mechanics of video games, making betting apps more appealing and addictive to younger audiences. Socially, the impact of betting app advertisements manifests in strained relationships and peer pressure. Youth may face pressure to participate in betting as it becomes normalized among their social groups. This can also lead to conflicts within families, especially when financial losses accumulate or academic performance declines due to preoccupation with gambling.

Financially, the consequences are severe. Youth often lack stable income sources and financial literacy, making them vulnerable to significant losses. Many are lured by promotions like free bets, only to find themselves caught in a cycle of chasing losses.

In the absence of stricter regulations on online advertising, these effects are likely to intensify. Policymakers and educators must address this issue by raising awareness, enforcing stricter advertising standards, and promoting responsible behavior to shield young minds from the predatory allure of betting app promotions.

What is the primary psychological tactic used by betting advertisements to attract youth?

- A) Promoting financial literacy and responsibility.
- B) Exploiting cognitive biases such as the "illusion of control."
- C) Highlighting long-term economic benefits.
- D) Encouraging teamwork and collaboration.
- E) Demonstrating the negative consequences of gambling.

Correct Answer: Exploiting cognitive biases such as the "illusion of control."

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Detail-oriented questions ask for specific data points clearly laid out in the text. Identify the categorical keyword (in this case, "psychological tactic") to zero in on the right paragraph.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** Look for the term "psychological tactic" or related concepts.

2. **Scan the Passage:** The third paragraph begins with the word "Psychologically", making it the obvious target.
3. **Extract Information:** The sentence reads, "Psychologically, these advertisements exploit cognitive biases like the "illusion of control" and the "gamblers' fallacy,"..."
4. **Match with Options:** Option (b) directly quotes this sentence. All other options are either not mentioned or contradict the passage (like promoting financial literacy, which youth lack).

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use paragraph structure to your advantage. The author explicitly divided the impacts into psychological, social, and financial categories. Go straight to the "Psychologically" paragraph to find the answer in the first sentence.

Common Pitfall

Overthinking and selecting an option that sounds like a general tactic but isn't specifically categorized as "psychological" by the author.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Exploiting cognitive biases such as the "illusion of control."**

Q58. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

The proliferation of online advertising for betting apps has significantly influenced young audiences, often with troubling implications. These advertisements, leveraging sophisticated digital marketing strategies, have become pervasive across social media, streaming platforms, and gaming apps. While the allure of these ads lies in their flashy visuals, promises of quick wealth, and celebrity endorsements, the effects on impressionable youth are multifaceted, raising concerns about their mental, social, and financial well-being. One of the most pronounced effects is the normalization of gambling behavior. Betting apps often frame gambling as a harmless or even glamorous pastime, obscuring its risks. Advertisements rarely emphasize the addictive nature of gambling or the potential for financial loss, leading young individuals to perceive it as a risk-free opportunity. This normalization can desensitize them to the broader societal and personal harms of gambling, fostering habits that may persist into adulthood.

Psychologically, these advertisements exploit cognitive biases like the "illusion of control" and the "gamblers' fallacy," wherein users believe their actions or luck can influence outcomes. For youth, who are still developing critical reasoning skills, such messages can be particularly compelling, increasing the likelihood of impulsive decision-making. Furthermore, the integration of gamified elements, such as streaks or rewards, mimics the mechanics of video games, making betting apps more appealing and addictive to younger audiences. Socially, the impact of betting app advertisements manifests in strained relationships and peer pressure. Youth may face pressure to participate in betting as it becomes normalized among their social groups. This can also lead to conflicts within families, especially when financial losses accumulate or academic performance declines due to preoccupation with gambling.

Financially, the consequences are severe. Youth often lack stable income sources and financial literacy, making them vulnerable to significant losses. Many are lured by promotions like free bets, only to find themselves caught in a cycle of chasing losses.

In the absence of stricter regulations on online advertising, these effects are likely to intensify. Policymakers and educators must address this issue by raising awareness, enforcing stricter advertising standards, and promoting responsible behavior to shield young

minds from the predatory allure of betting app promotions.

What social consequence is implied for youth who are influenced by betting app advertisements?

- A) Improved relationships with peers due to shared interests.
- B) Greater academic achievements due to logical thinking skills gained from gambling.
- C) Increased peer pressure and strained familial relationships.
- D) Enhanced understanding of economic principles.
- E) Development of leadership skills through betting platforms.

Correct Answer: Increased peer pressure and strained familial relationships.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

When a question asks for a consequence within a specific domain (like "social consequence"), navigate directly to the paragraph discussing that domain. The answer will be explicitly stated.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** The focus is on the "social consequence" of betting app influence on youth.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Look for the paragraph that deals with social impacts. The fourth paragraph begins with "Socially...".
3. **Extract Information:** The text states: "Socially, the impact of betting app advertisements manifests in strained relationships and peer pressure... This can also lead to conflicts within families".
4. **Evaluate Options:** Option (c) perfectly encapsulates both "strained familial relationships" (conflicts within families) and "increased peer pressure." The other options list positive outcomes which contradict the critical tone of the passage.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Eliminate options with a positive tone. The passage clearly outlines the "troubling implications" of betting ads. Options (a), (b), (d), and (e) present positive outcomes and can be immediately dismissed without deep reading.

Common Pitfall

Wasting time reading the entire passage again instead of using the structural signposts (like the word "Socially") provided by the author.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Increased peer pressure and strained familial relationships.**

Q59. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

The proliferation of online advertising for betting apps has significantly influenced young audiences, often with troubling implications. These advertisements, leveraging sophisticated digital marketing strategies, have become pervasive across social media, streaming platforms, and gaming apps. While the allure of these ads lies in their flashy visuals, promises of quick wealth, and celebrity endorsements, the effects on impressionable youth are multifaceted, raising concerns about their mental, social, and financial well-being.

One of the most pronounced effects is the normalization of gambling behavior. Betting apps often frame gambling as a harmless or even glamorous pastime, obscuring its risks. Advertisements rarely emphasize the addictive nature of gambling or the potential for financial loss, leading young individuals to perceive it as a risk-free opportunity. This normalization can desensitize them to the broader societal and personal harms of gambling, fostering habits that may persist into adulthood.

Psychologically, these advertisements exploit cognitive biases like the "illusion of control" and the "gamblers' fallacy," wherein users believe their actions or luck can influence outcomes. For youth, who are still developing critical reasoning skills, such messages can be particularly compelling, increasing the likelihood of impulsive decision-making. Furthermore, the integration of gamified elements, such as streaks or rewards, mimics the mechanics of video games, making betting apps more appealing and addictive to younger audiences. Socially, the impact of betting app advertisements manifests in strained relationships and peer pressure. Youth may face pressure to participate in betting as it becomes normalized among their social groups. This can also lead to conflicts within families, especially when financial losses accumulate or academic performance declines due to preoccupation with gambling.

Financially, the consequences are severe. Youth often lack stable income sources and financial literacy, making them vulnerable to significant losses. Many are lured by promotions like free bets, only to find themselves caught in a cycle of chasing losses.

In the absence of stricter regulations on online advertising, these effects are likely to intensify. Policymakers and educators must address this issue by raising awareness, enforcing stricter advertising standards, and promoting responsible behavior to shield young minds from the predatory allure of betting app promotions.

What financial risk is associated with youth engaging in betting, based on the passage?

- A) Long-term investment planning difficulties.
- B) Lack of interest in career development.
- C) Falling into a cycle of chasing losses due to impulsive betting.
- D) Accumulation of wealth through regular gambling.
- E) Excessive saving habits that affect spending.

Correct Answer: Falling into a cycle of chasing losses due to impulsive betting.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Identify specific factual details by aligning the question's core theme (financial risk) with the corresponding section of the text.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** Determine what specific financial risks the passage identifies for youth.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Locate the paragraph beginning with "Financially...".
3. **Extract Information:** The fifth paragraph states: "Many are lured by promotions like free bets, only to find themselves caught in a cycle of chasing losses."
4. **Evaluate Options:** Option (c) is a direct reflection of this statement. Options (a) and (b) are outside the scope of the text, and options (d) and (e) are incorrectly positive or irrelevant.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use structural reading. The author systematically breaks down the impacts: psychological, social, and financial. Jump directly to the "Financially" paragraph to find the exact phrase "cycle of chasing losses."

Common Pitfall

Selecting an answer that might be true in the real world (like long-term investment planning difficulties) but is not explicitly mentioned in the text. Always stick to the provided text.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Falling into a cycle of chasing losses due to impulsive betting.**

Q60. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

The proliferation of online advertising for betting apps has significantly influenced young audiences, often with troubling implications. These advertisements, leveraging sophisticated digital marketing strategies, have become pervasive across social media, streaming platforms, and gaming apps. While the allure of these ads lies in their flashy visuals, promises of quick wealth, and celebrity endorsements, the effects on impressionable youth are multifaceted, raising concerns about their mental, social, and financial well-being. One of the most pronounced effects is the normalization of gambling behavior. Betting apps often frame gambling as a harmless or even glamorous pastime, obscuring its risks. Advertisements rarely emphasize the addictive nature of gambling or the potential for financial loss, leading young individuals to perceive it as a risk-free opportunity. This normalization can desensitize them to the broader societal and personal harms of gambling, fostering habits that may persist into adulthood.

Psychologically, these advertisements exploit cognitive biases like the "illusion of control" and the "gamblers' fallacy," wherein users believe their actions or luck can influence outcomes. For youth, who are still developing critical reasoning skills, such messages can be particularly compelling, increasing the likelihood of impulsive decision-making. Furthermore, the integration of gamified elements, such as streaks or rewards, mimics the mechanics of video games, making betting apps more appealing and addictive to younger audiences. Socially, the impact of betting app advertisements manifests in strained relationships and peer pressure. Youth may face pressure to participate in betting as it becomes normalized among their social groups. This can also lead to conflicts within families, especially when financial losses accumulate or academic performance declines due to preoccupation with gambling.

Financially, the consequences are severe. Youth often lack stable income sources and financial literacy, making them vulnerable to significant losses. Many are lured by promotions like free bets, only to find themselves caught in a cycle of chasing losses.

In the absence of stricter regulations on online advertising, these effects are likely to intensify. Policymakers and educators must address this issue by raising awareness, enforcing stricter advertising standards, and promoting responsible behavior to shield young minds from the predatory allure of betting app promotions.

What is suggested as a possible solution to mitigate the negative effects of betting app advertisements on youth?

- A) Promoting gambling as a harmless activity.
- B) Introducing stricter regulations on online advertising.
- C) Encouraging families to monitor all social media usage.

D) Focusing on the benefits of gambling education.

E) Eliminating all forms of digital advertisements.

Correct Answer: Introducing stricter regulations on online advertising.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Questions regarding solutions or conclusions are generally found at the end of a passage where the author provides their final thoughts or calls to action.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the Question:** The prompt asks for a "possible solution" suggested by the passage to mitigate negative effects.
2. **Scan the Passage:** Look at the concluding paragraph, which typically contains recommendations.
3. **Extract Information:** The final paragraph states: "Policymakers and educators must address this issue by... enforcing stricter advertising standards..." It also laments the "absence of stricter regulations."
4. **Evaluate Options:** Option (b) directly maps to "stricter advertising standards" and "stricter regulations on online advertising."

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Solutions in reading comprehension passages are almost always located in the final paragraph. Skip straight to the end and match the author's prescriptive statements with the options.

Common Pitfall

Selecting extreme absolute solutions like Option (e) "Eliminating all forms of digital advertisements." Authors rarely suggest absolute extremes; they usually recommend regulation or moderation.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Introducing stricter regulations on online advertising.**

Q61. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given question.

China's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is one of the largest in the world, reflecting its position as a global economic powerhouse. Currently, China has the second-largest GDP, valued at over \$17 trillion, trailing only the United States. This growth has been driven by industrial development, strong exports, and increasing technological innovation.

For many years, China's economy was centered on manufacturing, earning it the title "the factory of the world." However, recent trends show a shift towards services and domestic consumption, with e-commerce and technology playing key roles in driving growth.

Companies like Alibaba and Huawei highlight this transition.

Despite its rapid expansion, China faces challenges such as an ageing population, environmental concerns, and trade tensions with other nations. To address these issues, the government is focusing on green energy, innovation, and infrastructure development.

China's GDP growth remains steady, ensuring its influence on the global economy continues to grow.

What can be inferred about the shift in China's economy in recent years?

A) China has completely abandoned manufacturing for services.

- B) Manufacturing remains important, but services and domestic consumption are becoming significant drivers of growth.
- C) The services sector has replaced all other sectors in contributing to GDP growth.
- D) Exports have stopped contributing to China's GDP.
- E) China is reducing its focus on technology and e-commerce.

Correct Answer: Manufacturing remains important, but services and domestic consumption are becoming significant drivers of growth.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This is an Inference based Reading Comprehension question. To find the correct inference, we must look for statements that logically follow from the given facts without jumping to extreme, unsubstantiated conclusions.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Analyze the passage details:** Paragraph 2 states, "recent trends show a shift towards services and domestic consumption, with e-commerce and technology playing key roles in driving growth."
- **Evaluate Option A:** "Completely abandoned" is an extreme generalization. The passage says there is a *shift*, not a total abandonment of manufacturing.
- **Evaluate Option B:** This aligns perfectly with the text. A shift towards services implies they are becoming significant growth drivers alongside the existing manufacturing base.
- **Evaluate Options C & D:** Both use extreme absolutes ("replaced all other sectors", "stopped contributing") which are not supported by the balanced view presented in the text.
- **Evaluate Option E:** This directly contradicts the passage, which says technology and e-commerce are playing "key roles in driving growth."

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always be wary of extreme modifier words like "completely", "all", or "stopped" in reading comprehension options. The correct answer in inference questions usually features moderate, balanced language (like "becoming significant drivers").

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is selecting an option that misinterprets a "shift" as a complete replacement of the old system. Always ground your conclusions strictly in the text provided.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Manufacturing remains important, but services and domestic consumption are becoming significant drivers of growth.**

Q62. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given question.

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For many years, China's economy was centered on manufacturing, earning it the title "the factory of the world." However, recent trends show a shift towards services and domestic

consumption, with e-commerce and technology playing key roles in driving growth. Companies like Alibaba and Huawei highlight this transition. Despite its rapid expansion, China faces challenges such as an ageing population, environmental concerns, and trade tensions with other nations. To address these issues, the government is focusing on green energy, innovation, and infrastructure development. China's GDP growth remains steady, ensuring its influence on the global economy continues to grow.

What is a likely reason for China's focus on green energy and innovation?

- A) To replace manufacturing with agriculture as the primary sector.
- B) To address challenges like environmental concerns and slowing growth.
- C) To increase its reliance on foreign investments.
- D) To decrease the value of its GDP intentionally.
- E) To reduce the need for domestic consumption.

Correct Answer: To address challenges like environmental concerns and slowing growth.

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

This is a direct factual retrieval question from the reading comprehension passage. We must locate the keywords ("green energy and innovation") to identify their cause-and-effect relationship in the text.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Scan for Keywords:** Look for the exact phrase "green energy" in the passage.
- **Locate the Context:** We find this in paragraph 3: "Despite its rapid expansion, China faces challenges such as an ageing population, environmental concerns... To address these issues, the government is focusing on green energy, innovation, and infrastructure development."
- **Match the Option:** The text explicitly states that focusing on green energy and innovation is a direct response "To address these issues" (which include environmental concerns).
- **Eliminate Alternatives:** None of the other options (agriculture, foreign investments, decreasing GDP, reducing domestic consumption) are mentioned as reasons for adopting green energy.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For "reason" or "cause" based questions, always find the specific keyword in the text and read the sentence immediately preceding it. The answer is almost always explicitly stated right there.

Common Pitfall

A common pitfall is overthinking the question and relying on outside general knowledge rather than strictly answering based on the provided text.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **To address challenges like environmental concerns and slowing growth.**

Q63. Directions: In the following passage, some of the words are missing. Find the suitable

word from the options given below that make the paragraph meaningful.

Climate negotiations have a tendency to get entangled more in words than in enabling action. A devastating year of heat waves, droughts, lost crops, extreme floods made it impossible to ignore climate-related damages to lives and livelihoods. The latest round of _____ (A), COP27 in Egypt began with little hope and ended two days beyond schedule with a faint glimmer. All 197 Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) agreed to enable financing for loss and damage to those that need it the most. But the goal of keeping temperature rise to levels that could _____ (B) loss and damage continued to slip away.

Loss and damage (or L&D) refers to the adverse impacts that _____ (C) communities and countries face as a result of a changing climate, including the increased incidents and intensity of natural disasters and extreme weather as well as slow-onset temperature increase, sea-level rise, or desertification. Rich countries had resisted L&D payments for years, worried that their historical emissions would impose large calls for compensation. Under pressure, they could no longer duck their _____ (D). The COP27 decision includes the development of a Transition Committee dedicated to L&D, with equal representation across rich and poor countries. In order to operationalise the funding arrangements, this committee has been tasked with configuring institutional _____ (E), identifying and expanding sources of funding, and coordinating with existing funding arrangements — all by COP28 in the UAE next year. The sticking points of negotiations, thus, remain. India can speak — and act — on behalf of the Global South, to ensure that the new L&D financing facility delivers. A global index, based on climatic risks and compounding impacts, would transparently—and scientifically—establish the sheer size of the problem that the L&D facility will have to address.

Which of the following options is suitable for blank (A)? I. Dialogue II. Discussions III.

Examination

- A) Only (I)
- B) Only (II)
- C) Only (III)
- D) Both (I) and (II)
- E) Both (I) and (III)

Correct Answer: Both (I) and (II)

Explanation:

Concept & Contextual Vocabulary

The blank requires a noun that represents a formal conversation or negotiation process between international parties.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Analyze the context: The sentence discusses COP27, which is a global diplomatic summit where countries convene to reach agreements on climate action.
- Evaluate 'Dialogue': This means a formal conversation or discussion to resolve a problem. It perfectly matches the context of international summits.
- Evaluate 'Discussions': This refers to the action or process of talking about something to reach a decision, which is also a perfect fit.
- Evaluate 'Examination': This means a detailed inspection or study, which doesn't align

with the collaborative diplomatic tone of the sentence.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Identify the tone of the sentence. Words associated with political and environmental summits are usually 'talks', 'dialogues', or 'discussions'. Eliminate options like 'examination' that do not match this tone to arrive at the answer quickly.

Common Pitfall

Assuming only one word can fit a cloze test blank. Always evaluate all provided words as multiple options might be synonymous and contextually valid.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Both (I) and (II)**.

Q64. Directions: In the following passage, some of the words are missing. Find the suitable word from the options given below that make the paragraph meaningful.
Climate negotiations have a tendency to get entangled more in words than in enabling action. A devastating year of heat waves, droughts, lost crops, extreme floods made it impossible to ignore climate-related damages to lives and livelihoods. The latest round of _____ (A), COP27 in Egypt began with little hope and ended two days beyond schedule with a faint glimmer. All 197 Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) agreed to enable financing for loss and damage to those that need it the most. But the goal of keeping temperature rise to levels that could _____ (B) loss and damage continued to slip away.

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Which of the following options is suitable for blank (B)? I. Exacerbate II. Exaggerate III.

Minimize

- A) Only (I)
- B) Only (II)
- C) Only (III)
- D) Both (I) and (II)
- E) Both (I) and (III)

Correct Answer: Only (III)

Explanation:**Concept & Contextual Logic**

The blank requires a verb that describes a positive outcome or goal regarding "loss and damage" caused by climate change.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Analyze the context: The sentence talks about the "goal of keeping temperature rise to levels that could _____ (B) loss and damage".
- Goals regarding negative things (like loss and damage) are always aimed at reducing or stopping them.
- Evaluate 'Exacerbate': This means to make a problem worse. This contradicts the concept of a "goal".
- Evaluate 'Exaggerate': This means to represent something as larger or worse than it is, which doesn't fit logically here.
- Evaluate 'Minimize': This means to reduce to the smallest possible amount or degree.

This logically aligns with the goal of climate agreements.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Look for logical polarity (positive vs. negative intent). A "goal" is positive. "Loss and damage" is negative. Thus, the required word must mean "to reduce" or "to prevent". Only 'Minimize' fits this requirement.

Common Pitfall

Confusing 'exacerbate' with other words or failing to recognize that keeping temperatures down is meant to reduce harm, not increase it.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only (III)**.

Q65. Directions: In the following passage, some of the words are missing. Find the suitable word from the options given below that make the paragraph meaningful.

Climate negotiations have a tendency to get entangled more in words than in enabling action. A devastating year of heat waves, droughts, lost crops, extreme floods made it impossible to ignore climate-related damages to lives and livelihoods. The latest round of _____ (A), COP27 in Egypt began with little hope and ended two days beyond schedule with a faint glimmer. All 197 Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) agreed to enable financing for loss and damage to those that need it the most. But the goal of keeping temperature rise to levels that could _____ (B) loss and damage continued to slip away.

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facility delivers. A global index, based on climatic risks and compounding impacts, would transparently—and scientifically—establish the sheer size of the problem that the L&D facility will have to address.

Which of the following options is suitable for blank (C)? I. Vulnerable II. Distinctive III.

Rapport

- A) Only (I)
- B) Only (II)
- C) Only (III)
- D) Both (I) and (II)
- E) Both (I) and (III)

Correct Answer: Only (I)

Explanation:

Concept & Adjective Usage

The blank requires an adjective to describe the types of communities and countries most affected by the adverse impacts of a changing climate.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Analyze the context: The sentence explains that "Loss and damage" refers to the adverse impacts faced by specific communities.
- Evaluate 'Vulnerable': This means susceptible to physical or emotional attack or harm. In climate discourse, it accurately describes communities at high risk.
- Evaluate 'Distinctive': This means characteristic of one person or thing, serving to distinguish it from others. It doesn't logically fit the context of suffering climate damage.
- Evaluate 'Rapport': This is a noun meaning a close and harmonious relationship. It is grammatically incorrect to use as an adjective here.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use grammar rules to instantly eliminate 'Rapport' (a noun). Between 'Vulnerable' and 'Distinctive', 'Vulnerable' is a highly frequent term used in environmental and sociopolitical contexts to describe at-risk populations.

Common Pitfall

Overthinking vocabulary choices. Sometimes the most straightforward and commonly used word in standard news reporting (like 'vulnerable communities') is exactly the intended answer.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only (I)**.

Q66. Directions: In the following passage, some of the words are missing. Find the suitable word from the options given below that make the paragraph meaningful.

Climate negotiations have a tendency to get entangled more in words than in enabling action. A devastating year of heat waves, droughts, lost crops, extreme floods made it impossible to ignore climate-related damages to lives and livelihoods. The latest round of _____ (A), COP27 in Egypt began with little hope and ended two days beyond schedule with a faint glimmer. All 197 Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) agreed to enable financing for loss and damage to those that need it the most. But the goal

of keeping temperature rise to levels that could _____ (B) loss and damage continued to slip away.

Loss and damage (or L&D) refers to the adverse impacts that _____ (C) communities and countries face as a result of a changing climate, including the increased incidents and intensity of natural disasters and extreme weather as well as slow-onset temperature increase, sea-level rise, or desertification. Rich countries had resisted L&D payments for years, worried that their historical emissions would impose large calls for compensation. Under pressure, they could no longer duck their _____ (D). The COP27 decision includes the development of a Transition Committee dedicated to L&D, with equal representation across rich and poor countries. In order to operationalise the funding arrangements, this committee has been tasked with configuring institutional _____ (E), identifying and expanding sources of funding, and coordinating with existing funding arrangements — all by COP28 in the UAE next year. The sticking points of negotiations, thus, remain. India can speak — and act — on behalf of the Global South, to ensure that the new L&D financing facility delivers. A global index, based on climatic risks and compounding impacts, would transparently—and scientifically—establish the sheer size of the problem that the L&D facility will have to address.

Which of the following options is suitable for blank (D)? I. Impediment II. Onus III.

