

BMC PO Sample Questions Paper

Directions (1-8): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below them.

Paper is an important part of modern life. People use it in school, at work, to make artwork and books, to wrap presents and much more. Trees are the most common ingredient for paper these days, but people have been taking notes and creating artworks for a very long time using lots of other kinds of surfaces and materials. Humans painted pictures on cave walls during the Ice Age. The oldest known drawing, found on a small rock in South Africa, was made 73,000 years ago. Written language came a long time later. The Sumerians, in what is now Iraq, and the Egyptians used pictures in the first written languages more than 5,000 years ago. They also wrote on slabs of wet clay, using a pen or brush made from a reed. Sometimes they baked these slabs hard in ovens to **preserve** them.

The Egyptians **pioneered** the first paper. Papyrus came from a 15-foot-tall (4.5 meter) plant of the same name that grew in marshlands along the Nile River. They cut the stalk into thin strips, pressed them together and dried them into the long rolls you can now see preserved in museums. They wrote in ink, which didn't smudge or blur on this new paper. Papyrus made it easy to carry their writing with them in rolled up scrolls – much easier than _____ around heavy clay tablets and rocks.

Making tons of paper from trees can harm the planet. Cutting forests and farms down for papers also contributes to climate change, and paper factories pollute the air. After you throw paper in the trash, a truck takes it to a dump, where it takes six to nine years to decompose. That's why recycling is important. It saves a lot of trees, slows climate change, reduce air pollution and helps protect endangered animals, birds and all creatures that rely on forests for their homes.

Q1. According to the passage, which of the following statements support the fact that paper is a crucial part of modern life?

- (a) More than two million trees are cut down annually to make paper.
- (b) Paper is an indispensable part of everyday tasks like in academics, desk work etc.
- (c) Many offices are adopting paperless office policies to reduce dependence on paper.
- (d) As the paper is made from natural ingredients it isn't harmful to the environment.
- (e) None of these

Q2. What was/were the ancient way(s) of inscription before the inception of papers, as mentioned in the passage?

- (a) Scribing on banana leaves using a pointed wooden stem.
- (b) Writing on a slab made of wet clay with a wooden brush.
- (c) Carving pictures on the walls of caves or on a small rock.
- (d) Only (a) and (b)
- (e) Only (b) and (c)

Q3. As mentioned in the passage, what was/were the features of the first paper developed?

- (I) The paper was made in a way in which ink didn't smear on it.
- (II) The paper was introduced by Egyptians and was made up of Papyrus plants.
- (III) The paper was flexible enough to be rolled up and was convenient to carry around.
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Both (II) and (III)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) All of these
- (e) Only (II)

Q4. As suggested by the author, why do we need to recycle paper?

- (a) Recycling will curtail the total number of trees cut down.
- (b) Extinction of various species can be ceased by protecting their habitats.
- (c) Recycling of papers will somehow decelerate climate change.
- (d) Air pollution will also be decreased as a result of the recycling of papers.
- (e) All of these

Q5. Which of the following statements is incorrect with reference to the paragraph?

- (a) Manufacturing of papers isn't in the interest of the environment.
- (b) A paper takes less than five years to get decomposed.
- (c) Papers made by Egyptians are still can be seen in museums.
- (d) The oldest known portrayal is still present in South Africa.
- (e) All are correct

Q6. Which of the following words is the most suitable word for the blank given in the passage?

- (a) carting
- (b) boding
- (c) seizing
- (d) swathing
- (e) animosity

Q7. Which of the following word has a similar meaning to the word 'pioneered'?

- (a) incumbent
- (b) developed
- (c) convicted
- (d) chastened
- (e) faltered

Q8. Which of the following word has an opposite meaning to the word 'preserve'?

- (a) maze
- (b) fudged
- (c) staple
- (d) vandalize
- (e) appease

Directions (9-12): In each of the given questions, a sentence is given with four words highlighted, one of which may or may not contain a spelling error. Mark from the options corresponding the one which represents the incorrectly spelt word. Mark option (e) if there are no spelling errors.