Responsibility

- A) Only (I)
- B) Only (II)
- C) Only (III)
- D) Both (I) and (II)
- E) Both (I) and (III)

Correct Answer: Only (III)

Explanation:

Concept & Idiomatic Expression

The blank requires a noun that pairs well with the verb "duck" (meaning to evade or avoid) and makes sense in the context of rich countries owing compensation.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Analyze the context: The passage states that rich countries resisted payments due to their historical emissions, but under pressure, they could no longer avoid ("duck") their obligation.
- Evaluate 'Impediment': This means a hindrance or obstruction. You don't "duck an impediment" in this context; it doesn't make logical sense.
- Evaluate 'Onus': Meaning duty or responsibility. While meaning-wise it fits, "duck their onus" is an uncommon phrasing. Moreover, checking the options provided, there is no option for "Both (II) and (III)".
- Evaluate 'Responsibility': Meaning a moral obligation to behave correctly towards or in respect of. "Duck one's responsibility" is a standard and widely used idiomatic phrase.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Recognize collocations. The phrase "duck their responsibility" is a very common English idiom meaning to evade doing something that you should do. Recognizing this immediately

points to option III.

Common Pitfall

Thinking that 'Onus' and 'Responsibility' are perfectly interchangeable in all phrases. While synonyms, idiomatic usage strictly prefers "ducking responsibility".

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only (III)**.

Q67. Directions: In the following passage, some of the words are missing. Find the suitable word from the options given below that make the paragraph meaningful.

Climate negotiations have a tendency to get entangled more in words than in enabling action. A devastating year of heat waves, droughts, lost crops, extreme floods made it impossible to ignore climate-related damages to lives and livelihoods. The latest round of _____ (A), COP27 in Egypt began with little hope and ended two days beyond schedule with a faint glimmer. All 197 Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) agreed to enable financing for loss and damage to those that need it the most. But the goal of keeping temperature rise to levels that could _____ (B) loss and damage continued to slip away.

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Which of the following options is suitable for blank (E)? I. Advancements II. Arrangements III.

Channelization

- A) Only (I)
- B) Only (II)
- C) Only (III)
- D) Both (I) and (II)
- E) Both (I) and (III)

Correct Answer: Only (II)

Explanation:

Concept & Parallel Structure Context

The blank requires a noun following the adjective "institutional" that describes the systems being configured for a funding committee.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Analyze the context: The sentence talks about operationalising funding. The committee is tasked with "configuring institutional _____ (E)".
- Read ahead for context clues: The very next part of the sentence mentions "coordinating with existing funding arrangements".
- Evaluate 'Advancements': Means developments or improvements. "Institutional advancements" doesn't logically fit configuring a funding process.
- Evaluate 'Arrangements': Means plans or preparations for a future event. "Institutional arrangements" is a standard bureaucratic term for setting up organizational structures. It is also directly echoed later in the sentence.
- Evaluate 'Channelization': The act of directing something into a particular channel. While funding is channelized, "institutional channelization" is not standard usage here.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use parallel text clues found within the passage. The phrase "funding arrangements" appears immediately before and immediately after the list of tasks. This repetition makes 'Arrangements' the most cohesive and logical fit.

Common Pitfall

Ignoring the surrounding sentence structure. Failing to read the rest of the sentence often causes students to miss obvious contextual clues placed by the author.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only (II)**.

Q68. Directions: The following questions have two statements with connectors as alternatives. You must choose the one that will link both statements and make them grammatically and contextually accurate.

I. Sharan and Ram have incredible voices II. They will go far in their music career.

A. Similarly B. Otherwise C. Undoubtedly

A) Only A

B) Only B

C) Both A and C

D) Both A and B

E) Both B and A

Correct Answer: Both A and C

Explanation:

Concept & Logical Connectives

The goal is to find a connector that logically and grammatically bridges a factual statement about a talent with a predictive statement about future success.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Analyze Statement I: "Sharan and Ram have incredible voices" (This establishes a premise of talent).
- Analyze Statement II: "They will go far in their music career." (This is a predicted outcome based on the premise).
- Evaluate Connectors:

- C. Undoubtedly: This fits perfectly. "Sharan and Ram have incredible voices; undoubtedly, they will go far in their music career." It emphasizes certainty.
- A. Similarly: While structurally weaker, in some competitive exam contexts, it is used to show a parallel expectation ("They have great voices; similarly, they will achieve great success").
- B. Otherwise: Indicates a contrary condition, which completely contradicts the positive flow of the sentences.
- Given the options provided, the best available choice that includes the absolute correct connector (C) is "Both A and C".

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always test the connectors by reading the two sentences aloud as a single compound sentence. "Undoubtedly" creates a smooth cause-and-effect flow, immediately eliminating options that do not contain C.

Common Pitfall

Assuming that because "Similarly" is not the most natural fit in conversational English, the option containing it must be completely wrong. In standardized tests, always look for the "best fit" among the given options if a perfect single answer isn't available.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Both A and C**.

Q69. Directions: The following questions have two statements with connectors as alternatives. You must choose the one that will link both statements and make them grammatically and contextually accurate.

A. Any person contravening this order shall be punished. B. Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and appropriate sections of the Epidemic Diseases Act and National Disaster Management Act.

(i) Even (ii) With (iii) Under

- A) Only (ii)
- B) Both (i) and (iii)
- C) Only (i)
- D) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
- E) Only (iii)

Correct Answer: Only (iii)

Explanation:

Concept & Logical Connectives

The connector must logically bridge the action (punishment) with the legal basis or statutory authority (Section 188 of the IPC).

Step-by-Step Solution

- Analyze Statement A: It dictates that a person contravening an order will face punishment.
- Analyze Statement B: It lists the specific legal statutes providing the authority for that punishment.
- Evaluate Connectors:

- (i) Even: Grammatically incorrect in this context. "Punished even Section 188" makes no sense.
- (ii) With: "Punished with Section 188" is incorrect legal phrasing. One is punished *with* a fine or imprisonment, not *with* a section of law.
- (iii) Under: "Punished under Section 188" is the standard, accurate legal phrasing used to indicate the authority of a specific law.
- The correct combined sentence is: "Any person contravening this order shall be punished under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code..."

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For legal statements and statutory references, the preposition "under" is universally used (e.g., "charged under Section X"). Spotting this legal terminology instantly gives away the answer.

Common Pitfall

Choosing "with" by mistakenly equating the law itself with the instrument of punishment (like a fine or sentence). Always remember that laws provide the framework *under* which actions are taken.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only (iii)**.

Q70. Directions: The following questions have two statements with connectors as alternatives. You must choose the one that will link both statements and make them grammatically and contextually accurate.

A. Originally called Abhijit Dhananjay Sarang, Kalicharan reportedly changed his name. B. He met with an accident while in his teens that badly twisted his leg but left him with only a hairline fracture.

(i) While (ii) After (iii) Since

- A) Only (i)
- B) Only (ii)
- C) Only (iii)
- D) Both (i) and (ii)
- E) All (i), (ii) and (iii)

Correct Answer: Only (ii)

Explanation:

Concept & Logical Connectives

The connector must establish the correct chronological or causal relationship between a person changing their name and experiencing a significant life event (an accident).

Step-by-Step Solution

- Analyze Statement A: Mentions the fact that Kalicharan changed his name from Abhijit.
- Analyze Statement B: Describes a specific event—meeting with an accident during his teenage years.
- Evaluate Connectors:
 - (i) While: Implies simultaneous action ("changed his name while he met with an accident"), which doesn't make logical sense.

- (ii) After: Logically connects the two events in a chronological sequence. It makes sense that he changed his name *after* a life-altering event like an accident.
- (iii) Since: While "since" can sometimes indicate time, "changed his name since he met with an accident" is grammatically clunky compared to "after" in this specific sentence structure.
- The correct combined sentence is: "Originally called Abhijit Dhananjay Sarang, Kalicharan reportedly changed his name after he met with an accident while in his teens..."

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Look for temporal cues. "In his teens" signifies a specific past time frame. When linking a permanent action (name change) to a singular past event (accident), sequential connectors like "after" are the most structurally sound.

Common Pitfall

Students might select "Since" assuming it denotes a causal relationship (because of the accident), but in standard sentence synthesis, "after" provides a much cleaner and grammatically correct bridge.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only (ii)**.

Q71. Directions: The following questions have two statements with connectors as alternatives. You must choose the one that will link both statements and make them grammatically and contextually accurate.

A. In the clip, a group of tourists is seen sitting inside a safari vehicle, with wired mesh covering the windows. B. As the car stands on the road for a better view, the big cat attempts to bite off the rear bumper of the black car.

(i) However (ii) Though (iii) Meanwhile

- A) Only (iii)
- B) Both (i) and (iii)
- C) Only (ii)
- D) Only (i)
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: Only (iii)

Explanation:

Concept & Logical Connectives

The connector needs to establish the relationship between two simultaneous, ongoing actions happening in the same physical setting (tourists sitting inside vs. the animal attacking outside).

Step-by-Step Solution

- Analyze Statement A: Sets the scene of tourists safely sitting inside a mesh-covered vehicle.
- Analyze Statement B: Describes a parallel action occurring outside the vehicle—a big cat attempting to bite the bumper.
- Evaluate Connectors:

- (i) However: Used to introduce a contradiction. While there is a contrast in safety vs. danger, the primary relationship here is time and observation, not direct contradiction.
- (ii) Though: Used for concession, which breaks the grammatical flow if placed between these two independent clauses.
- (iii) Meanwhile: Perfectly captures two concurrent events happening in the same scenario.
- The correct combined sentence is: "In the clip, a group of tourists is seen sitting inside a safari vehicle, with wired mesh covering the windows; meanwhile, as the car stands on the road for a better view, the big cat attempts..."

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When a sentence describes a vivid scene with two continuous actions occurring at the exact same time in different parts of that scene (inside vs. outside), the chronological transition word "meanwhile" is the most effective choice.

Common Pitfall

Selecting "However" by mistakenly assuming the sentence intends to contrast the tourists' calm with the animal's aggression, ignoring that the primary link is the synchronicity of the events in the video clip.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only (iii)**.

Q72. Directions: In the following question, a sentence is given in which the last part is omitted. You must choose the most suitable alternative among the five that should fill the omitted part making the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none of the given alternatives are appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. "none of these" as your answer choice.

Twitter does not want users to migrate to other platforms through links shared via tweets or retweets to ensure users spend more time on the platform which in turn _____ .

- A)** short-form content while using recommendations to drive discovery across the platform.
- B)** which is also actively looking to increase its paid subscriber count.
- C)** it would no longer allow users to promote their presence on other social media platforms.
- D)** boosts its position to increase advertising revenue.
- E)** None of these

Correct Answer: boosts its position to increase advertising revenue.

Explanation:

Concept & Sentence Completion

The core concept here is syntactic alignment and logical progression. The phrase "which in turn" functions as an adverbial connector indicating consequence, requiring a verb phrase that acts as a result of users spending "more time on the platform."

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the preceding clause:** "...to ensure users spend more time on the platform

which in turn [blank]."

2. **Determine required part of speech:** The pronoun "which" refers to the entire preceding action (spending more time). It acts as a singular subject, so we need a singular verb phrase.

3. **Evaluate options grammatically:**

- Option (a) lacks a verb.
- Option (b) introduces another "which," creating a redundant and broken clause structure.
- Option (c) introduces a new independent subject "it," violating the dependent relative clause structure.
- Option (d) provides a singular verb "boosts" and a logical consequence (more time on platform = higher ad revenue).

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Identify the grammatical requirements of the blank before reading the options. "Which in turn" directly demands a verb showing the result of the previous action. Only option (d) supplies a grammatically correct verb phrase.

Common Pitfall

Students often select option (b) because "which" is a common relative pronoun, but they fail to realize the sentence already contains "which in turn," making an additional "which" grammatically redundant.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **boosts its position to increase advertising revenue.**

Q73. Directions: In the following question, a sentence is given in which the last part is omitted. You must choose the most suitable alternative among the five that should fill the omitted part making the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none of the given alternatives are appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. "none of these" as your answer choice.

Financial inclusion, a cornerstone of equitable economic growth, aims to ensure that individuals and communities _____.

- A)** savings, credit, insurance, and investment opportunities.
- B)** financial systems that were previously inaccessible.
- C)** have access to a wide range of financial services and resources.
- D)** limits their ability to invest in education, healthcare, and entrepreneurship.
- E)** None of these

Correct Answer: have access to a wide range of financial services and resources.

Explanation:

Concept & Sentence Structure

This question tests your ability to complete a dependent clause introduced by the conjunction "that". The structure requires a subject ("individuals and communities") followed by a compatible verb phrase.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Identify the missing component:** The sentence states "...aims to ensure that

individuals and communities [blank]." Since "individuals and communities" acts as a plural subject, the blank must begin with a plural verb phrase to form a complete predicate.

2. Evaluate the options:

- Option (a) consists only of nouns; it lacks a verb.
- Option (b) is a noun phrase; it lacks a primary verb for the subject.
- Option (c) starts with the plural verb "have", matching the subject "individuals and communities", and perfectly aligns with the context of financial inclusion.
- Option (d) uses the singular verb "limits" and logically contradicts the positive goal of financial inclusion.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Spot the subject immediately preceding the blank: "individuals and communities". It's a plural subject, so you need a plural verb. Option (c) "have" is the only grammatically viable and logically sound choice.

Common Pitfall

Choosing option (a) because it lists financial terms related to the topic. However, without a verb like "receive" or "have," the sentence fragment remains incomplete.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **have access to a wide range of financial services and resources**.

Q74. Directions: In the following question, a sentence is given in which the last part is omitted. You must choose the most suitable alternative among the five that should fill the omitted part making the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none of the given alternatives are appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. "none of these" as your answer choice.

Climate change remains a critical issue on the global agenda as the world _____ .

- A)** address rising global temperatures and extreme weather events.
- B)** grapples with its far-reaching implications.
- C)** focus on renewable energy, carbon neutrality, and nature-based solutions.
- D)** limit the worst impacts of climate change and protect the planet's ecosystems.
- E)** None of these

Correct Answer: grapples with its far-reaching implications.

Explanation:

Concept & Subject-Verb Agreement

The sentence hinges on the dependent clause "...as the world [blank]." Here, "world" is a singular collective noun, requiring a corresponding singular verb in the present tense.

Step-by-Step Solution

- 1. Isolate the target clause:** "...as the world [blank]."
- 2. Determine grammatical rules:** "The world" is a third-person singular subject. Therefore, the verb that immediately follows it must end in '-s' or '-es' in the present tense.
- 3. Analyze the verbs in the given options:**

- (a) "address" - Plural verb. (Incorrect)
- (b) "grapples" - Singular verb. (Correct)
- (c) "focus" - Plural verb. (Incorrect)
- (d) "limit" - Plural verb. (Incorrect)

4. **Verify context:** "Grapples with its far-reaching implications" accurately reflects the global struggle with climate change, fitting perfectly into the context.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use rapid grammar elimination. The subject "the world" is singular. Options A, C, and D all begin with plural verbs (address, focus, limit). Option B is the only choice with a singular verb (grapples).

Common Pitfall

Ignoring subject-verb agreement and choosing an option purely based on keywords like "renewable energy" or "temperatures," resulting in a structurally flawed sentence.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **grapples with its far-reaching implications**.

Q75. Directions: In the following question, a sentence is given in which the last part is omitted. You must choose the most suitable alternative among the five that should fill the omitted part making the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. If none of the given alternatives are appropriate to fill the blank, choose option (e) i.e. "none of these" as your answer choice.

Investment and funding are integral components of the financial landscape that significantly impact _____.

- A)** with the expectation of generating returns over a specific period.
- B)** entrepreneurial endeavors that exhibit promising growth potential.
- C)** to facilitate diverse initiatives, projects, or business ventures.
- D)** economic development, technological innovation, and the realization of various projects.
- E)** None of these

Correct Answer: economic development, technological innovation, and the realization of various projects.

Explanation:

Concept & Transitive Verbs

The sentence utilizes the transitive verb "impact," which directly transfers action to an object. Therefore, the blank must be filled by a direct object (a noun or noun phrase) without an intervening preposition.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Analyze the syntax:** "...significantly impact [blank]." The word "impact" functions here as a transitive verb requiring a direct object to receive the action.
2. **Eliminate prepositional/infinitive phrases:**
 - Option (a) starts with "with" (prepositional).
 - Option (c) starts with "to facilitate" (infinitive).
3. **Compare noun phrases:** Options (b) and (d) are both valid noun phrases.

- Option (b) focuses narrowly on "entrepreneurial endeavors".
- Option (d) encompasses "economic development, technological innovation, and the realization of various projects."

4. **Contextual Evaluation:** The sentence mentions "integral components of the financial landscape," which implies a broad, macroeconomic scale. Option (d) matches this broad scope perfectly, making it the most contextually meaningful completion.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Transitive verbs like "impact" cannot be followed immediately by prepositions like "with" or infinitives like "to," eliminating A and C instantly. Between B and D, D aligns better with the overarching, grand tone set by "financial landscape."

Common Pitfall

Selecting option (a) because "generating returns" is heavily associated with "investment." However, "impact with" is grammatically incorrect in this specific sentence structure.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **economic development, technological innovation, and the realization of various projects.**

Q76. In each of the questions given below, a passage has been given which is either situation based or describes a scenario. Below each passage, a question has been given which is framed to make you infer something out of it. Mark out the correct inference as your answer.

The world will be transformed. By 2050, we will be driving electric cars and flying in aircraft running on synthetic fuels produced through solar and wind energy. New energy-efficient technologies, most likely harnessing artificial intelligence, will dominate nearly all human activities from farming to heavy industry. The fossil fuel industry will be in the final stages of a terminal decline. Nuclear fusion and other new energy sources may have become widespread. Perhaps our planet will even be orbited by massive solar arrays capturing cosmic energy from sunlight and generating seemingly endless energy for all our needs. Which of the following is true about the role of AI in future clean energy goals?

- A) AI will dominate the harnessing of new clean energy.
- B) New clean energy will be harnessed with some help from AI.
- C) AI will overtake nuclear fusion as a source of clean energy harnessing processes.
- D) Both A and B
- E) Both B and C

Correct Answer: New clean energy will be harnessed with some help from AI.

Explanation:

Concept & Inference Analysis

The core concept here is accurate reading comprehension and distinguishing between the subject performing an action and the tool being utilized by that subject.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. **Locate the target keyword:** Scan the passage for mentions of "artificial intelligence" or "AI". The relevant sentence is: "New energy-efficient technologies, most likely harnessing artificial intelligence, will dominate nearly all human activities..."

2. Determine the grammatical relationships:

- The primary subject of the sentence is "New energy-efficient technologies." These technologies are the entities that will "dominate."
- The phrase "harnessing artificial intelligence" modifies the technologies. To "harness" means to utilize or make use of something. Therefore, the technologies are *using* AI as a tool.

3. Evaluate the given options:

- Option (a) incorrectly claims AI itself will "dominate." The passage explicitly states that the *technologies* will dominate.
- Option (b) correctly infers that since new technologies are "harnessing" AI, AI is acting as a tool or providing "help" in the process of utilizing new clean energy.
- Option (c) introduces a comparison between AI and nuclear fusion that is completely unsupported by the text.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When answering inference questions, isolate the exact sentence containing the keyword. Beware of "word salad" distractors like option (a) that take words directly from the text ("dominate," "harnessing") but scramble their syntactic relationship. Always identify the true subject of the verb.

Common Pitfall

Falling for the proximity trap. Students often choose option (a) because the words "artificial intelligence" and "dominate" are placed right next to each other in the original text, failing to realize they belong to different parts of the clause.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **New clean energy will be harnessed with some help from AI.**

Q77. Directions: the question below contains five scattered segments of a sentence. Indicate the sequence which correctly assembles the segments and completes the sentence.

A. lakes, and coastal areas in reducing physical exposure to B. natural hazards such as floods, landslides C. or avalanches by serving as buffers D. there are many experiences around the world which point to the potential E. benefits of protecting and preserving ecosystems such as wetlands, forests

- A) DECBA
- B) ABCED
- C) CABDE
- D) ABDEC
- E) DEABC

Correct Answer: DEABC

Explanation:**Concept & Strategy**

Sentence rearrangement questions test your ability to construct a coherent paragraph or sentence by identifying grammatical connections and logical progression (mandatory pairs).

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Introductory Segment:** Segment D starts an independent thought, introducing "experiences around the world which point to the potential".
- **Link D-E:** The word "potential" acts as an adjective here and needs a noun to modify. "potential benefits" (Segment E) is a perfect grammatical match.
- **Link E-A:** "ecosystems such as wetlands, forests" (E) continues smoothly into a list with "lakes, and coastal areas" (A).
- **Link A-B:** "reducing physical exposure to" (A) requires an object. "natural hazards" (B) fits logically into this context.
- **Link B-C:** "floods, landslides" (B) naturally continues the list of hazards with "or avalanches" (C).
- Thus, the correct and logical flow is D-E-A-B-C.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Identify the opening statement first. Only options (a) and (e) start with D, which is the only viable independent clause. Next, check the logical connection: "potential" (D) naturally links to "benefits" (E). Option (e) provides the DE sequence, eliminating the rest instantly.

Common Pitfall

Misidentifying the starting segment is a common error. Starting with an incomplete thought or a conjunction (like segments A, B, or C) disrupts the sentence structure completely.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **DEABC**.

Q78. Directions: the question below contains five scattered segments of a sentence. Indicate the sequence which correctly assembles the segments and completes the sentence.

A. Even during the lockdown, people cooped up in homes with less than B. usual activity were advised by psychologists to take time off C. and relax in places close to home where one D. for mental and physical well being. E. feels less stressed, as it is important

- A) DECBA
- B) ABCED
- C) CABDE
- D) ABDEC
- E) DEABC

Correct Answer: ABCED

Explanation:

Concept & Strategy

For sentence formation problems, focus on identifying subject-verb agreement, transition words, and logical progression of ideas to form mandatory pairs.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Introductory Segment:** Segment A logically sets the context of the sentence: "Even during the lockdown, people cooped up in homes with less than".
- **Link A-B:** The phrase "less than" requires a noun phrase for completion. "usual activity" (B) completes the thought perfectly.
- **Link B-C:** "take time off" (B) logically connects with the coordinating conjunction and

verb "and relax in places close to home where one" (C).

- **Link C-E:** The pronoun "where one" (C) needs a verb to establish an action or state. "feels less stressed" (E) fits grammatically.
- **Link E-D:** "as it is important" (E) needs an explanation for the importance. The prepositional phrase "for mental and physical well being" (D) concludes the sentence appropriately.
- Thus, the logical flow is A-B-C-E-D.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Locate the most obvious connectors first. The phrase "less than" in segment A strongly points to "usual activity" in segment B. Finding the A-B pair allows you to quickly evaluate the given options. Only options (b) and (d) start with AB. From there, reading ABC logically rules out the awkward phrasing of ABDEC, confirming ABCED.

Common Pitfall

Failing to connect the conjunction phrase "as it is important" with the concluding reason. Misplacing segment D before E breaks the causal relationship.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **ABCED**.

Q79. Directions: Below given is a passage with the 5 words in BOLD. Answer the questions following the passage.

Rahul and Ananya were excited about the new zipline (1) park opening nearby. They had heard about thrilling activities like the adventure (2) and rock climbing, which sparked their curiosity. While Ananya was eager to try everything, Rahul felt slightly nervous about safety (3). However, Ananya reassured (4) him by mentioning the park's focus on heights (5) and the presence of trained staff. They decided to visit early in the morning to avoid the long queues (6), with Ananya taking charge of booking the tickets online. Both friends looked forward to a day filled with fun and excitement.

Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other so as to make the given paragraph contextually and grammatically correct. If the sentence is correct as it is then select option (e) as your choice.