Q9. After World War II, Finland rapidly industrialized and developed an advanced economy.

- (a) rapidly
- (b) industrialized
- (c) advanced
- (d) economy
- (e) All are correct

Q10. The number of **university** and **collage employees** was cut by more than fifty **percent**.

- (a) university
- (b) collage
- (c) employees
- (d) percent
- (e) All are correct

Q11. Night **occurs** when the Sun **reaches** below the **horizon** and no longer **illuminates** the sky.

- (a) occurs
- (b) reaches
- (c) horizon
- (d) illuminates
- (e) All are correct

Q12. Once a **plantation** is **established**, **maneging** it becomes an important **environmental** factor.

- (a) plantation
- (b) established
- (c) maneging
- (d) environmental
- (e) All are correct

Direction (13-17): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by a letter. For each blank, a few options are given. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately.

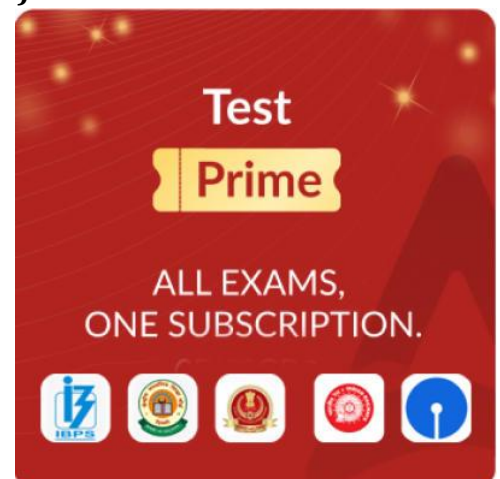
A start-up technically is any enterprise that is working on the growth, commercialization, and the _____ (A) of brand-new products, services, or mechanisms that are driven by intellectual property or new tech. Over the last two decades, the Indian startup ecosystem has grown _____ (B), and more support has become available in all dimensions. Startups do not exist in a _____ (C) but are part of a broader business environment that is focused on generating _____ (D) solutions, thereby acting as vehicles for socioeconomic development and transformation. Since start-ups are centres of novel innovations, they generate jobs, which implies more career opportunities; more employment leads to a stronger economy, and a healthier economy has a direct _____ (E) on the growth of cities where startups locate.

Q13. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?






- (a) unveil
- (b) creation
- (c) discover
- (d) bury
- (e) stimulate

Q14. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?

- (a) furiously
- (b) lordly
- (c) compound
- (d) simultaneously
- (e) rapidly



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Q15. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?

- (a) vacuum
- (b) rampant
- (c) opinions
- (d) tandem
- (e) influx

Q16. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?

- (a) noxious
- (b) deteriorating
- (c) perplex
- (d) impactful
- (e) invasive

Q17. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?

- (a) amplify
- (b) expansive
- (c) withering
- (d) bearing
- (e) quelling

Directions (18-20): Read each of the sentences to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is 'No error', the answer is 'e'. (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any)

Q18. A study has revealed (A)/that animals don't (B)/ harm you unless you (C)/ not harm them first (D)/ No error.

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

Q19. The varieties of glass (A)/ differ widely in (B)/ chemical composition and (C) in physical qualities (D)/No error (E).

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

Q20. No other (A)/ monument is (B)/so beautiful (C)/as the Taj Mahal (D)/ No error (E).

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

Q21. Which of the following is NOT a primary objective of NABARD?

- (a) Providing credit for agricultural and rural development
- (b) Supporting infrastructure development in rural areas
- (c) Regulating and supervising cooperative banks and RRBs
- (d) Facilitating international trade and foreign investments
- (e) Promoting self-help groups and financial inclusion

Q22. NATO, a military alliance formed in 1949 to ensure collective defense among its member nations, plays a critical role in global security. Where is the headquarters of NATO located?