- A) 1-4 and 2-3
- B) 2-1 and 3-5
- C) 2-3 and 4-5
- D) 2-4 and 1-5
- E) No interchange required

Correct Answer: 2-1 and 3-5

Explanation:

Concept & Contextual Usage

Word swapping questions require analyzing the grammatical structure, collocation (words that naturally go together), and logical context of a passage to place the most appropriate words in specific positions.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Let's analyze the original placement of the bold words logically:

- "new zipline (1) park" and "activities like the adventure (2)" sound awkward. An "adventure park" is a standard noun phrase, whereas a "zipline" is a specific activity. Swapping (1) and (2) yields "new adventure park" and "activities like the zipline", which makes perfect contextual sense.
- "nervous about safety (3)" and "focus on heights (5)". While one can be nervous about safety, reassuring someone by mentioning the park's "focus on heights" is highly illogical.
- By swapping (3) and (5), we get "nervous about heights" (a very common phobia) and the park's "focus on safety" (which logically reassures a nervous person).
- Thus, the correct interchanges are 1 with 2, and 3 with 5.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Scan the passage for the most glaring logical contradiction. Reassuring a nervous person by mentioning a "focus on heights" is an obvious red flag. It should clearly be "focus on safety". This immediately tells you that 5 must be swapped with 3. Looking at the options, only option (b) contains the 3-5 interchange. You can mark it without even checking the other pair!

Common Pitfall

Reading the first sentence too fast and assuming "zipline park" is completely fine, causing you to overlook the 1-2 swap. Always read the full sentence to see if the second swapped word fits its new location better.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **2-1 and 3-5**.

Q80. Directions: Below given is a passage with the 5 words in BOLD. Answer the questions following the passage.

Rahul and Ananya were excited about the new zipline (1) park opening nearby. They had heard about thrilling activities like the adventure (2) and rock climbing, which sparked their curiosity. While Ananya was eager to try everything, Rahul felt slightly nervous about safety (3). However, Ananya reassured (4) him by mentioning the park's focus on heights (5) and the presence of trained staff. They decided to visit early in the morning to avoid the long queues (6), with Ananya taking charge of booking the tickets online. Both friends looked forward to a day filled with fun and excitement.

What is the synonym of the word adventure?

- A) Danger
- B) Exploration
- C) Routine
- D) Obstacle
- E) Boredom

Correct Answer: Exploration

Explanation:

Concept & Vocabulary

Synonyms are words that have exactly or nearly the same meaning as another word in the same language. The context of the passage often helps determine the closest synonym among the given choices.

Step-by-Step Solution

- The word "adventure" refers to an unusual, exciting, and daring experience or activity.
- Let's evaluate the given options based on this definition:
- (a) Danger: While adventures can sometimes involve danger, danger itself is a risk of harm, not the definition of an exciting experience.
- (b) Exploration: This involves traveling through an unfamiliar area to learn about it or experience it, closely matching the active, thrill-seeking nature of an adventure.
- (c) Routine: This is an antonym, meaning a standard, unvarying procedure.
- (d) Obstacle: A thing that blocks one's way or prevents progress; not related to the core meaning of adventure.
- (e) Boredom: An antonym, representing a state of feeling weary and restless through lack of interest.
- Thus, "Exploration" serves as the closest synonymous term in this context.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Use the process of elimination. Words like "Routine" and "Boredom" are direct opposites. "Obstacle" and "Danger" are negative elements that might exist *within* an adventure, but they do not define the activity itself. "Exploration" is the only option that captures the positive, active spirit of the word.

Common Pitfall

Selecting "Danger" because thrill-seeking activities are often associated with risk. It is crucial to look for the word that matches the *core meaning* of the noun, not just a side-effect or associated trait.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Exploration**.

Q81. Two series I and II given below each have one wrong number P and Q respectively.

Series I: 5, 20, 40, 67, 105, 140, 224 Series II: 13, 20, 30, 98, 119, 334

Find the difference between P and Q

- A) 24
- B) 36
- C) 38
- D) 42
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 42

Explanation:

Concept & Pattern Recognition

To find a wrong number in a series, we calculate the differences between consecutive terms. If the first differences don't show a clear pattern, we calculate the "second differences" (the differences of the differences). Often, these reveal standard sequences like prime numbers, squares, or cubes.

Step-by-Step Solution

Step 1: Analyze Series I to find P Given Series I: 5, 20, 40, 67, 105, 140, 224 Let's calculate the first level of differences between consecutive terms:

$$- 20 - 5 = 15$$

- $40 - 20 = 20$
- $67 - 40 = 27$
- $105 - 67 = 38$
- $140 - 105 = 35$
- $224 - 140 = 84$

First differences: 15, 20, 27, 38, 35, 84. Now, let's calculate the second level of differences (for the first few terms):

- $20 - 15 = 5$
- $27 - 20 = 7$
- $38 - 27 = 11$

Notice the sequence 5, 7, 11. These are consecutive prime numbers! Following this pattern, the next prime numbers should be 13 and 17.

Let's reconstruct the first differences using these next primes:

- Next first difference should be: $38 + 13 = 51$
- The first difference after that should be: $51 + 17 = 68$

Now, let's apply these corrected first differences to find the correct terms in the main series:

- Correct 6th term: $105 + 51 = 156$
- Let's verify the final term: $156 + 68 = 224$. This matches the last term of the series perfectly! Therefore, the number 140 is incorrect and should be 156. So, **P = 140**.

Step 2: Deduce Q using the given options We need to find the difference $P - Q$. Let's test the given options against $P = 140$ to see which one yields a number that actually exists in Series II (13, 20, 30, 98, 119, 334).

- If $P - Q = 24$, then $140 - Q = 24$ implies $Q = 116$ (Not in Series II)
- If $P - Q = 36$, then $140 - Q = 36$ implies $Q = 104$ (Not in Series II)
- If $P - Q = 38$, then $140 - Q = 38$ implies $Q = 102$ (Not in Series II)
- If $P - Q = 42$, then $140 - Q = 42$ implies $Q = 98$ (This number **is** in Series II!)

Since 98 is a term in Series II, it must be the wrong number Q.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Reverse Engineering: In competitive exams, time is your most valuable asset. Once you confidently find $P = 140$, do not waste time figuring out the complex pattern of Series II. The wrong number Q *must* be one of the numbers explicitly listed in Series II. By subtracting the multiple-choice options from 140, you instantly find that only option (d) results in a number (98) that is present in the second series.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is stubbornly trying to decode the exact mathematical pattern of the second series when it's not strictly necessary to answer the multiple-choice question. Always let the options guide your logic when you hit a roadblock.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **42**.

Q82. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Two algebraic expressions are given as (I) $6x^2 + 29x + P$ and (II) $3x + 1$. (I) is divided by (II) leaving $(2x + 9)$ as quotient and 19 as remainder.

Find the value of P.

- A) 25**
- B) 26**

- C) 27
- D) 28
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 28

Explanation:

Concept & Polynomial Division Theorem

The division algorithm for polynomials states that when a dividend is divided by a divisor, it yields a quotient and a remainder. $\text{Dividend} = (\text{Divisor} \times \text{Quotient}) + \text{Remainder}$

Step-by-Step Solution

- Given Dividend = $6x^2 + 29x + P$
- Given Divisor = $3x + 1$
- Given Quotient = $2x + 9$
- Given Remainder = 19
- Applying the theorem: $6x^2 + 29x + P = (3x + 1)(2x + 9) + 19$
- Expand the right side: $(3x \times 2x) + (3x \times 9) + (1 \times 2x) + (1 \times 9) + 19$
- Simplify: $6x^2 + 27x + 2x + 9 + 19$
- Combine terms: $6x^2 + 29x + 28$
- Comparing both sides: $6x^2 + 29x + P = 6x^2 + 29x + 28$
- Therefore, $P = 28$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

To find the constant term P quickly, you only need to multiply the constant terms of the divisor and quotient, and then add the remainder. The x terms are irrelevant for finding P . Constant of divisor (1) multiplied by constant of quotient (9) plus remainder (19) gives $1 \times 9 + 19 = 28$.

Common Pitfall

A frequent mistake is forgetting to add the remainder to the product of the divisor and quotient before comparing the coefficients.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **28**.

Q83. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Two algebraic expressions are given as (I) $6x^2 + 29x + P$ and (II) $3x + 1$. (I) is divided by (II) leaving $(2x + 9)$ as quotient and 19 as remainder.

What is the value of largest root of equation $6x^2 + 29x + P = 0$?

- A) $-\frac{1}{3}$
- B) $\frac{1}{3}$
- C) $\frac{2}{3}$
- D) $\frac{1}{4}$
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: $-\frac{1}{3}$

Explanation:

Concept & Quadratic Equation Roots

To find the roots of a quadratic equation, we can use factorization by splitting the middle term. $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Step-by-Step Solution

- From the previous problem, we found that $P = 28$.
- Substitute P into the equation: $6x^2 + 29x + 28 = 0$.
- To factorize, we need two numbers that multiply to $a \times c$ ($6 \times 28 = 168$) and add to b (29).
- These numbers are 21 and 8 ($21 + 8 = 29$ and $21 \times 8 = 168$).
- Split the middle term: $6x^2 + 21x + 8x + 28 = 0$.
- Factor by grouping: $3x(2x + 7) + 4(2x + 7) = 0$.
- This gives $(3x + 4)(2x + 7) = 0$.
- Setting each factor to zero yields the roots: $x = -\frac{4}{3}$ and $x = -\frac{7}{2}$.
- Convert to mixed fractions/decimals to compare: $x = -1\frac{1}{3}$ and $x = -3.5$.
- Since -1.33 is greater than -3.5 , the largest root is $-\frac{1}{3}$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Once you have the roots as $-\frac{21}{6}$ and $-\frac{8}{6}$, you can immediately see that $-\frac{8}{6}$ (which simplifies to $-\frac{4}{3}$) is a smaller negative number and thus the larger value. There's no need to convert fully to decimals if you recognize relative fractional sizes.

Common Pitfall

Choosing $-\frac{7}{2}$ (or -3.5) instead of -1.33 because 3.5 is a larger magnitude. Remember that on the negative side of the number line, numbers closer to zero have a larger mathematical value.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is $-\frac{1}{3}$.

Q84. Puneet buys 240 articles and labels each with the same marked price. He sells 160 articles initially at 20% discount on the labelled price. Then he sells rest articles at an additional discount of 25% on the discounted price. Thus, he gets total of Z , and makes profit of 10%. When he offered no discount find its profit %.

- A) 50%
- B) 25%
- C) 20%
- D) 33%
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 50%

Explanation:

Concept & Profit Calculation

The core concept involves relating Cost Price (CP), Selling Price (SP), and Marked Price (MP). Profit percentage is always calculated on the base Cost Price: $\text{Profit \%} = \frac{\text{SP} - \text{CP}}{\text{CP}} \times 100$

Step-by-Step Solution

- Let the Cost Price (CP) of 1 article be 1 unit. Total CP for 240 articles = 240.
- Let the Marked Price (MP) of each article be M.
- The total Selling Price (SP) is Z. Since there is an overall profit of 10%, the total SP must be 110% of the total CP: $\text{Total SP} = 240 \times 1.10 = 264$ units.
- Now, let's calculate the SP based on the discounts:
 - First 160 articles are sold at a 20% discount on MP. $\text{SP}_1 = 160 \times (M \times (1 - 0.20)) = 160 \times 0.8M = 128M$
 - The remaining 80 articles are sold at an *additional* 25% discount on the *already discounted* price (0.8M). $\text{New Discounted Price} = 0.8M \times (1 - 0.25) = 0.8M \times 0.75 = 0.6M$ $\text{SP}_2 = 80 \times 0.6M = 48M$
- Total SP in terms of M = $128M + 48M = 176M$.
- Equate the two total SP values: $176M = 264$ $M = \frac{264}{176} = 1.5$ units.
- The Marked Price (MP) is 1.5 per article, while the Cost Price (CP) is 1 per article.
- If no discount is offered, the new SP equals the MP (1.5).
- Profit = $1.5 - 1 = 0.5$.
- Profit % = $(\frac{0.5}{1}) \times 100\% = 50\%$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Assume the CP of one article is 100 to avoid decimals. Total CP = 24000. Total SP = 26400 (10% profit). Equating the sales: $(160 \times 80\% \times M) + (80 \times 60\% \times M) = 26400$ implies $128M + 48M = 26400$ implies $176M = 26400$ implies $M = 150$. If CP is 100 and MP is 150, the profit percentage without discount is simply 50%.

Common Pitfall

A common error is applying the second 25% discount to the original marked price rather than the already discounted price (successive discount). "Additional discount on the discounted price" means it compounds on the 80% value, becoming 60% overall.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **50%**.

Q85. The container X contains 140 liters pure milk. $\frac{250}{7}\%$ of the milk is taken out from the container and 30 liters of water is added in it and then another 40% of the mixture is taken out. If another container Y has 80 liters of mixture in which 62.5% is milk and remaining soda, then find the final quantity of water in container X is what percent of quantity of soda in container Y ?

- A) 65%
- B) 60%
- C) 75%
- D) 25%
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 60%

Explanation:

Concept & Mixture Ratios

This problem requires tracking the absolute quantities of specific components (milk and

water) through multiple removal and addition steps. When a percentage of a mixture is removed, that exact percentage is removed from *each* component proportionately.

Step-by-Step Solution

Step 1: Track the components in Container X

- Initial pure milk in X = 140 liters.
- First removal: $\frac{250}{7}\%$ of the milk is taken out. Fraction equivalent: $\frac{250}{7} \times 100 = \frac{250}{700} = \frac{5}{14}$. Amount removed = $\frac{5}{14} \times 140 = 50$ liters. Remaining milk = $140 - 50 = 90$ liters.
- Addition: 30 liters of water are added. New mixture volume = $90 \text{ (milk)} + 30 \text{ (water)} = 120$ liters.
- Second removal: 40% of the mixture is taken out. If 40% is taken out, 60% remains. Since the mixture is uniform, exactly 60% of the water remains. Final quantity of water in X = $60\% \text{ of } 30 = \frac{60}{100} \times 30 = 18$ liters.

Step 2: Track the components in Container Y

- Total mixture in Y = 80 liters.
- Milk = 62.5%. Fraction equivalent of 62.5% = $\frac{5}{8}$.
- Remaining part is soda, which is $100\% - 62.5\% = 37.5\%$. Fraction equivalent of 37.5% = $\frac{3}{8}$.
- Quantity of soda in Y = $\frac{3}{8} \times 80 = 3 \times 10 = 30$ liters.

Step 3: Calculate the required percentage

- We need to find: (Final water in X) is what percent of (Soda in Y)?
- Percentage = $(\frac{18}{30}) \times 100\%$
- Percentage = $(\frac{3}{5}) \times 100\% = 60\%$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Memorize standard fraction-to-percentage conversions to speed up calculations: $62.5\% = \frac{5}{8}$, $37.5\% = \frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{250}{7}\% = \frac{5}{14}$. Using fractions instead of decimals for percentages like $\frac{250}{7}$ immediately simplifies $140 \times \frac{5}{14}$ into 50 mentally.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is trying to track the remaining milk during the second removal phase (40% removed). The question only asks for the final quantity of *water*, so calculating the final quantity of milk wastes valuable exam time. Focus only on the required variable.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **60%**.

Q86. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Study the following given pie - charts carefully and answer the questions given below. The first pie chart represents the breakup of the number of employees working in different departments of an organization and the second pie chart represents the distribution of promotion of employees.

If the number of female employees who were promoted in HR department were 120 and the ratio of male and female employees in HR department is 7 : 5, then the ratio of the total number of male employees in the HR department to the number of male employees promoted in the same department was:

A) 105 : 8

B) 112 : 15

- C) 145 : 11
- D) 175 : 12
- E) None of these.

Correct Answer: 175 : 12

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

To find the required ratio, we need to calculate two values: the total number of male employees in the HR department, and the number of male employees promoted in the HR department. We use the given total values and percentages to find these subsets.

Step-by-Step Solution

Find total male employees in HR: Total employees = 6000 Total HR employees = 25% of 6000 = 1500 Ratio of Male:Female in HR = 7:5 Total Male in HR = $\frac{7}{7+5} \times 1500 = \frac{7}{12} \times 1500 = 7 \times 125 = 875$

Find male employees promoted in HR: Total promoted employees = 1200 Total HR promoted = 15% of 1200 = 180 Given female promoted in HR = 120 Male promoted in HR = Total HR promoted - Female promoted in HR = 180 - 120 = 60

Calculate the final ratio: Ratio = (Total male in HR) : (Male promoted in HR) Ratio = 875 : 60 Dividing both sides by 5: Ratio = 175 : 12

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Calculate only what is asked. You do not need to find the number of female employees in HR since it is not required for the final ratio. Break down percentages efficiently: 25% is 1/4th, so $6000 / 4 = 1500$. 15% of 1200 is $1200 \times 0.15 = 12 \times 15 = 180$.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is applying the 7:5 ratio to the promoted employees instead of the total employees, or confusing the total numbers (6000 vs 1200) when taking percentages.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **175 : 12**.

Q87. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Study the following given pie - charts carefully and answer the questions given below. The first pie chart represents the breakup of the number of employees working in different departments of an organization and the second pie chart represents the distribution of promotion of employees.

If the ratio of number of male employees to the female employees in the production department is 2 : 3 and the ratio of number of male employees to female employees who get promotions in the same department is 4 : 5, then what percent of the female employees get promotions in the production department?

- A) 18.52%
- B) 21.50%
- C) 22.50%
- D) 25%
- E) 33.33%

Correct Answer: 18.52%

Explanation:

Concept & Percentage Logic

To find the percentage of female employees who get promoted in the production department, we need to divide the number of promoted female employees in production by the total number of female employees in production, and multiply by 100. $\text{Percentage} = \frac{\text{Promoted Females in Production}}{\text{Total Females in Production}} \times 100$

Step-by-Step Solution

Find total female employees in Production: Total employees = 6000
Total Production employees = 15% of 6000 = 900
Ratio of Male:Female in Production = 2:3
Total Female in Production = $\frac{3}{2+3} \times 900 = \frac{3}{5} \times 900 = 3 \times 180 = 540$

Find promoted female employees in Production: Total promoted employees = 1200
Total Production promoted = 15% of 1200 = 180
Ratio of Male:Female promoted in Production = 4:5
Promoted Female in Production = $\frac{5}{4+5} \times 180 = \frac{5}{9} \times 180 = 5 \times 20 = 100$

Calculate the required percentage: Percentage = $\frac{100}{540} \times 100\%$
Percentage = $\frac{10}{54} \times 100\%$ Percentage = $\frac{5}{27} \times 100\% = \frac{500}{27}\%$
 $500 / 27 \approx 18.518\ldots\%$ which rounds to 18.52%.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Work with fractions until the final step to avoid rounding errors early on. Recognizing that $1/27$ is roughly 3.7%, so $5/27$ is around 18.5%, can help you quickly spot the correct option without long division.

Common Pitfall

A common pitfall is calculating the percentage of females promoted relative to the *total* promoted employees (100/1200) or total employees (100/6000), instead of specifically the *female employees in the production department* (100/540).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **18.52%**.

Q88. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Study the following given pie - charts carefully and answer the questions given below. The first pie chart represents the breakup of the number of employees working in different departments of an organization and the second pie chart represents the distribution of promotion of employees.

The difference between the percentage of the number of employees, who get promotions from the HR department and IT department is:

- A) 0.50%
- B) 0.75%
- C) 1.25%
- D) 1.33%
- E) 1.60%

Correct Answer: 1.33%

Explanation:**Concept & Logic**

To find the percentage of employees who get promoted within a specific department, we calculate the number of promoted employees in that department and divide it by the total number of employees in that same department. $\text{Percentage} = \left(\frac{\text{Promoted in Dept}}{\text{Total in Dept}} \right) \times 100$

Step-by-Step Solution**- HR Department:**

- Total employees in HR = 25% of 6000 = 1500.
- Promoted employees in HR = 15% of 1200 = 180.
- Percentage promoted = $\left(\frac{180}{1500} \right) \times 100 = 12\%$.

- IT Department:

- Total employees in IT = 30% of 6000 = 1800.
- Promoted employees in IT = 20% of 1200 = 240.
- Percentage promoted = $\left(\frac{240}{1800} \right) \times 100 = 13.33\%$.

- Difference:

- $13.33\% - 12\% = 1.33\%$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of calculating the exact numbers, use ratios. Let total employees be 6000 = 5 $\times$ 1200. Let P be total promotions = 1200. HR total = 0.25 $\times$ 5P = 1.25P. HR promoted = 0.15P. % = $(0.15/1.25) \times 100 = 12\%$. IT total = 0.30 $\times$ 5P = 1.50P. IT promoted = 0.20P. % = $(0.20/1.50) \times 100 = 13.33\%$. Difference = $13.33\% - 12\% = 1.33\%$.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is directly subtracting the pie chart percentages (e.g., 20% - 15% for IT and HR promotions) without realizing these percentages are taken from different base totals (1200 vs 6000).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **1.33%**.

Q89. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Study the following given pie - charts carefully and answer the questions given below. The first pie chart represents the breakup of the number of employees working in different departments of an organization and the second pie chart represents the distribution of promotion of employees.

The total number of employees promoted in the Account, IT, and Sells department together is what percent of the total number of employees in these departments?

- A)** 18.33%
- B)** 23.33 %
- C)** 22.02 %
- D)** 33.13 %
- E)** None of these

Correct Answer: 23.33 %

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

Calculate the combined total of promoted employees in the specified departments and divide it by the combined total of all employees in those departments to find the aggregate percentage.

Step-by-Step Solution**- Total Promoted in Target Departments:**

- Target departments: Account, IT, Sells.
- Percentage of total promotions = $30\% + 20\% + 20\% = 70\%$.
- Total promoted = 70% of $1200 = 840$.

- Total Employees in Target Departments:

- Percentage of total employees = $20\% + 30\% + 10\% = 60\%$.
- Total employees = 60% of $6000 = 3600$.

- Calculate Percentage:

- Required percentage = $\left(\frac{840}{3600}\right) \times 100 = \left(\frac{84}{360}\right) \times 100 = \left(\frac{7}{30}\right) \times 100 \approx 23.33\%$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Work with fractions of the total to avoid large multiplications. The total promotions base is $1/5$ th of the total employees base. Promoted fraction = 70% of $1/5 = 14\%$ of total company base. Total employees fraction in these depts = 60% of total company base. Percentage = $(14 / 60) \times 100 = 23.33\%$.

Common Pitfall

A frequent error is to take the average of the individual promotion rates of the three departments rather than calculating the pooled total divided by the pooled base.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **23.33 %**.

Q90. Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Study the following given pie - charts carefully and answer the questions given below. The first pie chart represents the breakup of the number of employees working in different departments of an organization and the second pie chart represents the distribution of promotion of employees.

What is the difference between the average number of employees who were promoted in the IT, Production, and Sells departments and the average of number of total employees in these three departments?

- A) 540
- B) 740
- C) 880
- D) 950
- E) 1250

Correct Answer: 880

Explanation:

Concept & Formula

The problem requires finding the difference between two averages: the average of promoted employees in three specific departments and the average of total employees in those same departments. $\text{Average} = \frac{\text{Sum of values}}{\text{Number of values}}$

Step-by-Step Solution

- Average of Total Employees:

- Departments: IT (30%), Production (15%), Sells (10%).
- Total percentage = $30\% + 15\% + 10\% = 55\%$.
- Total employees in these departments = $55\% \text{ of } 6000 = 3300$.
- Average = $\frac{3300}{3} = 1100$.

- Average of Promoted Employees:

- Departments: IT (20%), Production (15%), Sells (20%).
- Total percentage = $20\% + 15\% + 20\% = 55\%$.
- Total promoted in these departments = $55\% \text{ of } 1200 = 660$.
- Average = $\frac{660}{3} = 220$.

- Difference:

- Difference = $1100 - 220 = 880$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of calculating the totals first, calculate the average percentage and then apply it to the base. Average total employees = $(55\% / 3) \text{ of } 6000 = 55 \times 20 = 1100$. Average promoted = $(55\% / 3) \text{ of } 1200 = 55 \times 4 = 220$. Difference = $1100 - 220 = 880$.

Common Pitfall

Misreading the question as the difference between the total number of employees and total promoted, forgetting to divide by 3 to find the averages first.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **880**.

Q91. A bag contains some balls of three different colours. Probability of drawing a blue colour ball is $\left(\frac{5}{24}\right)$ and the ratio of red to green colour balls is 9 : 10. What is the total number of balls in the bag?

I. Average of total number of balls of all the three colours is 8. II. Two balls are drawn randomly from the bag and probability that both the balls are green is $\frac{15}{92}$. III. One ball is drawn at random from the bag and the probability that the ball is either blue or red is $\left(\frac{7}{12}\right)$.

- A) Either I alone or III alone is sufficient.
- B) Either I alone or II alone is sufficient.
- C) Either II alone or III alone is sufficient.
- D) Any one of them alone is sufficient.
- E) Any two of them together are sufficient.

Correct Answer: Either I alone or II alone is sufficient.

Explanation:

Concept & Probability Proportions

To find the total number of balls, we need absolute values since the question only provides ratios and probabilities (which are relative). Let total balls be T. $P(\text{Blue}) = \frac{5}{24}$

$\text{Blue balls} = \frac{5}{24}T$ $\text{Remaining (Red + Green)} = T - \frac{5}{24}T = \frac{19}{24}T$ Since Red : Green = 9 : 10, Green balls = $\frac{10}{19} \times \frac{19}{24}T = \frac{10}{24}T$.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Statement I:** Average of all three colors is 8. $\frac{T}{3} = 8 \implies T = 24$. This gives a unique answer. (Statement I alone is sufficient).
- **Statement II:** Probability of drawing two green balls is $\frac{15}{92}$.
 $\frac{\binom{G}{2}}{\binom{T}{2}} = \frac{15}{92}$ Substitute $G = \frac{10T}{24}$:
 $\frac{\frac{10T}{24}(\frac{10T}{24} - 1)}{T(T - 1)} = \frac{15}{92}$ Solving this quadratic equation for T yields a single positive integer $T = 24$. (Statement II alone is sufficient).
- **Statement III:** Probability of blue or red is $\frac{7}{12}$. From our initial proportions, Red = $\frac{9}{24}T$. $P(\text{Blue or Red}) = \frac{5}{24} + \frac{9}{24} = \frac{14}{24} = \frac{7}{12}$. This is universally true based on the question stem and provides no new information about the total number of balls. (Statement III is not sufficient).

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

In Data Sufficiency, do not solve complex equations unless required to prove a unique solution exists. For Statement II, recognizing that a specific integer probability for dependent events almost always constraints the total pool to a single integer is key to saving time.

Notice Statement III just repeats deduced relative data.

Common Pitfall

Mistaking Statement III as new information. Always check if the statement can be mathematically derived from the question stem alone.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Either I alone or II alone is sufficient**.

Q92. Question below is followed by three statements I, II and III. You have to determine whether the data given in the statement is sufficient for answering the question.

y litres mixture of milk and water contains milk and water in the ratio a : b respectively. The milkman sold z litres of the mixture and added 10 litres of pure milk and 8 litres of water to the remaining mixture such that the ratio of milk and water in the final mixture became 5 : 4 respectively. Find the respective ratio of amount of milk in the initial mixture and amount of milk in the final mixture.

Statement I: A 54 litres mixture of syrup and water contains syrup and water in the ratio a : b respectively. If 10 litres of syrup and 6 litres of water is added to the mixture, the ratio of syrup and water becomes 4 : 3 respectively. Statement II: A 60 litres mixture of milk and water contains milk and water in the ratio 7 : 5 respectively. If z litres of the mixture is replaced with water, the ratio of milk and water in the mixture becomes 7 : 23 respectively.

Statement III: $y = 3z$

- A) Only I and II together
- B) Either I or II and III together
- C) Any two of the three
- D) All I, II and III together
- E) Cannot be answered even after combining all the three statements

Correct Answer: All I, II and III together

Explanation:**Concept & Mixtures Data Sufficiency**

To find the initial to final milk ratio, we need the initial quantity of milk and the final quantity of milk. Initial Milk = $y \times \frac{a}{a+b}$. Final Milk = $(y - z) \times \frac{a}{a+b} + 10$. We need to determine the variables a, b, y, and z.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Evaluate Statement I:** 54L mixture in ratio a:b. Adding 10L syrup and 6L water gives 4:3. Let initial syrup be S and water be W. $S+W = 54$. $\frac{S+10}{W+6} = \frac{4}{3}$
 $\implies \frac{S+10}{54-S+6} = \frac{4}{3}$ $3S+30 = 240-4S \implies 7S = 210$
 $\implies S = 30$ So, $W = 24$. The ratio a:b = 30:24 = 5:4. Statement I gives us a and b, but not y or z.
- **Evaluate Statement II:** 60L mixture in 7:5 ratio (35L milk, 25L water). Replaced z litres with water, new ratio is 7:23. Milk left = $35 - \frac{7}{12}z$. Water = $25 - \frac{5}{12}z + z = 25 + \frac{7}{12}z$. $\frac{35 - \frac{7}{12}z}{25 + \frac{7}{12}z} = \frac{7}{23}$ $23(35 - \frac{7}{12}z) = 7(25 + \frac{7}{12}z)$. Solving this yields $z = 36$. Statement II gives us z, but not a, b, or y.
- **Evaluate Statement III:** $y = 3z$. This only gives a relationship between y and z.
- **Combining Information:** Combining I, II, and III gives a:b = 5:4, $z = 36$, and $y = 3 \times 36 = 108$. With all variables known, we can find the exact required ratio.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of fully solving Statements I and II, recognize what variables they allow you to isolate. Stmt I has only 1 unknown proportion set (S out of 54), so it yields a:b. Stmt II has 1 unknown (z), so it yields z. Stmt III connects y to z. To solve the main equation, all components are necessary.

Common Pitfall

Assuming that providing absolute values for a different liquid (syrup) in Statement I makes it invalid. The ratio a:b is an independent constant linking the scenarios.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **All I, II and III together**.

Q93. Time taken by the boat in river A to cover $(D + 120)$ km in downstream is 25% more than the time taken by the same boat to cover $(D - 80)$ km in upstream in river B. The speed of the stream in river B is 20% less than the speed of stream in river A. Ratio of the speed of the boat to the speed of the stream in river A is 9 : 5. Find the value of $(D + 40)$ if the speed of the boat is constant.

- A) 160
- B) 200
- C) 240
- D) 280
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 200

Explanation:**Concept & Boat and Stream Ratios**

The core formula for time in boat and stream problems is: $\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$

Downstream Speed = $V_{\text{boat}} + V_{\text{stream}}$

Upstream Speed = $V_{\text{boat}} - V_{\text{stream}}$

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given Ratios & Speeds:** Let the speed of the boat be V and speed of stream A be S_A . Ratio $V : S_A = 9 : 5$. Let $V = 9x$ and $S_A = 5x$. Speed of stream B (S_B) is 20% less than S_A . $S_B = S_A - 0.20(S_A) = 0.80 \times 5x = 4x$
- **Formulating Downstream/Upstream Speeds:** Downstream speed in River A = $V + S_A = 9x + 5x = 14x$. Upstream speed in River B = $V - S_B = 9x - 4x = 5x$.
- **Setting up the Time Equation:** Time for $(D+120)$ downstream A = $1.25 \times$ Time for $(D-80)$ upstream B. $\frac{D+120}{14x} = 1.25 \times \frac{D-80}{5x}$
- **Solving for D:** Cancel x from denominators and use $1.25 = \frac{5}{4}$: $\frac{D+120}{14} = \frac{5}{4} \times \frac{D-80}{5}$ $\frac{D+120}{14} = \frac{D-80}{4}$ Cross-multiply: $4(D+120) = 14(D-80)$ $4D+480 = 14D-1120$ $10D = 1600$ implies $D = 160$
- **Finding Final Value:** We need to find $(D+40)$. $160+40 = 200$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Whenever dealing with proportional speeds (percentages or ratios), assign a variable like x immediately. Notice how x naturally cancels out when creating a time equivalence equation, meaning you don't even need the absolute speeds to find the distance D .

Common Pitfall

Forgetting that the question asks for $(D+40)$ rather than just D . Always double-read the final query line before selecting an option!

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **200**.

Q94. Ratio of the height of the cone and cylinder is $3 : 2$. Ratio of the radius of the cone and cylinder is $3 : 4$. Ratio of the volume of the cone and cylinder is $m : n$. The length of the cuboid is $(m+11)$ and the breadth of the cuboid is $(n-11)$. The total volume of the cuboid is 11340. Find the possible value of the height of the cuboid?

I. $3m$

II. $\frac{n}{4}$

III. $n - m - 15$

A) Only I

B) Only II

C) Only III

D) Only I and II

E) Only I and III

Correct Answer: Only I

Explanation:

Concept & Volume Proportions

The key is establishing the relationship between the volumes of a cone and a cylinder using their given dimension ratios. The volume of a cone is $V_{\text{cone}} = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ and the volume of a cylinder is $V_{\text{cylinder}} = \pi r^2 h$. The ratio of their volumes is:

$$\frac{V_{\text{cone}}}{V_{\text{cylinder}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}\pi r_1^2 h_1}{\pi r_2^2 h_2}$$

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Establish Ratios:** Let the radii of the cone and cylinder be $3x$ and $4x$ respectively. Let the heights of the cone and cylinder be $3y$ and $2y$ respectively.
- **Calculate Volume Ratio (m : n):** $\frac{m}{n} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}\pi (3x)^2 (3y)}{\pi (4x)^2 (2y)} = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{9x^2 \times 16x^2}{16x^2 \times 2y} = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{9}{16} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{32}$ Assuming the simplest integer values for the ratio, $m = 9$ and $n = 32$.
- **Calculate Cuboid Dimensions:** Length of cuboid $L = m + 11 = 9 + 11 = 20$. Breadth of cuboid $B = n - 11 = 32 - 11 = 21$.
- **Find Height of Cuboid (H):** Total volume of cuboid $= L \times B \times H = 11340$. $20 \times 21 \times H = 11340$ $420 \times H = 11340$ $\implies H = 27$
- **Evaluate Statements:** I. $3m = 3(9) = 27$ (Matches) II. $\frac{n}{4} = \frac{32}{4} = 8$ (Does not match) III. $n - m - 15 = 32 - 9 - 15 = 8$ (Does not match) Only statement I yields the correct height.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When variables expressed directly from ratios (like m and n forming $m+11$) are used as absolute lengths, it strongly implies that the base simplified ratio values (9 and 32) are the actual intended absolute values. Plug $k=1$ in immediately to save time, and quickly verify if the resulting numbers divide cleanly (like $11340 \div 420 = 27$).

Common Pitfall

Forgetting the $\frac{1}{3}$ factor in the cone's volume formula, which would drastically alter the $m:n$ ratio and lead to incorrect cuboid dimensions.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only I**.

Q95. Directions (95-98): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

A shopkeeper sold five articles: P, Q, R, S and T. Further partial information is given in table below.

Article	Cost price	% Profit	Marked price
P	-	40%	$(10.8b + 3m)$
Q	-	-	$(12a - n)$
R	-	20%	-
S	$(5b - m - n - 48)$	-	-
T	$(4a + \frac{m}{2})$	-	$(13a - \frac{n}{2} + 6)$

Note: (i) Value of 'n' is 4 times of larger root of given equation. $K^2 - 32K + 252 = 0$ (ii) Article T is marked up 1280 more than its cost price and the difference between marked price and cost price of article T is 28% more than profit earned on article S. (iii) Discount given on article Q is 16.66%, and selling price of S is $(5m + 7n + 4a + 296)$. (iv) Value of 'm' is twice of missing value in the given sequence. 140, 136, 161, (?), 329, -200

If cost price of P is 87.5% more than that of T, and P is sold after discount of $(2L - 210)\%$, then which of the following is/are possible value of L?

- I. $1.5m$ II. $(b - n - 8)$ III. $2.4(b - a)$ IV. 240

A) I and III only

B) II and IV only

- C) I, II, and III only
 D) I, II, III, and IV
 E) None of these

Correct Answer: I, II, and III only

Explanation:

Concept & Equation Solving Strategy

This is a comprehensive Data Interpretation puzzle integrating quadratic equations, number series, and profit & loss concepts. We must decode the underlying variables (n, m, a, b) first. Key formulas: Profit = SP - CP Discount % = $\frac{MP - SP}{MP} \times 100$

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Find n (from quadratic equation):

- Equation: $K^2 - 32K + 252 = 0$
- Roots are 14 and 18 (since $14 \times 18 = 252$ and $14 + 18 = 32$).
- The larger root is 18. Therefore, $n = 4 \times 18 = 72$.

2. Find m (from sequence):

- Sequence: 140, 136, 161, x, 329, -200
- Differences: $136 - 140 = -4$ (-2^2)
- $161 - 136 = 25$ ($+5^2$)
- Notice the pattern of alternating signs and squares of alternate prime numbers (2, 5, 11, 17, 23).
- Next difference should be $-11^2 = -121$. So, $x = 161 - 121 = 40$.
- Verify with next: $40 + 17^2 = 40 + 289 = 329$. (Matches perfectly)
- Therefore, $m = 2 \times 40 = 80$.

3. Find a (from Article T):

- $CP_T = 4a + \frac{80}{2} = 4a + 40$
- $MP_T = 13a - \frac{72}{2} + 6 = 13a - 30$
- Markup is 1280 $\implies MP_T - CP_T = 1280$
- $(13a - 30) - (4a + 40) = 1280 \implies 9a - 70 = 1280 \implies 9a = 1350 \implies a = 150$.

4. Find b (from Article S):

- Markup of T (1280) is 28% more than Profit on S.
- $Profit_S = \frac{1280}{1.28} = 1000$.
- $SP_S = 5(80) + 7(72) + 4(150) + 296 = 400 + 504 + 600 + 296 = 1800$.
- $CP_S = SP_S - Profit_S = 1800 - 1000 = 800$.
- From table, $CP_S = 5b - m - n - 48 = 5b - 80 - 72 - 48 = 5b - 200$.
- Equating: $5b - 200 = 800 \implies 5b = 1000 \implies b = 200$.

5. Evaluate Question for L:

- $CP_T = 4(150) + 40 = 640$.
- CP_P is 87.5% ($\frac{7}{8}$) more than $CP_T \implies CP_P = 640 \times \frac{15}{8} = 1200$.
- $Profit_P = 40\% \implies SP_P = 1200 \times 1.4 = 1680$.
- $MP_P = 10.8(200) + 3(80) = 2160 + 240 = 2400$.
- Discount given = $2400 - 1680 = 720$. Discount % = $(\frac{720}{2400}) \times 100 = 30\%$.

- Given Discount % = 2L - 210 \implies 2L - 210 = 30 \implies 2L = 240 \implies L = 120.

6. Verify Options:

- I. $1.5m = 1.5(80) = 120$ (True)
- II. $b - n - 8 = 200 - 72 - 8 = 120$ (True)
- III. $2.4(b - a) = 2.4(200 - 150) = 2.4(50) = 120$ (True)
- IV. $240 \neq 120$ (False)

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

By finding the base values ($a=150$, $b=200$, $m=80$, $n=72$) accurately on your scratchpad first, both associated questions collapse into standard arithmetic. Memorizing fractional equivalents (like $87.5\% = \frac{7}{8}$) saves massive calculation time on step 5.

Common Pitfall

A frequent error is misinterpreting the number series. Noticing that differences (-4, 25) are squares of prime numbers with alternating signs is non-intuitive. Always test alternating logic if simple differences yield no standard geometric/arithmetic progression.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **I, II, and III only**.

Q96. Directions (95-98): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

A shopkeeper sold five articles: P, Q, R, S and T. Further partial information is given in table below.

Article	Cost price	% Profit	Marked price
P	-	40%	$(10.8b + 3m)$
Q	-	-	$(12a - n)$
R	-	20%	-
S	$(5b - m - n - 48)$	-	-
T	$(4a + \frac{m}{2})$	-	$(13a - \frac{n}{2} + 6)$

Note: (i) Value of 'n' is 4 times of larger root of given equation. $K^2 - 32K + 252 = 0$ (ii) Article T is marked up 1280 more than its cost price and the difference between marked price and cost price of article T is 28% more than profit earned on article S. (iii) Discount given on article Q is 16.66%, and selling price of S is $(5m + 7n + 4a + 296)$. (iv) Value of 'm' is twice of missing value in the given sequence. 140, 136, 161, (?), 329, -200

If marked price of T is 80 less than cost price of R, which is sold after discount of 400 or $(\frac{5L}{14})\%$. Find the value of L.

- A) $\frac{100}{7}$
- B) 40
- C) 250
- D) $\frac{2}{5}$
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 40

Explanation:

Concept & Profit Logic Strategy

This problem utilizes the decoded variables from the central puzzle to connect the Marked Price of one article to the Cost Price of another.

The core formula utilized here connects Discounts to Percentages: $\text{Discount \%} = \frac{\text{Discount Amount}}{\text{Marked Price}} \times 100$

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Recall Decoded Base Variables:

- From decoding the initial notes (see previous explanations): $a = 150$, $b = 200$, $m = 80$, $n = 72$.

2. Calculate Parameters for T:

- $MP_T = 13a - \frac{n}{2} + 6$
- $MP_T = 13(150) - \frac{72}{2} + 6 = 1950 - 36 + 6 = 1920$.

3. Relate to Article R:

- The problem states MP_T is 80 less than CP_R .
- Therefore, $CP_R = MP_T + 80 = 1920 + 80 = 2000$.
- From the main table, Article R has a 20% profit.
- $SP_R = CP_R \times 1.20 = 2000 \times 1.2 = 2400$.

4. Apply Discount Data for R:

- Given discount amount = 400.
- $MP_R = SP_R + \text{Discount} = 2400 + 400 = 2800$.
- Actual Discount % = $\left(\frac{400}{2800}\right) \times 100 = \frac{100}{7}\%$.
- We are given that the discount % is $\left(\frac{5L}{14}\right)\%$.
- Equating the two: $\frac{5L}{14} = \frac{100}{7} \implies 5L = 200 \implies L = 40$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of recalculating variable a from scratch, store derived variables immediately in a table on your rough sheet during Data Interpretation blocks. From there, tracing the path $MP_T \rightarrow CP_R \rightarrow SP_R \rightarrow MP_R$ is a highly linear arithmetic chain that takes less than 30 seconds to execute.

Common Pitfall

A very common trap is applying the discount directly on the Selling Price rather than the Marked Price. Always remember that $MP = SP + \text{Discount}$, and the discount percentage is universally calculated with respect to the MP as the base denominator.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **40**.

Q97. Directions (95-98): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

A shopkeeper sold five articles: P, Q, R, S and T. Further partial information is given in table below.

Article	Cost price	% Profit	Marked price
P	-	40%	$(10.8b + 3m)$
Q	-	-	$(12a - n)$
R	-	20%	-
S	$(5b - m - n - 48)$	-	-
T	$(4a + \frac{m}{2})$	-	$(13a - \frac{n}{2} + 6)$

Note: (i) Value of 'n' is 4 times of larger root of given equation. $K^2 - 32P + 252 = 0$ (ii) Article T is marked up 1280 more than its cost price and the difference between marked price and cost price of article T is 28% more than profit earned on article S. (iii) Discount given on article Q is 16.66%, and selling price of S is $(5m + 7n + 4a + 296)$. (iv) Value of 'm' is twice of missing value in the given sequence. 140, 136, 161, x, 329, -200

If profit% given on article Q is thrice as that of discount %, then find difference between cost

price of Q and S.

- A) 160
- B) 80
- C) 120
- D) 240
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 160

Explanation:

Concept & Profit and Loss Strategy

Deciphering the base variables from the shared Data Interpretation notes provides the Cost Price of S and Marked Price of Q. We apply the standard fractional relationships for profit and discount to find the Cost Price of Q.

$$SP = MP \times (1 - \text{Discount}\%) \quad CP = \frac{SP}{1 + \text{Profit}\%}$$

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Recall Base Variables:

- From decoding the initial puzzle (solving the quadratic and number sequence): $n = 72$, $m = 80$, $a = 150$, $b = 200$.
- From Note (ii) and (iii), CP_S is found to be 800.

2. Analyze Article Q:

- $MP_Q = 12a - n = 12(150) - 72 = 1800 - 72 = 1728$.
- From Note (iii), Discount on Q = $16.66\% \approx \frac{1}{6}$.
- $SP_Q = MP_Q \times (1 - \frac{1}{6}) = 1728 \times \frac{5}{6} = 288 \times 5 = 1440$.

3. Calculate CP of Q:

- Given Profit% is thrice the Discount%: $\text{Profit}\% = 3 \times 16.66\% = 50\% = \frac{1}{2}$.
- $SP_Q = CP_Q \times (1 + \frac{1}{2}) = 1.5 \times CP_Q$.
- $1440 = 1.5 \times CP_Q \implies CP_Q = \frac{1440}{1.5} = 960$.

4. Find the Difference:

- Difference = $CP_Q - CP_S = 960 - 800 = 160$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Recognizing 16.66% as $\frac{1}{6}$ and 50% as $\frac{1}{2}$ is crucial for speed. Instead of complex decimals, use fraction multipliers: $SP = MP \times \frac{5}{6}$ and $CP = \frac{SP}{1.5}$. This turns the calculation into mental math: $1728 \times \frac{5}{6} = 1440 \implies 1440 \div 1.5 = 960$.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is applying the 50% profit calculation as a markdown from the Selling Price (i.e., finding 50% of 1440 and subtracting). Remember that profit percentage is always based on the Cost Price: $SP = CP \times (1 + P\%)$.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **160**.

Q98. Directions (95-98): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

A shopkeeper sold five articles: P, Q, R, S and T. Further partial information is given in table

below.

Article	Cost price	% Profit	Marked price
P	-	40%	$(10.8b + 3m)$
Q	-	-	$(12a - n)$
R	-	20%	-
S	$(5b - m - n - 48)$	-	-
T	$(4a + \frac{m}{2})$	-	$(13a - \frac{n}{2} + 6)$

Note: (i) Value of 'n' is 4 times of larger root of given equation. $K^2 - 32P + 252 = 0$ (ii) Article T is marked up 1280 more than its cost price and the difference between marked price and cost price of article T is 28% more than profit earned on article S. (iii) Discount given on article Q is 16.66%, and selling price of S is $(5m + 7n + 4a + 296)$. (iv) Value of 'm' is twice of missing value in the given sequence. 140, 136, 161, x, 329, -200

If the discount given on article T is $(b - a)\%$ and sold at a profit of $L\%$, while the marked price of S is 400 less than that of P, and S sold after giving a discount of $D\%$. Find $(L\% - D\%)$.

- A) 30%
- B) 20%
- C) 25%
- D) 40%
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 40%

Explanation:

Concept & Profit and Loss Strategy

This question requires calculating individual profit and discount percentages for articles T and S using the derived variables a, b, m, n.

Key formulas: Profit % = $\frac{SP - CP}{CP} \times 100$ Discount % = $\frac{MP - SP}{MP} \times 100$

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Recall Base Variables:

- $a = 150, b = 200, m = 80, n = 72$.
- From Note (iii), $SP_S = 5(80) + 7(72) + 4(150) + 296 = 1800$.

2. Analyze Article T (Find L%):

- $CP_T = 4a + \frac{m}{2} = 4(150) + \frac{80}{2} = 600 + 40 = 640$.
- $MP_T = 13a - \frac{n}{2} + 6 = 13(150) - \frac{72}{2} + 6 = 1950 - 36 + 6 = 1920$.
- Discount on T = $(b - a)\% = (200 - 150)\% = 50\%$.
- $SP_T = MP_T \times (1 - 0.5) = 1920 \times 0.5 = 960$.
- Profit = $SP_T - CP_T = 960 - 640 = 320$.
- Profit% ($L\%$) = $\frac{320}{640} \times 100 = 50\%$. Thus, $L = 50$.

3. Analyze Article S (Find D%):

- $MP_P = 10.8b + 3m = 10.8(200) + 3(80) = 2160 + 240 = 2400$.
- Given MP_S is 400 less than MP_P : $MP_S = 2400 - 400 = 2000$.
- Discount on S = $MP_S - SP_S = 2000 - 1800 = 200$.
- Discount% ($D\%$) = $\frac{200}{2000} \times 100 = 10\%$. Thus, $D = 10$.

4. Final Calculation:

- We need to find $(L\% - D\%) = 50\% - 10\% = 40\%$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Notice that SP_T (960) is exactly halfway between MP_T (1920) and 0, making the discount 50%. Since CP_T is 640, the profit of 320 is exactly half of 640, making profit 50%. Spotting these halving relationships bypasses the need for the formal percentage formula.

Common Pitfall

Be careful not to mix up the absolute values (L, D) with their percentage representations. The question asks for the difference in the calculated percentages. Always cross-check the base (MP for discount, CP for profit).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **40%**.

Q99. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

There are five pouches (A, B, C, D, and E) which contain candies of four flavors (Orange, Pineapple, Caramel, and Coffee). Below table shows the number of candies of four different flavors in five pouches:

	Orange candy	Pineapple candy	Caramel candy	Coffee candy
Pouch A	12	---	---	---
Pouch B	---	24	---	10
Pouch C	---	---	16	---
Pouch D	---	---	10	---
Pouch E	---	10	---	---

Some information is given below:

- When one candy is picked at random from pouch A, then the probability of getting one coffee candy is $\frac{1}{3}$ and when one candy is picked at random from pouch C, then the probability of getting neither caramel nor coffee is $\frac{1}{2}$.
- In pouch E, number of orange candies is same as number of caramel candies. Total number of caramel candies in all five pouches together is 69.
- The number of pineapple candies in pouches C and D are equal and when two candies are picked at random from pouch A, then the probability of getting both being pineapple candies is $\frac{1}{22}$.
- When one candy is picked at random from pouch B, then the probability of getting either orange candy or caramel candy is $\frac{25}{42}$. Total number of caramel candies and coffee candies are same in all five pouches together. Number of caramel candies in pouch D is 2 more than that in pouch A.
- When one candy is picked at random from pouch C, then the probability that the candy picked is not caramel flavor is $\frac{4}{5}$. When two candies are picked at random from pouch D, then the probability that none of the candies is orange flavor is $\frac{17}{35}$.
- When one candy is picked at random from pouch E, then the probability of getting one orange candy is $\frac{1}{6}$. When one candy is picked at random from pouch D, then probability of getting coffee candy is $\frac{1}{5}$. When one candy is picked at random from pouch E, then the probability of getting one pineapple candy is $\frac{1}{3}$.

The question below contains a statement followed by Quantity I, Quantity II and Quantity III. Find all quantities to find the relationship among them.

If 5 orange candies from pouch A are shifted to pouch C and 2 caramel candies from pouch D are shifted to pouch A.

Quantity I: When two candies are picked at random from pouch D, then what is the probability that the both candies are caramel flavor? **Quantity II:** When three candies are

picked at random from pouch A, then what is the probability that exactly two candies are pineapple flavor? **Quantity III:** When one candy is picked at random from pouch C, then what is the probability that the picked candy is orange flavor?

- A) Quantity I > Quantity II < Quantity III
- B) Quantity I > Quantity II > Quantity III
- C) Quantity I < Quantity II > Quantity III
- D) Quantity I < Quantity II < Quantity III
- E) Quantity I = Quantity II < Quantity III

Correct Answer: Quantity I < Quantity II < Quantity III

Explanation:

Concept & Probability Logic

To solve this Data Interpretation problem, we first determine the missing values in the table by forming equations from the given probabilities. $P(\text{Event}) = \frac{\text{Favorable Outcomes}}{\text{Total Outcomes}}$

Step-by-Step Solution

Step 1: Complete the Candy Distribution Table

- **Pouch E:** $P(\text{pineapple}) = 1/3 \implies 10/T_E = 1/3 \implies T_E = 30$. Since $P(\text{orange}) = 1/6$, $O_E = 5$. Given $O_E = Ca_E$, $Ca_E = 5$. $Co_E = 30 - 20 = 10$.
- **Pouch D:** $Ca_D = 10$. $P(\text{coffee}) = 1/5 \implies Co_D/T_D = 1/5$. Testing multiples of 5 with $P(\text{none is orange}) = 17/35$ yields $T_D = 50$, $O_D = 15$. Thus, $P_D = 15$, $Co_D = 10$.
- **Pouch C:** $Ca_C = 16$. $P(\text{not caramel}) = 4/5 \implies T_C = 80$. $P(\text{neither Ca nor Co}) = 1/2 \implies O_C + P_C = 40$. Since $P_C = P_D = 15$, $O_C = 25$. $Co_C = 24$.
- **Pouch A:** $Ca_D = Ca_A + 2 \implies Ca_A = 8$. $P(\text{coffee}) = 1/3 \implies Co_A/T_A = 1/3$. Using $P(\text{two pineapple}) = 1/22$ gives $T_A = 45$, $P_A = 10$, $Co_A = 15$.
- **Pouch B:** Total Caramel = 69 $\implies Ca_B = 30$. $P(\text{orange or caramel}) = 25/42 \implies T_B = 84$, leaving $O_B = 20$.

Step 2: Evaluate New Quantities

- **Shift operations:** 5 Orange moved from A to C. 2 Caramel moved from D to A.
- **New Totals:**
 - Pouch A: $T_A = 42$ (Orange=7, Pineapple=10, Caramel=10, Coffee=15)
 - Pouch C: $T_C = 85$ (Orange=30, Pineapple=15, Caramel=16, Coffee=24)
 - Pouch D: $T_D = 48$ (Orange=15, Pineapple=15, Caramel=8, Coffee=10)

Step 3: Calculate Given Probabilities

- **Quantity I:** Pick 2 candies from D. $P(\text{both Caramel}) = \frac{{}^8C_2}{{}^{48}C_2} = \frac{28}{1128} = \frac{7}{282} \approx 0.024$
- **Quantity II:** Pick 3 candies from A. $P(\text{exactly 2 Pineapple}) = \frac{{}^{10}C_2 \times {}^{32}C_1}{{}^{42}C_3} = \frac{45 \times 32}{11480} = \frac{36}{287} \approx 0.125$
- **Quantity III:** Pick 1 candy from C. $P(\text{Orange}) = \frac{30}{85} = \frac{6}{17} \approx 0.353$

Comparing the values, Quantity I < Quantity II < Quantity III.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Whenever tackling quantity comparison questions with probability, it is not always necessary to solve to the last decimal point. Since $7/282$ is very small, $36/287$ is around $1/8$, and $6/17$ is over $1/3$, the inequality is distinct and can be quickly judged visually once the fractions are simplified.

Common Pitfall

Forgetting to adjust the total number of candies in each pouch after shifting specific flavors between them, causing incorrect denominator calculations.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Quantity I < Quantity II < Quantity III**.

Q100. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

There are five pouches (A, B, C, D, and E) which contain candies of four flavors (Orange, Pineapple, Caramel, and Coffee). Below table shows the number of candies of four different flavors in five pouches:

	Orange candy	Pineapple candy	Caramel candy	Coffee candy
Pouch A	12	---	---	---
Pouch B	---	24	---	10
Pouch C	---	---	16	---
Pouch D	---	---	10	---
Pouch E	---	10	---	---

Some information is given below:

- When one candy is picked at random from pouch A, then the probability of getting one coffee candy is $1/3$ and when one candy is picked at random from pouch C, then the probability of getting neither caramel nor coffee is $1/2$.
- In pouch E, number of orange candies is same as number of caramel candies. Total number of caramel candies in all five pouches together is 69.
- The number of pineapple candies in pouches C and D are equal and when two candies are picked at random from pouch A, then the probability of getting both being pineapple candies is $1/22$.
- When one candy is picked at random from pouch B, then the probability of getting either orange candy or caramel candy is $25/42$. Total number of caramel candies and coffee candies are same in all five pouches together. Number of caramel candies in pouch D is 2 more than that in pouch A.
- When one candy is picked at random from pouch C, then the probability that the candy picked is not caramel flavor is $4/5$. When two candies are picked at random from pouch D, then the probability that none of the candies is orange flavor is $17/35$.
- When one candy is picked at random from pouch E, then the probability of getting one orange candy is $1/6$. When one candy is picked at random from pouch D, then probability of getting coffee candy is $1/5$. When one candy is picked at random from pouch E, then the probability of getting one pineapple candy is $1/3$.

In pouch B, 25% of candies are rotten in which one-third is caramel flavor. If two candies are picked at random from pouch B, then what is the probability of getting one rotten caramel candy and another good candy?

A) $24/167$

B) $21/166$

C) $23/165$

D) 21/164

E) 19/166

Correct Answer: 21/166**Explanation:**

Concept & Probability Logic

To solve this Data Interpretation problem, we first determine the missing values in the table by forming equations from the given probabilities. $P(\text{Event}) = \frac{\text{Favorable Outcomes}}{\text{Total Outcomes}}$

Step-by-Step Solution

Step 1: Complete the Candy Distribution Table

- **Pouch E:** $P(\text{pineapple}) = 1/3 \implies 10/T_E = 1/3 \implies T_E = 30$. Since $P(\text{orange}) = 1/6$, $O_E = 5$. Given $O_E = Ca_E$, $Ca_E = 5$. $Co_E = 30 - 20 = 10$.
- **Pouch D:** $Ca_D = 10$. $P(\text{coffee}) = 1/5 \implies Co_D/T_D = 1/5$. Testing multiples of 5 with $P(\text{none is orange}) = 17/35$ yields $T_D = 50$, $O_D = 15$. Thus, $P_D = 15$, $Co_D = 10$.
- **Pouch C:** $Ca_C = 16$. $P(\text{not caramel}) = 4/5 \implies T_C = 80$. $P(\text{neither Ca nor Co}) = 1/2 \implies O_C + P_C = 40$. Since $P_C = P_D = 15$, $O_C = 25$. $Co_C = 24$.
- **Pouch A:** $Ca_D = Ca_A + 2 \implies Ca_A = 8$. $P(\text{coffee}) = 1/3 \implies Co_A/T_A = 1/3$. Using $P(\text{two pineapple}) = 1/22$ gives $T_A = 45$, $P_A = 10$, $Co_A = 15$.
- **Pouch B:** Total Caramel = 69 $\implies Ca_B = 30$. $P(\text{orange or caramel}) = 25/42 \implies T_B = 84$, leaving $O_B = 20$.

Step 2: Calculate Rotten and Good Candies in Pouch B

- Total candies in Pouch B = 84.
- Rotten candies = 25% of 84 = 21.
- Good candies = 84 - 21 = 63.
- Rotten Caramel candies = $1/3$ of 21 = 7.

Step 3: Find the Required Probability

- We need 1 rotten caramel candy and 1 good candy.
- Ways to choose 1 rotten caramel = ${}^7C_1 = 7$.
- Ways to choose 1 good candy = ${}^{63}C_1 = 63$.
- Total ways to choose 2 candies = ${}^{84}C_2 = \frac{84 \times 83}{2} = 3486$.
- Probability = $\frac{7 \times 63}{3486} = \frac{441}{3486} = \frac{21}{166}$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Cancel out common factors before multiplying fully. Notice that $3486 = 42 \times 83$. So, $\frac{7 \times 63}{42 \times 83} = \frac{63}{6 \times 83} = \frac{21}{2 \times 83} = \frac{21}{166}$. Keeping terms factored simplifies the math greatly.

Common Pitfall

A common error is confusing the total pool of candies to select from; ensure you clearly separate "rotten caramel" and the overall "good" candies, ignoring the other flavors of rotten candies.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **21/166**.

Q101. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

There are five pouches (A, B, C, D, and E) which contain candies of four flavors (Orange, Pineapple, Caramel, and Coffee). Below table shows the number of candies of four different flavors in five pouches:

	Orange candy	Pineapple candy	Caramel candy	Coffee candy
Pouch A	12	---	---	---
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Pouch C	---	---	16	---
Pouch D	---	---	10	---
Pouch E	---	10	---	---

Some information is given below:

- When one candy is picked at random from pouch A, then the probability of getting one coffee candy is $\frac{1}{3}$ and when one candy is picked at random from pouch C, then the probability of getting neither caramel nor coffee is $\frac{1}{2}$.
- In pouch E, number of orange candies is same as number of caramel candies. Total number of caramel candies in all five pouches together is 69.
- The number of pineapple candies in pouches C and D are equal and when two candies are picked at random from pouch A, then the probability of getting both being pineapple candies is $\frac{1}{22}$.
- When one candy is picked at random from pouch B, then the probability of getting either orange candy or caramel candy is $\frac{25}{42}$. Total number of caramel candies and coffee candies are same in all five pouches together. Number of caramel candies in pouch D is 2 more than that in pouch A.
- When one candy is picked at random from pouch C, then the probability that the candy picked is not caramel flavor is $\frac{4}{5}$. When two candies are picked at random from pouch D, then the probability that none of the candies is orange flavor is $\frac{17}{35}$.
- When one candy is picked at random from pouch E, then the probability of getting one orange candy is $\frac{1}{6}$. When one candy is picked at random from pouch D, then probability of getting coffee candy is $\frac{1}{5}$. When one candy is picked at random from pouch E, then the probability of getting one pineapple candy is $\frac{1}{3}$.

If 'K' pineapple candies are taken out from pouch D and put into pouch E, and then '2K' caramel candies and 'K' coffee candies are taken out from pouch E and put into pouch D. One candy is picked at random from pouch D, then the probability of getting orange flavor candy is $\frac{1}{4}$. What is the value of 'K'?

- A) 30
- B) 7
- C) 10
- D) 2
- E) 5

Correct Answer: 5

Explanation:

Concept & Probability Logic

To solve this Data Interpretation problem, we first determine the missing values in the table by forming equations from the given probabilities. $P(\text{Event}) = \frac{\text{Favorable}}{\text{Total}}$

Outcomes}}{\text{Total Outcomes}}

Step-by-Step Solution

Step 1: Complete the Candy Distribution Table

- **Pouch E:** $P(\text{pineapple}) = 1/3 \implies 10/T_E = 1/3 \implies T_E = 30$. Since $P(\text{orange}) = 1/6$, $O_E = 5$. Given $O_E = Ca_E$, $Ca_E = 5$. $Co_E = 30 - 20 = 10$.
- **Pouch D:** $Ca_D = 10$. $P(\text{coffee}) = 1/5 \implies Co_D/T_D = 1/5$. Testing multiples of 5 with $P(\text{none is orange}) = 17/35$ yields $T_D = 50$, $O_D = 15$. Thus, $P_D = 15$, $Co_D = 10$.
- **Pouch C:** $Ca_C = 16$. $P(\text{not caramel}) = 4/5 \implies T_C = 80$. $P(\text{neither Ca nor Co}) = 1/2 \implies O_C + P_C = 40$. Since $P_C = P_D = 15$, $O_C = 25$. $Co_C = 24$.
- **Pouch A:** $Ca_D = Ca_A + 2 \implies Ca_A = 8$. $P(\text{coffee}) = 1/3 \implies Co_A/T_A = 1/3$. Using $P(\text{two pineapple}) = 1/22$ gives $T_A = 45$, $P_A = 10$, $Co_A = 15$.
- **Pouch B:** Total Caramel = 69 $\implies Ca_B = 30$. $P(\text{orange or caramel}) = 25/42 \implies T_B = 84$, leaving $O_B = 20$.

Step 2: Apply the Transfer Operations

- Pouch D initially has 50 candies ($O=15$, $P=15$, $Ca=10$, $Co=10$).
- Move K pineapple to E: Pouch D loses K candies.
- Move 2K caramel and K coffee from E to D: Pouch D gains 3K candies.
- Net change in Pouch D = +2K.
- New Total in Pouch D = $50 + 2K$.
- The number of Orange candies remains unchanged at 15.

Step 3: Solve for K

- New Probability of getting an Orange candy = $1/4$.
- $\frac{15}{50 + 2K} = \frac{1}{4}$
- $60 = 50 + 2K$
- $2K = 10 \implies K = 5$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

You only need to track the total number of candies in Pouch D and the number of orange candies in Pouch D. Since no orange candies were moved, the numerator stays exactly 15, drastically simplifying the algebra to a single fast equation.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is meticulously tracking every flavor dynamically when only the total count and the specific target flavor (orange) are relevant to the final question.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **5**.

Q102. Time taken by P, Q, and R together to complete the job is 37.5% less than time taken by Q and R together to complete the job, while P and Q together can do the job in Z days, and R alone can complete it in Y days. Share of R is 8000 out of total share of P, Q, and R together (16000). If P, Q and R together can complete the job in (Z - K) days, which of the following is/are definitely true.

I. $\frac{Y}{2} = K$

II. If time taken by P, Q and R together to complete the job is 15 day less than that of P and Q together, then time taken by S to complete the job is 20 days, if R is half efficient that as that of S.

III. $Z = Y$

- A) III only
- B) I and III only
- C) II and I only
- D) II and III only
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: I and III only

Explanation:

Concept & Ratio Allocation

Use the relationship between share and work done to find efficiencies, and relate total work to time taken.

$$\text{Work Ratio} = \text{Share Ratio} \times \text{Total Work} = \text{Efficiency} \times \text{Time}$$

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** Share of R = 8000 out of 16000. This means R does exactly 50% of the work.
- Therefore, Efficiency of R = Efficiency of (P + Q).
- **Given:** Time taken by P, Q, R together is 37.5% (or $\frac{3}{8}$) less than Q and R together.
- $\text{Time}(P, Q, R) = \left(1 - \frac{3}{8}\right) \times \text{Time}(Q, R) = \frac{5}{8} \times \text{Time}(Q, R)$.
- Efficiency is inversely proportional to time: $\text{Eff}(P, Q, R) = \frac{8}{5} \times \text{Eff}(Q, R)$.
- Let $\text{Eff}(P+Q+R) = 8x$ and $\text{Eff}(Q+R) = 5x$. Then $\text{Eff}(P) = 8x - 5x = 3x$.
- Since R does 50% of work, $\text{Eff}(R) = 4x$. Then $\text{Eff}(Q) = \text{Eff}(Q+R) - \text{Eff}(R) = 5x - 4x = x$.
- Check: $\text{Eff}(P+Q) = 3x + x = 4x$ (which equals $\text{Eff}(R)$, consistent with shares).
- **Testing Statement III:** Time by P&Q = Z. Total work = $4x \times Z$. Time by R = Y. Total work = $4x \times Y$. Thus, $Z = Y$. (Statement III is true).
- **Testing Statement I:** Time by P, Q, R = $\frac{\text{Total Work}}{\text{Eff}(P+Q+R)} = \frac{4x \times Z}{8x} = \frac{Z}{2}$.
- We are given $\text{Time}(P, Q, R) = Z - K$. So, $\frac{Z}{2} = Z - K \implies K = \frac{Z}{2}$. Since $Z = Y$, $K = \frac{Y}{2}$. (Statement I is true).
- **Testing Statement II:** $\text{Time}(P, Q, R) = \frac{Z}{2}$. $\text{Time}(P, Q) = Z$. Difference = $\frac{Z}{2} = 15 \implies Z = 30$.
- $\text{Eff}(S) = 2 \times \text{Eff}(R) = 8x$. Time by S = $\frac{\text{Total Work}}{\text{Eff}(S)} = \frac{4x \times 30}{8x} = 15$ days.
- The statement claims S takes 20 days, which is false. (Statement II is false).
- Therefore, only I and III are definitely true.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Focus directly on the share ratio to quickly establish that R is half the total workforce. This instantly yields $Y = Z$ without needing the 37.5% complex ratio, validating statement III and I simultaneously.

Common Pitfall

Misinterpreting "37.5% less than" as just 37.5%. Always subtract from 100% (or 1) to get the actual multiplier (62.5% or $\frac{5}{8}$).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **I and III only**.

Q103. Car P and Q started from point A and point B respectively running towards each other. Car P running at $4Z$ km/h and meets Q after 10 hours. After reaching point A, driver of car Q realized that car R (running towards point B) is $\left(\frac{3Y}{5} - 360\right)$ km ahead of car Q. So, car Q started chasing car R and overtakes it in 6 hours. Find speed of car P, if distance between point A and point B is Y km and speed of car R is $2Z$ km/h.

- A) 20 km/hr
- B) 40 km/hr
- C) 60 km/hr
- D) 80 km/hr
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 40 km/hr

Explanation:

Concept & Relative Speed

When two bodies move towards each other, relative speed is the sum of their speeds. When one chases another, it's the difference.

$$\text{Distance} = \text{Relative Speed} \times \text{Time}$$

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** P and Q meet in 10 hours. Speed of P = $4Z$. Let Q's speed be V_q . Total distance AB = Y .
- $10 \times (4Z + V_q) = Y$ implies $40Z + 10V_q = Y$ implies $10V_q = Y - 40Z$.
- Q reaches A, meaning Q travels distance Y from B to A.
- When Q is at A, Q starts chasing R. R is $\left(\frac{3Y}{5} - 360\right)$ km ahead.
- Speed of R = $2Z$. Relative speed of Q chasing R = $V_q - 2Z$.
- Q catches R in 6 hours: $6 \times (V_q - 2Z) = \frac{3Y}{5} - 360$.
- Multiply by 5: $30(V_q - 2Z) = 3Y - 1800$.
- Substitute $3Y = 3(40Z + 10V_q) = 120Z + 30V_q$.
- $30V_q - 60Z = 120Z + 30V_q - 1800$.
- The term $30V_q$ cancels out perfectly: $-60Z = 120Z - 1800$ implies $180Z = 1800$ implies $Z = 10$.
- Speed of car P = $4Z = 4 \times 10 = 40$ km/hr.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Recognize that the speed of Q (V_q) acts as an intermediate variable. By aligning the coefficients of Y in both equations, V_q completely cancels out, allowing for a direct solution for Z without needing Q's actual speed.

Common Pitfall

Assuming Q meets P and *then immediately* chases R from the meeting point. The problem explicitly states Q chases R "After reaching point A", meaning Q completed the full distance Y .

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **40 km/hr**.

Q104. If value of $M = 30$, then for which of the following series value of M not satisfied

properly?

I. 18, M, 50, 97, 208, 444 II. -50, -49, -45, -35, -16, $\frac{M}{2}$ III. 8, 5, 6.5, M, 110, 1319

- A) Only I
- B) Both II and III
- C) Only III
- D) Both I and II
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: Only III

Explanation:

Concept & Number Series Anomalies

Test the given value in each sequence by checking successive differences (first and second order) to see if a consistent mathematical pattern breaks.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** We need to test if $M = 30$ fails in any of the three series.
- **Testing Series I:** 18, 30, 50, 97, 208, 444.
 - First differences: $30-18=12$; $50-30=20$; $97-50=47$; $208-97=111$; $444-208=236$.
 - Second differences: $20-12=8$; $47-20=27$; $111-47=64$; $236-111=125$.
 - These are cubes: 2^3 , 3^3 , 4^3 , 5^3 . The pattern holds perfectly.
- **Testing Series II:** -50, -49, -45, -35, -16, $\frac{M}{2}$.
 - If $M=30$, the last term is $\frac{30}{2} = 15$.
 - First differences: 1, 4, 10, 19, 31.
 - Second differences: 3, 6, 9, 12. This is a perfect arithmetic progression. The pattern holds.
- **Testing Series III:** 8, 5, 6.5, M, 110, 1319.
 - If $M=30$, let's check the transitions.
 - $8 \times 0.5 + 1 = 5$
 - $5 \times 1 + 1.5 = 6.5$ (or $5 \times 1.5 - 1 = 6.5$)
 - There is no continuous multiplication/addition sequence using 30, 110, and 1319 that fits standard series logic (e.g., $110 \times 12 - 1 = 1319$ demands a much steeper curve than $M=30$ provides).
 - Since I and II perfectly accommodate $M=30$, III must be the one that does not.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

In "Which is NOT satisfied" questions, start with the easiest series to verify. Series II is a simple double-difference sequence. Verifying I and II quickly leaves III as the only possible answer by elimination.

Common Pitfall

Wasting time trying to find the exact correct value for M in Series III. Once you prove I and II work perfectly, you can confidently choose "Only III".

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Only III**.

Q105. In the question, three series I, II and III are given. Find the value of x, y and z to

establish the correct relation among them and choose the correct option.

(i) 12, 24, 8, x, 6.4, 38.4 (ii) 11, 20, y, 50, 71, 96 (iii) 3, 4, 6, 12, z, 156

A) $x = y = z$

B) $x < y = z$

C) $x = y < z$

D) $x < y < z$

E) $x > y > z$

Correct Answer: $x < y < z$

Explanation:

Concept & Multi-Series Number Patterns

Solve for unknown variables by determining the unique arithmetic, geometric, or difference-based rule governing each distinct series.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Series I Pattern (Alternating Multiply/Divide):** 12, 24, 8, x, 6.4, 38.4.

- $12 \times 2 = 24$

- $24 \div 3 = 8$

- $8 \times 4 = 32$ implies $x = 32$

- $32 \div 5 = 6.4$ (Pattern confirmed)

- **Series II Pattern (Double Difference):** 11, 20, y, 50, 71, 96.

- First differences: 9, (y-20), (50-y), 21, 25.

- Notice the last two differences are 21 and 25 (a gap of 4).

- Assume an arithmetic progression for differences: 9, 13, 17, 21, 25.

- $11 + 9 = 20$; $20 + 13 = 33$ implies $y = 33$.

- Check next: $33 + 17 = 50$. (Pattern confirmed)

- **Series III Pattern (Factorial Differences):** 3, 4, 6, 12, z, 156.

- First differences: 1, 2, 6, (z-12), (156-z).

- Notice $1=1!$, $2=2!$, $6=3!$. The next differences must be $4! = 24$ and $5! = 120$.

- $12 + 24 = 36$ implies $z = 36$.

- Check next: $36 + 120 = 156$. (Pattern confirmed)

- **Establishing Relation:**

- $x = 32$, $y = 33$, $z = 36$.

- Thus, $32 < 33 < 36$, which translates to $x < y < z$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Look for highly recognizable numbers like factorials (1, 2, 6, 24) or clear geometric jumps to identify the pattern type quickly without full trial and error.

Common Pitfall

Misidentifying Series I as having addition/subtraction. The decimal values (6.4, 38.4) strongly hint at multiplication/division.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is $x < y < z$.

Q106. Given below three series I, II & III given and each series has a wrong number. The

number that should come in place of the wrong number in series I, II & III is P, Q & R respectively. Find the value of P, Q & R and then find which of the following statement is true.
244, 380, 476, 536, 568, 580, 580
160, 200, 480, 1200, 3600, 12600, 50400
15, 20, 36, 65, 111, 186, 264

- A) $P = Q < R$
- B) $P = Q > R$
- C) $P > Q > R$
- D) $P < Q < R$
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: $P = Q > R$

Explanation:

Concept & Logical Deduction

To find the wrong numbers in these series, we must identify the underlying mathematical pattern (differences, double differences, or multipliers) for each sequence and replace the anomaly to satisfy the pattern.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Series I: 244, 380, 476, 536, 568, 580, 580

- Calculate the differences between consecutive terms from right to left: $580 - 580 = 0$, $580 - 568 = 12$, $568 - 536 = 32$, $536 - 476 = 60$, $476 - 380 = 96$.
- Calculate the double differences: $12 - 0 = 12$, $32 - 12 = 20$, $60 - 32 = 28$, $96 - 60 = 36$.
- The double differences (12, 20, 28, 36) form an arithmetic progression with a common difference of 8.
- The next double difference should be $36 + 8 = 44$.
- The next single difference should be $96 + 44 = 140$.
- The first term should be $380 - 140 = 240$, not 244.
- Thus, $P = 240$.

- Series II: 160, 200, 480, 1200, 3600, 12600, 50400

- Calculate the ratio of consecutive terms: $50400 / 12600 = 4$, $12600 / 3600 = 3.5$, $3600 / 1200 = 3$, $1200 / 480 = 2.5$.
- The multipliers follow the pattern: 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4.
- Let's test this: $160 \times 1.5 = 240$.
- $240 \times 2 = 480$ (This matches the third term).
- Therefore, 200 is the wrong term and should be 240.
- Thus, $Q = 240$.

- Series III: 15, 20, 36, 65, 111, 186, 264

- Calculate the differences: $20 - 15 = 5$, $36 - 20 = 16$, $65 - 36 = 29$, $111 - 65 = 46$.
- Calculate the double differences: $16 - 5 = 11$, $29 - 16 = 13$, $46 - 29 = 17$.
- The double differences are consecutive prime numbers: 11, 13, 17.
- The next prime numbers are 19 and 23.
- The next differences should be $46 + 19 = 65$, and $65 + 23 = 88$.

- The next terms should be $111 + 65 = 176$, and $176 + 88 = 264$.
- Therefore, 186 is the wrong term and should be 176.
- Thus, $R = 176$.

- **Conclusion:** We have $P = 240$, $Q = 240$, and $R = 176$. This gives the relation $P = Q > R$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of solving from left to right, start from the right end of a sequence if the numbers are easier to manage or if the pattern becomes clearer. In Series I and II, working backwards quickly revealed the arithmetic and geometric progressions.

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is trying to fit a complex polynomial or power series when a simple double difference or multiplier pattern exists. Always check first and second differences first.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **$P = Q > R$** .

Q107. Calculate the value of (A) and (B) and answer the questions given below:

(A), (B), 102, 104, 107, 113, 128, 173

If M is 150% more than (A), then find which of the following number is nearest square root of the difference between M and (B).

- A) 16
- B) 12
- C) 9
- D) 18
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 12

Explanation:

Concept & Pattern Recognition

To determine the unknown variables in a sequence, extract the differences between the known terms and identify a secondary pattern (such as a multiplicative factor) that defines these differences.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Identify Differences:** For the known sequence 102, 104, 107, 113, 128, 173, the differences are:

- $104 - 102 = 2$
- $107 - 104 = 3$
- $113 - 107 = 6$
- $128 - 113 = 15$
- $173 - 128 = 45$

- **Analyze Double Pattern:** Look at the ratio of these consecutive differences:

- $3 / 2 = 1.5$
- $6 / 3 = 2$
- $15 / 6 = 2.5$
- $45 / 15 = 3$

- The multipliers are increasing by 0.5 (1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0).
- **Find (A) and (B):** Working backward, the multiplier before 1.5 must be 1.0, and before that 0.5.
 - Let the difference between 102 and (B) be d_2 . Then $d_2 \times 1 = 2 \Rightarrow d_2 = 2$.
 - So, $102 - (B) = 2 \Rightarrow (B) = 100$.
 - Let the difference between (B) and (A) be d_1 . Then $d_1 \times 0.5 = 2 \Rightarrow d_1 = 4$.
 - So, $(B) - (A) = 4 \Rightarrow 100 - (A) = 4 \Rightarrow (A) = 96$.
- **Calculate M:** M is 150% more than (A), meaning $M = (A) + 1.5(A) = 2.5 \times 96 = 240$.
- **Final Calculation:** The difference between M and (B) is $240 - 100 = 140$.
 - The square root of 140 is approximately 11.83. The nearest integer is 12.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When you see numbers growing slowly and then rapidly (like differences jumping from 2 to 45), suspect a multiplicative pattern within the differences. Recognizing this quickly saves time trying additive or exponential patterns.

Common Pitfall

A frequent error is misinterpreting "150% more than (A)" as just " $1.5 \times A$ ". "More than" means you must add it to the original value, making it $A + 1.5A = 2.5A$.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **12**.

Q108. Direction: In the following question, two quantities I and II are given. Compare quantity I and quantity II on its basis. (Only quantity is to be considered)

Two trains A and B are running in the same direction and they cross a 75 m long platform in 25 seconds and 15 seconds respectively. Speed of train B is 25.2 km/h more than that of train A and the length of train A is 45 m more than that of train B.

Quantity I: If both the trains were running in opposite directions, then in what time would they cross each other? Quantity II: If the speed of train B were 3 m/s more than its original speed, then at what time would train B cross a 95 m long tunnel?

- A) Quantity I > Quantity II
- B) Quantity I < Quantity II
- C) Quantity I $\geq$ Quantity II
- D) Quantity I $\leq$ Quantity II
- E) Quantity I = Quantity II or relation can't be established

Correct Answer: Quantity I > Quantity II

Explanation:

Concept & Relative Speed

When dealing with trains crossing platforms or other trains, use the fundamental formula linking distance, speed, and time. $\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Total Distance}}{\text{Relative Speed}}$ For opposite directions, relative speed is the sum of their speeds; for the same direction, it's the difference. Convert all units to meters and seconds.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Convert Units:** The speed difference is 25.2 km/h . Convert to m/s: $25.2 \times \frac{5}{18} = 7 \text{ m/s}$.
 - Let v_A be the speed of Train A. Then $v_B = v_A + 7$.
 - Let L_B be the length of Train B. Then $L_A = L_B + 45$.
- **Set up Equations:**
 - Train A crosses a 75m platform in 25s: $\frac{L_A + 75}{v_A} = 25 \Rightarrow L_A + 75 = 25v_A$.
 - Train B crosses a 75m platform in 15s: $\frac{L_B + 75}{v_B} = 15 \Rightarrow L_B + 75 = 15v_B$.
- **Solve for Variables:** Substitute L_A and v_B into the equations:
 - $(L_B + 45) + 75 = 25v_A \Rightarrow L_B + 120 = 25v_A \Rightarrow L_B = 25v_A - 120$.
 - $L_B + 75 = 15(v_A + 7) \Rightarrow L_B = 15v_A + 105 - 75 \Rightarrow L_B = 15v_A + 30$.
 - Equate both expressions for L_B : $25v_A - 120 = 15v_A + 30$.
 - $10v_A = 150 \Rightarrow v_A = 15 \text{ m/s}$.
 - Then, $v_B = 15 + 7 = 22 \text{ m/s}$.
 - $L_B = 15(15) + 30 = 255 \text{ m}$.
 - $L_A = 255 + 45 = 300 \text{ m}$.
- **Calculate Quantity I:** Trains crossing each other in opposite directions.
 - $\text{Time} = \frac{L_A + L_B}{v_A + v_B} = \frac{300 + 255}{15 + 22} = \frac{555}{37} = 15 \text{ seconds}$.
- **Calculate Quantity II:** Train B with speed increased by 3 m/s ($22 + 3 = 25 \text{ m/s}$) crossing a 95 m tunnel.
 - $\text{Time} = \frac{L_B + 95}{25} = \frac{255 + 95}{25} = \frac{350}{25} = 14 \text{ seconds}$.
- **Compare:** Quantity I (15) > Quantity II (14).

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Whenever a problem involves "speed difference in km/h", immediately convert it to m/s before reading further. This prevents unit mismatch errors deep into the calculation. Also, set up a linear system of equations quickly by isolating the shared variable (L_B in this case).

Common Pitfall

A classic mistake is forgetting to add the platform's length to the train's length when calculating the total distance covered.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Quantity I > Quantity II**.

Q109. Direction: In the following question, two quantities I and II are given. Compare quantity I and quantity II on its basis. (Only quantity is to be considered)

Train A crosses train B in 13 seconds while running in the opposite direction and train C crosses train A in 100 seconds while running in the same direction. Average of speeds of trains A and B is 15 m/s and the speed of train C is 4 m/s more than that of train A. Train A can cross a 140 m long platform in 20 seconds and the speed of train B is 14 m/s .

Quantity I: If speed of train C were 95% of its original speed, then in what time train C would cross train B while running in the same direction? Quantity II: If a series is formed, whose 1st term is the length of train A, 2nd term is $(1st \text{ term} - 2^2)$, 3rd term is $(2nd \text{ term} - 3^2)$, 4th term is

(3rd term - 5^2) and 5th term is (4th term - 7^2), then what is the 5th term of the series?

- A) Quantity I > Quantity II
- B) Quantity I < Quantity II
- C) Quantity I $\geq$ Quantity II
- D) Quantity I $\leq$ Quantity II
- E) Quantity I = Quantity II or relation can't be established

Correct Answer: Quantity I < Quantity II

Explanation:

Concept & Relative Speed Dynamics

This problem merges relative speed kinematics with logical sequence generation. Remember that when crossing a platform, $\text{Distance} = \text{Train Length} + \text{Platform Length}$. When trains cross each other, $\text{Distance} = \text{Sum of their Lengths}$. Relative speed is additive in opposite directions and subtractive in the same direction.

Step-by-Step Solution

- Determine Speeds:

- Average speed of A and B is $15 \text{ m/s} \Rightarrow \frac{v_A + v_B}{2} = 15$
 $\Rightarrow v_A + v_B = 30 \text{ m/s}$.
- Given $v_B = 14 \text{ m/s}$, so $v_A = 30 - 14 = 16 \text{ m/s}$.
- Speed of Train C is 4 m/s more than Train A $\Rightarrow v_C = 16 + 4 = 20 \text{ m/s}$.

- Determine Lengths:

- Train A crosses a 140 m platform in 20 s : $\frac{L_A + 140}{16} = 20$
 $\Rightarrow L_A + 140 = 320 \Rightarrow L_A = 180 \text{ m}$.
- Train A crosses Train B in 13 s (opposite direction): $\frac{L_A + L_B}{v_A + v_B} = 13$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{180 + L_B}{30} = 13 \Rightarrow 180 + L_B = 390 \Rightarrow L_B = 210 \text{ m}$.
- Train C crosses Train A in 100 s (same direction): $\frac{L_C + L_A}{v_C - v_A} = 100$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{L_C + 180}{20 - 16} = 100 \Rightarrow L_C + 180 = 400 \Rightarrow L_C = 220 \text{ m}$.

- Calculate Quantity I:

- New speed of Train C = 95% of $20 = 19 \text{ m/s}$.
- Time for C to cross B in same direction: $\text{Time} = \frac{L_C + L_B}{v_C - v_B} = \frac{220 + 210}{19 - 14} = \frac{430}{5} = 86 \text{ seconds}$.

- Calculate Quantity II:

- $1^{\text{st}} \text{ term} = L_A = 180$.
- $2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term} = 180 - 2^2 = 176$.
- $3^{\text{rd}} \text{ term} = 176 - 3^2 = 176 - 9 = 167$.
- $4^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 167 - 5^2 = 167 - 25 = 142$. (Subtracting squares of consecutive prime numbers).
- $5^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 142 - 7^2 = 142 - 49 = 93$.

- **Compare:** Quantity I (86) < Quantity II (93).

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Organize your scratchpad systematically: first dedicate a section to speeds (v_A, v_B, v_C), then to lengths (L_A, L_B, L_C). This prevents confusion when multiple interacting variables exist. For series problems embedded in algebra, don't compute until you are sure of the subtraction logic (here, consecutive prime squares).

Common Pitfall

A major pitfall is missing the fact that the series subtracts the squares of **prime numbers** (2, 3, 5, 7), not odd numbers. If a student subtracts $1^2, 3^2, 5^2$, they will derive an incorrect sequence.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Quantity I < Quantity II**.

Q110. Direction: In the following question, three quantities I, II and III are given. Compare quantity I, quantity II and quantity III on its basis. (Only quantity is to be considered)

Two equations (a) and (b) are given below: (a) $3x - 4y = 2$ (b) $x - 2y = 8$

Quantity I: Find the value of 'x' by solving both the equations? Quantity II: Find the value of 'y' by solving both the equations? Quantity III: An article is marked up by 250 and sold by giving a discount of 200 on marked price. If the marked up percent is P%, discount given is Q% and marked price of the article is 1000, then find the value of (Q - P)?

- A) Quantity I > Quantity III > Quantity II
- B) Quantity II > Quantity III > Quantity I
- C) Quantity III < Quantity II < Quantity I
- D) Quantity II < Quantity I < Quantity III
- E) Quantity I = Quantity II < Quantity III

Correct Answer: Quantity II > Quantity III > Quantity I

Explanation:

Concept & Algebraic Comparison

To compare multiple quantities, solve each independent mathematical problem first. For linear equations, use standard substitution or elimination methods. For profit and loss, use the fundamental formulas linking Cost Price (CP), Marked Price (MP), Markup Percentage, and Discount Percentage.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Calculate Quantity I & II:**

- Equation (a): $3x - 4y = 2$
- Equation (b): $x - 2y = 8 \rightarrow 2x - 4y = 16$ (multiplying the entire equation by 2)
- Subtract the modified equation (b) from (a): $(3x - 2x) - (4y - 4y) = 2 - 16 \rightarrow x = -14$.
- Substitute $x = -14$ into (b): $-14 - 2y = 8 \rightarrow -2y = 22 \rightarrow y = -11$.
- Therefore, Quantity I = -14 and Quantity II = -11.

- **Calculate Quantity III:**

- Given: Marked Price (MP) = 1000, Discount = 200, Markup amount = 250.
- Cost Price (CP) = $\text{MP} - \text{Markup amount} = 1000 - 250 = 750$.
- Markup percent (P) = $\left(\frac{\text{Markup amount}}{\text{CP}}\right) \times 100 = \left(\frac{250}{750}\right) \times 100 = 33.33\%$.

- Discount percent (Q) = $\left(\frac{\text{Discount}}{\text{MP}}\right) \times 100 = \left(\frac{200}{1000}\right) \times 100 = 20\%$.
- Value of (Q - P) = 20 - 33.33 = -13.33.
- Therefore, Quantity III = -13.33.

- **Comparison:**

- We have: I = -14, II = -11, III = -13.33.
- Arranging in ascending order: $-14 < -13.33 < -11$.
- This translates to: Quantity I < Quantity III < Quantity II, which is equivalently written in descending order as Quantity II > Quantity III > Quantity I.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When dealing with simple linear equations, coefficient elimination is typically faster than substitution. For the profit/loss section, remember that markup percentage is strictly calculated on the Cost Price (CP), whereas discount percentage is calculated on the Marked Price (MP).

Common Pitfall

A very common mistake is calculating the markup percentage (P%) on the Marked Price instead of the Cost Price, which would yield an incorrect 25% instead of 33.33%, altering the final comparison.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Quantity II > Quantity III > Quantity I**.

Q111. Directions: In the following question, two quantities I and II are given. Compare quantity I and quantity II on its basis. (Only quantity is to be considered).

Two series A and B are given below with one wrong term in series. A: 3, 8, 24, 45, 120, 168
B: 28, 42, 56, 98, 154, 182

Quantity I: Average of wrong terms of both the series. Quantity II: Difference between the next term of series A and the next term of series B.

- A) Quantity I > Quantity II
- B) Quantity I < Quantity II
- C) Quantity I $\geq$ Quantity II
- D) Quantity I $\leq$ Quantity II
- E) Quantity I = Quantity II or No relation

Correct Answer: Quantity I > Quantity II

Explanation:

Concept & Series Pattern Analysis

To evaluate sequence quantities, identify the underlying core mathematical pattern (such as square offsets or prime multipliers) driving the progression, locate the anomalous term in each series, and extrapolate the pattern to find subsequent terms.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Analyze Series A:** 3, 8, 24, 45, 120, 168

- Observe the relationship of terms with perfect squares: $3 = 4 - 1 = 2^2 - 1$.
- $8 = 9 - 1 = 3^2 - 1$.
- $24 = 25 - 1 = 5^2 - 1$.

- $120 = 121 - 1 = 11^2 - 1$.
- $168 = 169 - 1 = 13^2 - 1$.
- The structural pattern is $p^2 - 1$ where p represents consecutive prime numbers (2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13).
- For the missing prime $p = 7$, the term should be $7^2 - 1 = 49 - 1 = 48$.
- Therefore, the wrong term in Series A is 45 (it should be 48).
- The next prime in the sequence is 17. The next term of Series A is $17^2 - 1 = 289 - 1 = 288$.
- **Analyze Series B:** 28, 42, 56, 98, 154, 182
 - Notice these values are all multiples of 14: 14×2 , 14×3 , 14×4 , 14×7 , 14×11 , 14×13 .
 - The base multipliers (2, 3, 7, 11, 13) are consecutive prime numbers, except for the anomalous 4.
 - The third multiplier should be the next consecutive prime number, 5. So, the correct term is $14 \times 5 = 70$.
 - Therefore, the wrong term in Series B is 56 (it should be 70).
 - The next prime multiplier after 13 is 17. The next term of Series B is $14 \times 17 = 238$.
- **Evaluate Quantities:**
 - Quantity I: Average of the wrong terms $= \frac{45 + 56}{2} = \frac{101}{2} = 50.5$.
 - Quantity II: Difference between the computed next terms $= 288 - 238 = 50$.
- **Comparison:**
 - Quantity I (50.5) > Quantity II (50).

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always check for prime number sequences disguised within squares, cubes, or common multipliers. They are frequently used by examiners to break standard arithmetic progression logic and test advanced pattern recognition.

Common Pitfall

Students often mistakenly assume an arithmetic difference sequence (attempting to find second or third differences) and waste valuable time when the true underlying pattern relies on prime numbers. Always test prime squares and prime multiples early.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Quantity I > Quantity II**.

Q112. Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Some recruitment is done by three companies, i.e., P, Q and R. The number of vacancies in company P, Q, and R are 6, 12 and 2 respectively. The number of candidates, who got interview call for per vacancy in company P, Q and R are 60, $6x$ and $4x$ respectively. The total number of candidates applied in company R is 25% of the total number of candidates, applied in the company Q and three fifth of the total number of candidates applied in the company P. The difference between the number of candidates, who got interview calls in the company Q and R is 320.

What is the total number of candidates applied in company Q?

A) 450

B) 600

- C) 300
- D) Can't be determined
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: Can't be determined

Explanation:

Concept & Logic

The problem provides absolute numerical values for interview calls but only relative ratios and percentages for the number of candidates who originally applied.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Let the total candidates applied in companies P, Q, and R be A_P , A_Q , and A_R respectively.
2. From the given directions: $A_R = 25\%$ of A_Q , which means $A_R = 0.25 A_Q$.
3. It is also given that $A_R = \frac{3}{5}$ of A_P .
4. These equations only allow us to establish a ratio between the applied candidates: $A_P : A_Q : A_R = 5 : 12 : 3$.
5. Because there is no absolute numerical data linking the number of applied candidates to the number of interview calls in the general directions, the exact value of A_Q cannot be found.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Always verify if a question asks for an absolute value when only ratios or percentages are provided. If no absolute anchor is given for that specific group, the answer will invariably be "Cannot be determined".

Common Pitfall

Wasting time trying to solve for variables that lack sufficient constraints, or erroneously assuming the number of applied candidates equals the number of interview calls.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Can't be determined**.

Q113. Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Some recruitment is done by three companies, i.e., P, Q and R. The number of vacancies in company P, Q, and R are 6, 12 and 2 respectively. The number of candidates, who got interview call for per vacancy in company P, Q and R are 60, $6x$ and $4x$ respectively. The total number of candidates applied in company R is 25% of the total number of candidates, applied in the company Q and three fifth of the total number of candidates applied in the company P. The difference between the number of candidates, who got interview calls in the company Q and R is 320.

The number of candidates applied in company R is what percentage of the number of candidates applied in company P?

- A) 75%
- B) 50%
- C) 60%
- D) 80%

E) None of these

Correct Answer: 60%

Explanation:

Concept & Formula

To find what percentage X is of Y, use the standard percentage formula: $\text{Percentage} = \frac{X}{Y} \times 100$

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Let the candidates applied in company P and company R be A_P and A_R respectively.
2. The problem states that the total number of candidates applied in company R is three-fifths ($\frac{3}{5}$) of the total number of candidates applied in company P.
3. Expressing this mathematically, we get: $A_R = \frac{3}{5} A_P$.
4. To find A_R as a percentage of A_P , substitute this into the formula: $\frac{A_R}{A_P} \times 100$.
5. Calculation: $\frac{3}{5} \times 100 = 60\%$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Recognize common fraction-to-percentage conversions instantly to save time. Knowing that $\frac{1}{5} = 20\%$, you can immediately deduce that $\frac{3}{5} = 60\%$ without any formal calculation.

Common Pitfall

Calculating $\frac{A_P}{A_R}$ instead of $\frac{A_R}{A_P}$, leading to an incorrect result of 166.66%. Always pay attention to the "is what percentage of" phrasing.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **60%**.

Q114. Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Some recruitment is done by three companies, i.e., P, Q and R. The number of vacancies in company P, Q, and R are 6, 12 and 2 respectively. The number of candidates, who got interview call for per vacancy in company P, Q and R are 60, $6x$ and $4x$ respectively. The total number of candidates applied in company R is 25% of the total number of candidates, applied in the company Q and three fifth of the total number of candidates applied in the company P. The difference between the number of candidates, who got interview calls in the company Q and R is 320.

In company P, out of the total number of candidates who got interview call 40% are female and company P allotted its posts to male and female in the ratio of 2 : 1 respectively, then find the number of females who did not get the job in company P.

- A) 142
B) 90
C) 62
D) 150
E) None of these

Correct Answer: 142

Explanation:**Concept & Strategy**

First, determine the total number of interview calls for Company P by multiplying its vacancies by the calls per vacancy. Then, apply the given percentages and ratios to separate the total pool into interviewed females and hired females.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Find the total number of interview calls for company P: $6 \text{ vacancies} \times 60 \text{ calls per vacancy} = 360 \text{ total calls}$.
2. Calculate the number of female candidates who got an interview call: $40\% \text{ of } 360 = 0.4 \times 360 = 144 \text{ females}$.
3. Determine the total available posts in company P, which is 6.
4. The ratio of posts allotted to males and females is 2:1. The number of female posts (jobs) is: $\frac{1}{2+1} \times 6 = \frac{1}{3} \times 6 = 2 \text{ posts}$.
5. Calculate the females who did not get the job by subtracting hired females from interviewed females: $144 - 2 = 142$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

You do not need to solve for x (from the Q and R data) to answer this specific question. Company P's data for interview calls and vacancies is completely independent and given in absolute numbers. Stick strictly to Company P's metrics.

Common Pitfall

Wasting time calculating x from the 320 difference equation when it has no bearing on Company P's calculations.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **142**.

Q115. Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

Some recruitment is done by three companies, i.e., P, Q and R. The number of vacancies in company P, Q, and R are 6, 12 and 2 respectively. The number of candidates, who got interview call for per vacancy in company P, Q and R are 60, $6x$ and $4x$ respectively. The total number of candidates applied in company R is 25% of the total number of candidates, applied in the company Q and three fifth of the total number of candidates applied in the company P. The difference between the number of candidates, who got interview calls in the company Q and R is 320.

If the difference between the total number of candidates applied in company P and company R is 160, then find the number of candidates, who did not get interview call from company Q.

- A) 900
- B) 960
- C) 1050
- D) 600
- E) None of these

Correct Answer: 600

Explanation:**Concept & Logic**

Leverage the newly provided absolute difference to find the exact number of applied candidates using their predefined ratios. Then, use the interview calls equation to find x and subtract total calls from total applicants.

Step-by-Step Solution

1. Establish the ratio of applicants: $A_R = \frac{3}{5} A_P \implies A_P = \frac{5}{3} A_R$.
2. Use the given difference to find A_R : $A_P - A_R = 160$. Substituting A_P , we get $\frac{5}{3} A_R - A_R = 160 \implies \frac{2}{3} A_R = 160 \implies A_R = 240$.
3. Find applied candidates for Q (A_Q): Since $A_R = 25\%$ of A_Q , we know $A_Q = 4 \times A_R = 4 \times 240 = 960$.
4. Calculate x from the interview calls difference: Interview calls for Q = $12 \times 6x = 72x$. Interview calls for R = $2 \times 4x = 8x$. The difference is 320. So, $72x - 8x = 320 \implies 64x = 320 \implies x = 5$.
5. Find actual interview calls for Q: $72 \times 5 = 360$.
6. Calculate candidates who did not get a call from Q: Total Applied - Interviewed = $960 - 360 = 600$.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Instead of fractions, work directly with unit ratios. The applicant ratio is $A_P : A_Q : A_R = 5 : 12 : 3$. The difference between P and R is $5 - 3 = 2$ units. We are told $2 \text{ units} = 160$, so $1 \text{ unit} = 80$. Total applied in Q is $12 \text{ units} = 12 \times 80 = 960$. This simplifies calculation heavily.

Common Pitfall

Forgetting to calculate x based on the general directions and instead using a wrong assumption for the number of interview calls.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **600**.

Q116. What is the maximum limit for UPI123 Pay and UPI Lite Wallet transactions respectively?

- A) 15,000 for UPI123 Pay, 7,000 for UPI Lite Wallet
- B) 10,000 for UPI123 Pay, 5,000 for UPI Lite Wallet
- C) 12,000 for UPI123 Pay, 6,000 for UPI Lite Wallet
- D) 5,000 for UPI123 Pay, 10,000 for UPI Lite Wallet
- E) 8,000 for UPI123 Pay, 4,000 for UPI Lite Wallet

Correct Answer: 10,000 for UPI123 Pay, 5,000 for UPI Lite Wallet

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) periodically revises transaction limits for various digital payment modes to enhance user convenience and promote digital financial inclusion.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Identify the updates:** In a recent monetary policy announcement (October 2024), the RBI Governor proposed increasing the transaction limits for specific UPI features.
- **UPI123 Pay Limit:** The per-transaction limit for UPI123 Pay (designed for feature phone users) was enhanced from 5,000 to 10,000.

- **UPI Lite Wallet Limit:** The limit for the UPI Lite wallet was also increased from 2,000 to 5,000 to encourage broader adoption of offline and small-value payments.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For Banking Awareness questions, always track changes in the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) bi-monthly reviews. Create a cheat sheet of all RBI-mandated transaction limits (NEFT, RTGS, UPI, IMPS).

Common Pitfall

Students often confuse the UPI Lite per-transaction limit (500) with the overall wallet limit (5,000). Ensure you read whether the question asks for the transaction limit or the wallet capacity limit.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **10,000 for UPI123 Pay, 5,000 for UPI Lite Wallet.**

Q117. What is the implementation period for the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NHM)?

- A) 2023-2025
- B) 2023-2030
- C) 2024-2032
- D) 2025-2030
- E) 2024-2035

Correct Answer: 2023-2030

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

The National Green Hydrogen Mission (NHM) is a central government initiative aimed at making India a global hub for the production, utilization, and export of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Approval Date:** The Union Cabinet approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission on January 4, 2023.
- **Target Timeline:** The mission's core objectives and capacity additions (producing at least 5 Million Metric Tonnes of green hydrogen per annum) are slated to be achieved by the year 2030.
- **Implementation Period:** Therefore, the primary implementation phase spans from its inception in 2023 to the target year of 2030.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Whenever a major long-term environmental or energy mission is launched by the Government of India, the target year is frequently set to 2030, aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and India's initial net-zero commitments.

Common Pitfall

Confusing this mission's timeline with India's overall "Net Zero" target (which is 2070) or short-term budget plans. Always isolate specific mission timelines from overarching national goals.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **2023-2030.**

Q118. Which company manufactures the Vande Bharat train in India?

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B) Tata Motors
- C) Integral Coach Factory (ICF)
- D) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- E) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

Correct Answer: Integral Coach Factory (ICF)

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

The Vande Bharat Express (Train 18) is an Indian semi-high-speed, intercity, electric multiple-unit train. It is a flagship product of the "Make in India" initiative.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Design & Development:** Train 18 was designed and built in a record time of 18 months.
- **Manufacturing Facility:** It was completely manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) located in Perambur, Chennai.
- **Evaluating Options:** HAL produces aircraft. Tata Motors and L&T are private entities involved in automotive and infrastructure/defense. BHEL manufactures electrical equipment. ICF is the dedicated railway coach manufacturer responsible for this project.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Associate "Vande Bharat" with "Train 18". The "18" refers to 2018, the year the first rake was rolled out by ICF Chennai. Memorizing the facility location (Chennai) helps reinforce the manufacturer's name.

Common Pitfall

Assuming major private conglomerates (like L&T or Tata) or heavy electricals (BHEL) manufacture the complete train set because they sometimes supply components. The final assembly and manufacturing are done by ICF.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Integral Coach Factory (ICF)**.

Q119. What is the interest rate for the Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme for the quarter from October 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024?

- A) 7.1%
- B) 7.5%
- C) 8.2%
- D) 7.7%
- E) 4.0%

Correct Answer: 8.2%

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

The Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY) is a government-backed small savings scheme under the "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" campaign, offering tax benefits and high returns for a girl child's education and marriage.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Quarterly Reviews:** The Government of India reviews and announces the interest rates for small savings schemes on a quarterly basis.
- **Q3 FY25 Status:** For the third quarter of the financial year 2024-25 (October 1 to December 31, 2024), the Finance Ministry kept the interest rates unchanged for most small savings schemes.
- **Current Rate:** The interest rate for the Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme was retained at 8.2% per annum.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For current affairs tests, only memorize the most recent quarter's interest rates just before your exam for SSY and PPF. SSY consistently offers one of the highest rates among fixed-income small savings schemes, usually above 8%.

Common Pitfall

Confusing the SSY rate with the Public Provident Fund (PPF) rate (which is usually around 7.1%). Remember that SSY yields a significantly higher return.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **8.2%**.

Q120. Where has HDFC Bank recently opened its first branch as part of its international expansion strategy?

- A) Dubai
- B) London
- C) New York
- D) Singapore
- E) Tokyo

Correct Answer: Singapore

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

Major Indian private sector banks actively seek to expand their global footprint to cater to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), facilitate cross-border trade, and participate in global financial hubs.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Context:** HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank by assets, has been focusing on expanding its international presence to diversify its revenue streams.
- **Recent Development:** HDFC Bank recently inaugurated its first full-service branch in a strategic international financial center.
- **Location:** The bank opened this milestone branch in Singapore, a major hub for wealth management and Asian trade, bolstering its services for businesses and NRI clients in the region.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When it comes to financial expansion in Asia, Singapore and Dubai (DIFC) are the two most common answers. HDFC recently targeted Singapore for its specific regulatory environment and wealth management potential.

Common Pitfall

Guessing Dubai because of the large Indian diaspora. While Dubai is a common market, Singapore was specifically chosen for this recent major strategic branch opening.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Singapore**.

Q121. What is the Return on Assets (RoA) for Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) as of March 2024, according to the 29th issue of the Financial Stability Report (FSR) released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) 1.0 percent
- B) 1.3 percent
- C) 1.5 percent
- D) 2.0 percent
- E) 2.5 percent

Correct Answer: 1.3 percent

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

Return on Assets (RoA) is a financial ratio that shows the percentage of profit a company earns in relation to its overall resources. For banks, it indicates how efficiently management is using its assets (loans, investments) to generate earnings.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Source Data:** The RBI releases the Financial Stability Report (FSR) bi-annually, assessing the resilience of the Indian financial sector.
- **29th Issue Data:** The 29th issue (released around June 2024, reflecting March 2024 data) showed robust health across the banking sector.
- **Metric:** The gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio fell to a multi-year low, and profitability metrics improved significantly.
- **RoA Figure:** The RoA for Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) improved and was recorded at 1.3% for the fiscal year ending March 2024.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Key macroeconomic banking indicators (GNPA, CRAR, RoA) from the latest RBI FSR are highly tested. Create a small table of these 3-4 figures a week before any banking exam. A healthy RoA for Indian banks is typically between 1.0% and 1.5%.

Common Pitfall

Mixing up RoA (Return on Assets) with RoE (Return on Equity). RoE is always a much higher percentage (often double digits), whereas RoA for banks hovers around the 1% to 1.5% mark.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **1.3 percent**.

Q122. Which public sector bank recorded the highest profit in FY 2024?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Bank of Maharashtra
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Union Bank of India
- E) Indian Bank

Correct Answer: State Bank of India

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India publish their annual financial results at the end of the fiscal year (FY). Net profit is a primary indicator of a bank's operational success and market dominance.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Analyze the Options:** The options provided are major PSBs in India.
- **Market Share:** State Bank of India (SBI) is the largest public sector bank in the country, holding a massive share of the banking market.
- **FY 2024 Results:** For the financial year 2023-24, total net profit of all PSBs crossed 1.4 lakh crore. SBI alone contributed significantly to this pool.
- **Highest Profit:** State Bank of India reported a record standalone net profit of 61,077 crore in FY24, making it the highest profit-making public sector bank by a very large margin.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Unless the question specifically asks for the "highest percentage growth in profit" (which might be a smaller bank like Bank of Maharashtra), the absolute "highest profit" among PSBs will almost always be SBI due to its sheer scale and asset size.

Common Pitfall

Do not confuse "highest net profit" with "highest profit growth rate". A smaller bank can have a 50% profit growth while SBI has a 20% growth, but SBI's absolute profit will still be much higher.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **State Bank of India**.

Q123. What is India's rank in the 2024 Global Nature Conservation Index (NCI) developed by the Goldman Sonnenfeldt School of Sustainability and Climate Change at Ben-Gurion University and BioDB.com, a biodiversity database?

- A) 156th
- B) 167th
- C) 176th
- D) 178th
- E) 180th

Correct Answer: 176th**Explanation:****Concept & Fact Check**

The question tests current affairs knowledge regarding global environmental indices and India's specific standing in international sustainability rankings.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** The 2024 Global Nature Conservation Index (NCI) evaluates country-level biodiversity conservation efforts.
- **Fact Check:** India was ranked 176th out of 180 countries in the 2024 NCI, scoring particularly low in land management and species protection categories.
- **Conclusion:** The correct rank assigned to India is 176th.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For current affairs questions regarding indices, use spaced repetition to memorize the trinity of information: Year (2024), Index Name (NCI), and Rank (176).

Common Pitfall

A common mistake is confusing this specific index with the Environmental Performance Index (EPI), where India also frequently ranks at the very bottom (e.g., 180th in 2022).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **176th**.

Q124. Who is the present Union Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development?

- A) Narendra Singh Tomar
- B) Giriraj Singh
- C) Shivraj Singh Chauhan
- D) Manohar Lal Khattar
- E) Parshottam Rupala

Correct Answer: Shivraj Singh Chauhan**Explanation:****Concept & Fact Check**

This question assesses knowledge of the current Union Council of Ministers in the Government of India, specifically regarding the agriculture portfolio.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** We need to identify the current Union Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- **Fact Check:** Following the formation of the new government cabinet in June 2024, Shivraj Singh Chauhan, the former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, was appointed to head the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare as well as the Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Conclusion:** Shivraj Singh Chauhan holds the position.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Regularly reviewing the updated list of Cabinet Ministers post-elections is the only reliable

strategy for these direct knowledge-based questions.

Common Pitfall

Students often select Narendra Singh Tomar, as he held this portfolio for a significant period in the previous cabinet, failing to account for the recent 2024 cabinet reshuffle.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Shivraj Singh Chauhan**.

Q125. In November 2024, the Ministry of Railways planned to cover over 66,000 route km (rkm) out of its total network with the indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system named Kavach, by _____.

- A) 2025
- B) 2028
- C) 2027
- D) 2030
- E) 2035

Correct Answer: 2030

Explanation:

Concept & Fact Check

This question evaluates awareness of major national infrastructure initiatives and their official target completion years, specifically within Indian Railways.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** The implementation of the indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, "Kavach", across 66,000 route kilometers.
- **Fact Check:** The Ministry of Railways, under the leadership of Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, has set a comprehensive target to cover the vast majority of the railway network with the Kavach system by the year 2030 to enhance passenger safety.
- **Conclusion:** The targeted completion year is 2030.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Create a timeline chart of major government scheme deadlines. "Kavach rollout" aligns with several other "Vision 2030" infrastructure goals established by the government.

Common Pitfall

Guessing earlier dates like 2025 or 2027 due to the urgency of train safety, without realizing the immense logistical scale required to cover 66,000 rkm.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **2030**.

Q126. What is the Paid-up- Capital of the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) 5 crore
- B) 10 crore
- C) 15 crore
- D) 20 crore

E) 50 crore

Correct Answer: 5 crore

Explanation:

Concept & Fact Check

The question tests foundational knowledge regarding the establishment and statutory capital structure of India's central banking institution.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** The requirement to identify the Paid-up Capital of the RBI.
- **Fact Check:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established on April 1, 1935, in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. It was established with a share capital of Rs. 5 crore, divided into shares of Rs. 100 each fully paid up.
- **Conclusion:** The paid-up capital remains Rs. 5 crore.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Memorize core statutory numbers for major institutions (RBI, SBI, NABARD). For RBI, the foundational paid-up capital is uniquely low (5 crore) compared to its current massive asset base, making it a memorable trivia fact.

Common Pitfall

Assuming a much higher figure (like 50 crore) because the RBI is currently a massive financial institution, forgetting that this refers to its historical statutory establishment capital.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **5 crore**.

Q127. Under Basel III, what is the minimum Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital requirement for banks in India?

- A) 4.5%
- B) 6%
- C) 8%
- D) 10.5%
- E) 12%

Correct Answer: 4.5%

Explanation:

Concept & Fact Check

This question assesses knowledge of international banking regulations (Basel III norms) regarding capital adequacy requirements.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** Identifying the minimum CET1 capital requirement under Basel III.
- **Fact Check:** According to the global Basel III framework, banks must maintain a minimum Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio of 4.5% of their risk-weighted assets (RWAs). While the RBI generally mandates slightly stricter overall capital requirements in India, the core global Basel III baseline for CET1 specifically remains 4.5%.

- **Conclusion:** The minimum CET1 requirement as per the standard framework is 4.5%.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For Basel III tier ratios, memorize the core breakdown: CET1 = 4.5%, Total Tier 1 = 6%, and Total Capital = 8% (global minimums without buffers).

Common Pitfall

Confusing CET1 (4.5%) with Total Tier 1 capital (6%) or the Total Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) which is 8% globally (and 9% as per RBI mandate).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **4.5%**.

Q128. Where will the Hockey Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 be held?

- A) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- B) New Delhi, India
- C) Rajgir, Bihar
- D) Bangalore, Karnataka
- E) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Correct Answer: Rajgir, Bihar

Explanation:

Concept & Fact Check

This question tests awareness of upcoming or recently held major international sporting events and their specific host cities in India.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** Identify the host city for the 2024 Hockey Women's Asian Champions Trophy.
- **Fact Check:** The Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) and Hockey India announced that the 2024 Women's Asian Champions Trophy would be hosted at the newly developed sports complex in Rajgir, located in the state of Bihar.
- **Conclusion:** Rajgir, Bihar is the designated venue.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

When state governments invest heavily in new sports infrastructure (like Bihar in Rajgir or Odisha in Rourkela), they typically bid for major tournaments immediately to showcase them. Linking new stadiums to upcoming tournaments aids memory.

Common Pitfall

Selecting Ranchi, Jharkhand, because it successfully hosted the previous edition (2023) of the Women's Asian Champions Trophy, leading to chronological confusion.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Rajgir, Bihar**.

Q129. The maximum limit of SLR in India is _____.

- A) 40%
- B) 20%
- C) 25%

D) 36%

E) 50%

Correct Answer: 40%

Explanation:

Concept & Fact Check

The question tests knowledge of the statutory limits set by the Banking Regulation Act regarding reserve ratios maintained by Indian banks.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** Find the legally permissible maximum limit for the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR).
- **Fact Check:** Under Section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is authorized to specify the SLR. However, the Act clearly stipulates that the RBI cannot mandate an SLR exceeding 40% of a bank's Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL).
- **Conclusion:** The legal maximum ceiling for SLR is 40%.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Differentiate between current rates and statutory limits. While the current operational SLR might hover around 18%, the legal ceiling remains fixed by parliament at 40%.

Common Pitfall

Many candidates mistakenly choose the current prevailing SLR rate (often between 18-20%) instead of the legally defined "maximum limit" asked in the question.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **40%**.

Q130. In India, what percentage is set as the Priority Sector Lending (PSL) goal for Small Finance Banks (SFBs)?

A) 50%

B) 60%

C) 65%

D) 75%

E) 80%

Correct Answer: 75%

Explanation:

Concept & Fact Check

This question assesses knowledge of Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines formulated by the RBI, specifically the differentiated targets for specialized banking entities.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Given:** Identify the PSL target percentage for Small Finance Banks (SFBs).
- **Fact Check:** According to RBI regulations, Small Finance Banks are designed to further financial inclusion. To align with this core mandate, they are required to extend 75% of their Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) to sectors classified as priority sectors (like

agriculture, MSMEs, etc.).

- **Conclusion:** The PSL mandate for SFBs is 75%.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Remember that specialized inclusive entities like Small Finance Banks (SFBs) and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have a much higher PSL target (75%) compared to the standard commercial bank target (40%).

Common Pitfall

Confusing the target for Small Finance Banks (75%) with the standard target for domestic scheduled commercial banks, which is set significantly lower at 40%.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **75%**.

Q131. Which of the following banks has recently unveiled a research study named 'Of the Women, By the Women, For the NATION' highlighting the evolving dynamics of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in India and delves into the patterns of credit utilisation and digital behaviours among SHGs, their members, and the emerging group known as 'Lakhpatri Didis'?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Indian Bank
- C) Union Bank of India
- D) Canara Bank
- E) Bank of Baroda

Correct Answer: State Bank of India

Explanation:

Concept & Verification

Current affairs and banking awareness regarding institutional research on women empowerment and Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Step-by-Step Solution

- The research study titled 'Of the Women, By the Women, For the NATION' was released by the Economic Research Department of the State Bank of India (SBI).
- It highlights the economic contribution and evolving dynamics of SHGs, particularly focusing on the 'Lakhpatri Didi' initiative.
- The report delves into credit utilization patterns and digital behaviors of women within these groups.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For banking current affairs, directly associate key flagship reports (like those on SHGs or Lakhpatri Didis) with major public sector banks, predominantly SBI, as they have the largest rural network.

Common Pitfall

Confusing this with reports from NABARD or the Ministry of Women and Child Development, which also heavily publish on SHGs.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **State Bank of India**.

Q132. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw reviewed the trial of the Automatic Train Protection System, 'Kavach', and oversaw the upgrades made to the system. In how many different emergency situations did the Kavach system function as expected during the trial?

- A) 3
- B) 5
- C) 7
- D) 10
- E) 4

Correct Answer: 3

Explanation:

Concept & Verification

Current affairs related to Indian Railways' technological advancements, specifically the indigenous Automatic Train Protection System (Kavach).

Step-by-Step Solution

- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inspected the Kavach 4.0 system trials.
- During the extensive trial runs, the system was tested to ensure train safety under critical conditions.
- The Kavach system was evaluated and functioned successfully across 3 distinct emergency situations, such as passing a signal at danger and preventing head-on collisions.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Memorize key metrics of major national infrastructure projects. Kavach trials typically test the core 3 collision/emergency scenarios.

Common Pitfall

Guessing a higher number like 7 or 10 assuming "more tests means better safety," without knowing the exact parameters of the public trial.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **3**.

Q133. What action has the RBI instructed the four NBFCs—Asirvad Micro Finance Ltd, Arohan Financial Services Ltd, DMI Finance Pvt Ltd, and Navi Finserv Ltd—to take as part of the imposed restrictions?

- A) Halt loan recovery operations
- B) Cease and desist from sanctioning and disbursing loans
- C) Shut down their operations permanently
- D) Reduce interest rates on existing loans
- E) Merge with larger NBFCs

Correct Answer: Cease and desist from sanctioning and disbursing loans

Explanation:

Concept & Verification

Banking and regulatory current affairs concerning the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) actions against Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).

Step-by-Step Solution

- The RBI recently took strict regulatory action against four prominent NBFCs due to material supervisory concerns, including usurious pricing.
- The specific instruction was a "cease and desist" order.
- This order specifically restricts them from sanctioning and disbursing new loans, while allowing them to continue servicing existing customers and carrying out recovery operations.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

RBI typically uses "cease and desist" from new business (like new loans or new credit cards) as a primary punitive measure without immediately shutting down the company to protect existing consumers.

Common Pitfall

Assuming the RBI ordered them to "Shut down permanently" or "Halt loan recovery," which would harm the financial system and the companies' liquidity.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Cease and desist from sanctioning and disbursing loans.**

Q134. What is the name of the new large language model (LLM) introduced by Meta at Meta Connect 2024?

- A) Llama 3.0
- B) Llama 3.2
- C) Llama Vision
- D) Llama AI
- E) Meta Vision Llama

Correct Answer: Llama 3.2

Explanation:

Concept & Verification

Technology current affairs regarding major advancements in Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models (LLMs).

Step-by-Step Solution

- Meta holds an annual event called Meta Connect where it showcases new hardware and software.
- At Meta Connect 2024, the company announced its latest iteration of open-source AI models.
- The newly introduced model is Llama 3.2, which introduces multimodal capabilities, including vision processing, alongside text.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Track version numbers of major AI models (GPT-4, Gemini 1.5, Llama 3.2). Meta explicitly branded their late 2024 multimodal release as Llama 3.2.

Common Pitfall

Selecting "Llama Vision" because the new model features vision capabilities, but the official model name retains the numbered versioning (3.2).

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Llama 3.2**.

Q135. What is the new position limit for trading members in index futures and options as announced by SEBI?

- A) 5,000 crore or 10% of total open interest, whichever is higher
- B) 7,500 crore or 15% of total open interest, whichever is higher
- C) 6,000 crore or 12% of total open interest, whichever is higher
- D) 7,000 crore or 14% of total open interest, whichever is higher
- E) 7,500 crore or 20% of total open interest, whichever is higher

Correct Answer: 7,500 crore or 15% of total open interest, whichever is higher

Explanation:**Concept & Verification**

Financial market regulations and SEBI guidelines regarding derivatives trading (Futures and Options).

Step-by-Step Solution

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) periodically revises position limits to ensure market stability and manage risk.
- Recently, SEBI updated the overall position limit for trading members in index derivatives.
- The new limit has been set at 7,500 crore or 15% of the total open interest in the market, whichever of the two figures is higher.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For SEBI quantitative limits, remember the "75-15" rule for current index F&O limits (7,500 Cr / 15%).

Common Pitfall

Mixing up the absolute monetary limit (7,500 crore) with the wrong percentage (like 20%), or vice versa. Both components must be remembered accurately.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **7,500 crore or 15% of total open interest, whichever is higher**.

Q136. India and which country signed a Memorandum of Implementation (MoI) for the co-development of the UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) mast designed to enhance the stealth characteristics of warships and will be fitted on Indian Naval warships?

- A) Japan
- B) Germany
- C) Australia

D) Spain

E) France

Correct Answer: Japan

Explanation:

Concept & Verification

International relations and defense technology cooperation current affairs.

Step-by-Step Solution

- The UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) mast is an advanced naval technology used to reduce the radar cross-section of warships, enhancing their stealth.
- India sought to co-develop and acquire this technology to upgrade the stealth capabilities of Indian Naval warships.
- A Memorandum of Implementation (MoI) for this co-development was officially signed between India and Japan.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Associate the "UNICORN" naval mast technology specifically with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and India-Japan defense ties.

Common Pitfall

Guessing France or Russia, as India traditionally signs many naval and defense tech agreements with them. Japan is a unique and specific partner for the UNICORN mast.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Japan**.

Q137. What is the loan amount provided by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to Axis Bank for blue finance and green projects in India?

A) \$300 million

B) \$400 million

C) \$500 million

D) \$600 million

E) \$700 million

Correct Answer: \$500 million

Explanation:

Concept & Verification

Financial current affairs involving international investments (IFC/World Bank Group) in Indian private sector banks for sustainable development.

Step-by-Step Solution

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) focuses on private sector development in emerging markets.
- To support climate-friendly initiatives, IFC partnered with Axis Bank.
- The partnership involves a financial commitment specifically targeted at "blue finance" (water/ocean-related sustainability) and "green projects."

- The loan amount finalized for this purpose is 500 million.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For IFC investments in major Indian private banks (like Axis or HDFC) regarding green/blue finance, the amounts usually range in multiples of 250M. This specific prominent deal is exactly half a billion dollars (500M).

Common Pitfall

Confusing this with smaller tranches of funding (e.g., 300 million) given by the ADB or World Bank for state-specific infrastructure projects.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **\$500 million**.

Q138. What is the total outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the seven schemes aimed at improving farmers' lives?

- A) 10,500 crore
- B) 12,000 crore
- C) 14,235.30 crore
- D) 16,500 crore
- E) 20,000 crore

Correct Answer: 14,235.30 crore

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

The Union Cabinet regularly approves budgetary outlays for the agricultural sector to support farmers and boost technological integration in farming.

Step-by-Step Solution

- The Union Cabinet approved seven comprehensive schemes to improve farmers' lives and increase their income.
- These schemes include the Digital Agriculture Mission, Crop Science for Food Security, and Sustainable Livestock Health among others.
- The total consolidated financial outlay approved for these seven initiatives is exactly 14,235.30 crore.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For current affairs questions involving financial data, exact decimal values (like .30) often act as strong memory anchors. Memorize the precise figure rather than just the rounded approximation.

Common Pitfall

Rounding off financial figures during preparation can lead to confusion during the exam, especially when options are closely clustered.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **14,235.30 crore**.

Q139. What is the prize money for the Booker Prize 2024?

- A) £40,000

- B) £45,000
- C) £50,000
- D) £60,000
- E) £75,000

Correct Answer: £50,000

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

The Booker Prize is a prestigious literary award conferred annually for the best sustained work of fiction written in English and published in the UK or Ireland.

Step-by-Step Solution

- The Booker Prize is one of the most recognized literary awards globally.
- The winning author receives a substantial cash prize alongside international recognition.
- The prize money awarded to the winner of the Booker Prize is £50,000.
- Additionally, shortlisted authors each receive £2,500.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Associate major awards with their standard prize amounts. The Booker Prize has consistently maintained its £50,000 standard prize pool for the winner for many years.

Common Pitfall

Confusing the Booker Prize money with the International Booker Prize or other literary awards which may have varying distribution formats.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **£50,000**.

Q140. The India Space Research Organization's Pushpak mission is associated with _____.

- A) Developing a manned lunar exploration program
- B) Establishing a space station
- C) Developing a reusable launch vehicle (RLV)
- D) Building interplanetary spacecraft
- E) Conducting Mars and Venus exploration

Correct Answer: Developing a reusable launch vehicle (RLV)

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

Pushpak is a specific nomenclature given to ISRO's experimental mission dedicated to advancing India's cost-effective space access capabilities.

Step-by-Step Solution

- ISRO has been conducting autonomous landing missions to test new technologies.
- The Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV-LEX) was named "Pushpak".
- The goal of this vehicle is to enable low-cost access to space by recovering and reusing

the launch vehicle components.

- Therefore, Pushpak is directly associated with developing a Reusable Launch Vehicle.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Link the mythological reference "Pushpak Viman" (a flying chariot) to a "reusable vehicle" that travels to space and returns to Earth safely.

Common Pitfall

Confusing Pushpak with "Gaganyaan" (manned mission) or "Chandrayaan" (lunar exploration) due to the recent media buzz around all ISRO programs.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Developing a reusable launch vehicle (RLV)**.

Q141. As per the guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India, what is the ongoing minimum percentage for the Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) that Cooperative Banks (UCBs) must uphold?

- A) 3 percent
- B) 5 percent
- C) 6 percent
- D) 7 percent
- E) 9 percent

Correct Answer: 9 percent

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

CRAR (Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio) is a standard metric used to assess a bank's financial stability by measuring its capital against its risk-weighted assets.

Step-by-Step Solution

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sets regulatory frameworks to ensure the stability of the banking sector.
- For Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs), maintaining a minimum capital buffer is mandatory to absorb potential losses.
- As per the standard ongoing guidelines of the RBI, Tier 1 UCBs are strictly required to maintain a minimum CRAR of 9%.
- (Note: Higher tiers may require up to 12%, but the baseline minimum standard tested in such general regulatory questions is 9%).

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For general Indian banking compliance norms (like Basel III implementations via RBI), the baseline minimum capital requirement frequently hovers around 9%.

Common Pitfall

Guessing lower percentages (like 3% or 5%) confusing CRAR with CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio) which typically fluctuates in the lower single digits.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **9 percent**.

Q142. Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) during the

financial year FY24 was 4 trillion. What percentage of the total order value on GeM during FY24 was contributed by Micro and Small Enterprise (MSE) sellers?

- A) 25.63%
- B) 35.71%
- C) 45.82%
- D) 49.37%
- E) 55.24%

Correct Answer: 49.37%

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) heavily encourages participation from MSMEs to ensure inclusive economic growth and decentralized government procurement.

Step-by-Step Solution

- GeM achieved a massive milestone by crossing 4 lakh crore (4 trillion) in Gross Merchandise Value in FY24.
- A significant portion of this procurement was sourced directly from small businesses.
- Data published by the government indicates that Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) contributed approximately 49.37% of the total order value.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Remember that the government policy mandates robust procurement from MSMEs, making their contribution roughly half (~50%) of the total GeM volume. 49.37% is the closest exact figure to this half-way mark.

Common Pitfall

Underestimating the participation of small enterprises in government tenders and choosing lower percentages like 25% or 35%.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **49.37%**.

Q143. Which among the following is not one of the promoters of the National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE), created for the promotion of financial education across India as per the National Strategy of Financial Education?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- D) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- E) Employees' Provident Fund Organization.

Correct Answer: Employees' Provident Fund Organization.

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

The National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) is a Section 8 (Not for Profit) Company promoted by India's top financial sector regulators.

Step-by-Step Solution

- The NCFE was established to implement the National Strategy for Financial Education.
- It is jointly promoted by the four major financial sector regulators in India:
 1. RBI (Banking)
 2. SEBI (Securities and Markets)
 3. IRDAI (Insurance)
 4. PFRDA (Pensions)
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), while dealing with financial retirement funds, is a statutory body under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, not a regulatory promoter of the NCFE.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Group the "Big Four" financial regulators (RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA). Any option outside these core market regulators is usually the odd one out in joint regulatory initiatives.

Common Pitfall

Assuming EPFO is a financial market regulator because it manages provident funds, whereas it is primarily a social security organization.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Employees' Provident Fund Organization**.

Q144. What company has received approval for its merger with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB)?

- A) Razorpay
- B) Paytm
- C) Slice
- D) PhonePe
- E) Zomato

Correct Answer: Slice

Explanation:

Concept & Fact

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) oversees and approves major mergers and acquisitions in the banking sector to ensure financial stability and regulatory compliance.

Step-by-Step Solution

- North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB) sought a strategic merger to enhance its technological footprint and capital base.
- The fintech startup "Slice" (operated by Garagepreneurs Internet Pvt Ltd) applied for this merger.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) and subsequently the RBI granted approval for the merger of the fintech firm Slice with NESFB.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Connect "Slice", which originally started as a credit card challenger (fintech), to its aggressive move into traditional banking by acquiring a Small Finance Bank license through a merger.

Common Pitfall

Confusing this with Paytm's regulatory struggles with its own Payments Bank, or PhonePe's wealth management acquisitions. Slice is the specific entity merging with NESFB.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Slice**.

Q145. Which of the following is NOT one of the five pillars of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Payments Vision 2025?

- A) Integrity
- B) Innovation
- C) Internationalisation
- D) Incorporation
- E) Institutionalisation

Correct Answer: Incorporation

Explanation:**Concept & Fact**

The RBI's Payments Vision 2025 outlines the strategic direction for India's payment systems, built upon five core foundational pillars starting with the letter 'I'.

Step-by-Step Solution

- The Payments Vision 2025 aims to provide safe, secure, fast, and affordable e-payment options.
- The vision is anchored on five key pillars:
 1. Integrity
 2. Inclusion
 3. Innovation
 4. Institutionalisation
 5. Internationalisation
- Reviewing the given options, "Incorporation" is not part of this framework; "Inclusion" is the missing pillar.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Memorize the "5 Is" of the RBI Payments Vision: Integrity, Inclusion, Innovation, Institutionalisation, Internationalisation. "Incorporation" relates to corporate law, not payment systemic vision.

Common Pitfall

Since all options begin with the letter 'I' and sound like formal regulatory terms, it is easy to guess incorrectly if the 5 exact terms are not memorized.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Incorporation**.

Q146. What is the expected launch timeline for India's Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) unofficially referred to as "Shukrayaan"?

- A) March 2024

- B) March 2025
- C) March 2028
- D) June 2029
- E) September 2030

Correct Answer: March 2028

Explanation:

Concept & Facts

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) schedules its interplanetary missions based on optimal launch windows, payload readiness, and government approvals.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Identify the Mission:** The Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) is India's planned mission to study Venus, colloquially called "Shukrayaan-1".
- **Track Approvals & Timeline:** Initially planned for earlier in the decade, the mission was delayed due to the pandemic and prioritizing other missions like Gaganyaan and Chandrayaan-3.
- **Current Status:** The Government of India formally approved the Venus Orbiter Mission in September 2024, targeting a launch window in **March 2028**. This window is chosen because Earth and Venus align optimally, minimizing the fuel required for the transit.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For ISRO missions, always track the most recent Cabinet approvals. The 2028 window for Venus is a widely reported fact in recent current affairs due to the optimal planetary alignment that occurs every 19 months.

Common Pitfall

Students often confuse the original proposed timelines (2023-2025) with the newly approved and official target of 2028.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **March 2028**.

Q147. As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regulations, the minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) requirement for NBFC-Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) is:

- A) 2 Crore
- B) 3 Crore
- C) 5 Crore
- D) 7 Crore
- E) 10 Crore

Correct Answer: 5 Crore

Explanation:

Concept & Financial Regulations

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandates a minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) to ensure financial stability and solvency of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Understand NOF:** Net Owned Fund essentially represents the core capital of a financial institution, proving it has enough skin in the game.
- **RBI Mandates:** Under the revised regulatory framework for NBFCs, the base requirement varies by type.
- **NBFC-MFI Specification:** For a standard NBFC-Micro Finance Institution (NBFC-MFI), the RBI requires a minimum NOF of **5 Crore**. (Note: For NBFC-MFIs registered in the North Eastern Region of India, the requirement is slightly lower at 2 Crore, but the standard national requirement is 5 Crore).

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Memorize key banking numbers. NBFC general NOF was increased to 10 Crore recently, but MFIs (Micro Finance Institutions) have a distinct threshold of 5 Crore to encourage micro-lending operations without prohibitive capital barriers.

Common Pitfall

Confusing the standard NBFC NOF requirement (10 Crore) with the specific NBFC-MFI requirement (5 Crore). Always read the specific category of the institution.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **5 Crore**.

Q148. Who is the director of the film "Laapataa Ladies", India's official entry for the Oscars?

- A) Kiran Rao
- B) Amir Khan
- C) Karan Johar
- D) Rajkumar Hirani
- E) Frahan Akhtar

Correct Answer: Kiran Rao

Explanation:

Concept & Current Affairs

India officially selects one film each year to represent the country in the Best International Feature Film category at the Academy Awards (Oscars).

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Identify the Film:** "Laapataa Ladies" is a critically acclaimed 2024 Hindi-language comedy-drama film.
- **Identify the Creator:** The film was produced by Aamir Khan, Kiran Rao, and Jyoti Deshpande.
- **Identify the Director:** The film marks the directorial return of **Kiran Rao** after a long hiatus. The Film Federation of India (FFI) selected it as India's official Oscar entry.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

In entertainment current affairs, always distinguish between the Producer (Aamir Khan, in this case) and the Director (Kiran Rao). Oscar entries are highly tested in competitive exams.

Common Pitfall

Choosing Aamir Khan because his name is heavily associated with the marketing and production of the film.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Kiran Rao**.

Q149. Which has become the first foreign university to receive approval of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to set up an International Branch Campus (IBC) in GIFT-IFSC, GIFT City, Gujarat?

- A) Deakin University, Australia
- B) National University of Singapore (NUS)
- C) Tokyo University, Japan
- D) RMIT University
- E) Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia

Correct Answer: Deakin University, Australia

Explanation:

Concept & Institutional Approvals

To internationalize Indian higher education, the government allows top foreign universities to set up campuses in India, specifically starting with the GIFT City special economic zone.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Identify the Initiative:** The IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority) is the regulatory body for GIFT City, Gujarat.
- **Identify the First University:** Australia's **Deakin University** became the very first foreign educational institution to receive official approval from IFSCA to establish an International Branch Campus (IBC) in India.
- **Verification:** This was a landmark event in India-Australia bilateral relations and India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 rollout.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Associate "GIFT City Foreign University" with Australia. The first two universities approved were both Australian: Deakin University (1st) and University of Wollongong (2nd).

Common Pitfall

Guessing prestigious universities like NUS or Tokyo University based on global rankings rather than tracking specific bilateral educational agreements.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Deakin University, Australia**.

Q150. Which state is the top performer in terms of the number of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in India as of March 2024?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Gujarat
- E) Rajasthan

Correct Answer: Maharashtra**Explanation:****Concept & Economic Data**

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) frequently releases data on Udyam registrations, which indicates the concentration of industrial and entrepreneurial activity across states.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Analyze the Data:** According to the Udyam registration portal data released around early 2024, industrial states lead the pack.

- **Rank the States:**

1. **Maharashtra** has consistently maintained the top position with the highest number of registered MSMEs, contributing heavily to the national GDP.
2. Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh typically compete closely for the second and third spots.

- **Conclusion:** As of the specified timeline, Maharashtra holds the number one rank.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Maharashtra is India's most industrialized state and financial hub; it is statistically the safest bet for maximum commercial registrations like MSMEs unless a specific recent scheme drastically boosted another state temporarily.

Common Pitfall

Selecting Uttar Pradesh due to its recent aggressive MSME policies and large population. While UP is growing rapidly in this sector, Maharashtra remains the cumulative leader.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Maharashtra**.

Q151. Consider the following statements regarding budget allocation for Renewable Energy: I. The budget allocated 19,100 crore for the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. II. The allocation for the solar energy sector was 10,000 crore, reflecting an increase of 110% from 4,757 crore in the previous fiscal year (2023-24). III. The PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGNBY) was announced to boost RTS penetration in India, with a total budget of 75,000 crore until 2027.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) I and II only
- B) I and III only
- C) II and III only
- D) All I, II and III
- E) I only

Correct Answer: All I, II and III**Explanation:****Concept & Budget Analysis**

Government exams frequently test factual data from the Union Budget, especially concerning high-priority sectors like Renewable Energy and infrastructure schemes.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Evaluate Statement I:** The Interim Budget 2024-25 indeed saw a significant boost for the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), with an allocation around **19,100 crore** (approximate figures often used in statement questions align with this massive hike). This statement is correct.
- **Evaluate Statement II:** Grid-interactive solar power received a massive push. The allocation was raised to **10,000 crore**, up from the revised estimates of roughly 4,757 crore in the previous year, which mathematically represents an increase of over 110%. This statement is correct.
- **Evaluate Statement III:** The **PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana** was launched with a massive outlay of **75,000 crore** to subsidize rooftop solar (RTS) installations for 1 crore households. This statement is perfectly accurate.
- **Conclusion:** Since all statements align with the official budget documents, all are correct.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

For multi-statement budget questions, look for highly publicized flagship numbers. The 75,000 crore for PM Surya Ghar is a landmark figure heavily advertised by the government. Knowing just this can help eliminate options.

Common Pitfall

Second-guessing exact percentage increases (like 110%) can cause students to discard Statement II. In standard exam questions, if the raw numbers (10,000 and 4,757) are accurate, the percentage provided is usually mathematically sound.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **All I, II and III**.

Q152. 'Incoterms', the short form of International Commercial Terms, is a registered trademark of the _____, comprising a standardized set of terms/rules used in E-Commerce/Trade.

- A) NASSCOM
- B) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- C) International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- D) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- E) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Correct Answer: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Explanation:

Concept & International Trade Rules

Incoterms (International Commercial Terms) are a series of pre-defined commercial terms published to clarify the tasks, costs, and risks associated with the global or domestic transportation and delivery of goods.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Identify the Acronym:** Incoterms stands for International Commercial Terms.
- **Determine the Governing Body:** These terms are not created by a government or a macroeconomic policy organization (like the WTO or IMF). They are published by the

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

- **Application:** The ICC first published Incoterms in 1936, and they are continuously updated to reflect modern trade practices, providing a standardized set of rules used in global E-Commerce and Trade.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Associate "commercial terms" and trade contracts specifically with the "Chamber of Commerce", separating it from macro-economic entities like the WTO (which deals with global trade agreements between nations, not specific shipment contracts).

Common Pitfall

Confusing the ICC with the WTO. While the WTO governs global trade rules between countries, the ICC publishes the specific contract terms (Incoterms) used by actual buyers and sellers in their daily transactions.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**.

Q153. What does the "R" in LIDAR stand for?

- A) Radar
- B) Reflection
- C) Recognition
- D) Remote
- E) Ranging

Correct Answer: Ranging

Explanation:**Concept & Acronyms**

LIDAR is a remote sensing method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure variable distances to the Earth or other objects.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Break Down the Acronym:** The word LIDAR is an acronym similar to RADAR and SONAR.
- **Analyze the Letters:**
 - **L** stands for Light.
 - **D** stands for Detection.
 - **A** stands for And.
 - **R** stands for **Ranging**.
- **Conclusion:** Therefore, the full form is Light Detection and Ranging.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Remember the established naming convention for these sensing technologies. RADAR (Radio Detection and Ranging), SONAR (Sound Navigation and Ranging), and LIDAR all end with the word "Ranging", which refers to the process of calculating distance.

Common Pitfall

Guessing "Radar" or "Reflection" because LIDAR bounces light off objects. Always stick to the standard acronym breakdown for scientific detection equipment.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Ranging**.

Q154. What is the minimum capital requirement for setting up a Small Finance Bank (SFB) in India?

- A) 50 crore
- B) 100 crore
- C) 200 crore
- D) 500 crore
- E) 1000 crore

Correct Answer: 200 crore

Explanation:

Concept & Banking Regulations

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandates specific paid-up voting equity capital and net worth requirements to ensure the financial stability of banking entities before granting licenses.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Identify the Entity:** The question asks about Small Finance Banks (SFBs), which provide basic banking services to unserved and underserved sections.
- **Recall RBI Guidelines:** The RBI periodically updates its licensing guidelines. Initially, when the SFB guidelines were first released, the requirement was lower.
- **Current Requirement:** Under the revised guidelines for 'on tap' licensing of Small Finance Banks in the private sector, the minimum paid-up voting equity capital / net worth requirement was raised to **200 crore**.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

Keep track of RBI's revised minimum capital guidelines. The capital requirement for SFBs was doubled from its original 100 crore to 200 crore to build stronger financial buffers against risk.

Common Pitfall

Selecting 100 crore based on outdated information from when SFB licenses were first introduced. Always use the most current RBI regulatory figures.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **200 crore**.

Q155. Which company has secured orders from two regional banks — Kerala Gramin Bank and Karnataka Gramin Bank — for its banking Superapp and digital transformation?

- A) Network People Services Technologies Limited (NPST)
- B) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- C) Infosys Limited
- D) Wipro Limited
- E) HCL Technologies

Correct Answer: Network People Services Technologies Limited (NPST)**Explanation:**

Concept & Banking Technology News

Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in India are rapidly modernizing their technological infrastructure by partnering with specialized fintech and IT firms to offer mobile-first services to rural customers.

Step-by-Step Solution

- **Identify the Banks:** Kerala Gramin Bank and Karnataka Gramin Bank are major regional rural banks seeking to digitize their customer-facing platforms.
- **Identify the Project:** The project involves building a "Superapp" and leading digital transformation initiatives.
- **Identify the Vendor:** Recently, **Network People Services Technologies Limited (NPST)**, a prominent fintech company specializing in digital payments and banking solutions, officially announced securing these specific contracts.

Exam Strategy & Shortcut

In banking current affairs, do not blindly guess top-tier IT giants (like TCS or Infosys) for every digital initiative. Specialized fintech players like NPST are frequently winning contracts for specific agile deployments like Superapps.

Common Pitfall

Automatically assuming a major IT conglomerate like TCS (which handles core banking software like BaNCS for many banks) or Infosys (Finacle) handles every mobile application project.

Final Answer

Therefore, the correct answer is **Network People Services Technologies Limited (NPST)**.