- (a) Geneva, Switzerland
- (b) Brussels, Belgium
- (c) Vienna, Austria
- (d) Paris, France
- (e) Berlin, Germany

Q23. Louis Vuitton (LV), a globally renowned luxury brand, is part of a larger conglomerate. Which of the following brands is also associated with Louis Vuitton under the same parent company?

- (a) Gucci
- (b) Dior
- (c) Chanel
- (d) Versace
- (e) Prada

Q24. Consider the following statements regarding the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY):

1. The scheme was launched in the year 2016 to provide financial security to farmers against crop losses.
2. The premium rate for horticultural and commercial crops is capped at 5%, while for Rabi crops, it is capped at 1.5%.
3. The scheme excludes post-harvest losses caused by unseasonal rains.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) Only 1 and 2
- (b) Only 2 and 3
- (c) Only 1 and 3
- (d) Only 1
- (e) All 1, 2, and 3

Q25. Which of the following is the highest peak in the Western Ghats of India?

- (a) Anamudi
- (b) Doddabetta
- (c) Mullayanagiri
- (d) Agasthyamalai
- (e) Kudremukh

Q26. Arundhati Bhattacharya, the first woman to lead which of the following banks, served as its chairperson from 2013 to 2017 and played a pivotal role in its major mergers?

- (a) Punjab National Bank
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) State Bank of India

Q27. The Government of India has extended the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme, introducing a third loan of up to ₹50,000 and expanding the 'SVANidhi Se Samridhi' component. Until which date has the lending period been extended under the scheme? (November 2022)

- (a) March 2025
- (b) December 2024
- (c) January 2025
- (d) June 2024
- (e) September 2024

Q28. The 33rd AFC Congress held in Manama on February 1, 2023, confirmed which nation as the host for the AFC Asian Cup 2027, marking the first time this prestigious football tournament will be held in this country?

- (a) Qatar
- (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) Japan
- (d) South Korea
- (e) UAE

Q29. As of 2023, how many Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are operating in India?

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 18
- (e) 20

Q30. Ustad Zakir Khan, often referred to as a maestro in his field, is widely recognized for his exceptional contribution to which of the following arts?

- (a) Tabla
- (b) Sitar
- (c) Classical Dance
- (d) Poetry
- (e) Vocal Music

Directions (31-35): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Eight people - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H are sitting around a square-shaped table facing the centre but not necessarily in the same order. Four of them are seated at the four corners and rest of them are seated at the midpoint of each side of the square side.

A and B are sitting opposite each other and both of them sit at the corner. C is sitting just next to A. D is sitting opposite H. E is sitting exactly between D and F. E is not sitting just next to H. G is sitting just left to H.

Q31. Who among the following person is sitting opposite to G?

- (a) C
- (b) E
- (c) F
- (d) Either E or C
- (e) Either F or C

Q32. Who among the following persons is sitting 2nd to the right of A?

- (a) G
- (b) H
- (c) E
- (d) F
- (e) None of the above

Q33. How many persons sit between C and F?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Four
- (e) None of the above

Q34. Who is sitting exactly between A and G?

- (a) B
- (b) E
- (c) D
- (d) F
- (e) Both F and B

Q35. Which of the following statement is NOT true according to the given information?

- (a) F and C are sitting not at the corner but sitting opposite to each other.
- (b) C is sitting just next to G
- (c) D is sitting 3rd to the left of B
- (d) G is sitting third to the left of F
- (e) E is sitting just next to D.

Directions (36-39): In each of the questions below some statements are given followed by two conclusions. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Q36. Statements: All dogs are reptiles.
Some reptiles are venomous.
No venomous are pets.

Conclusions: I. All dogs are pets.
II. Some reptiles are not pets.

- (a) If only conclusion I follows.
- (b) If only conclusion II follows.
- (c) If either conclusion I or II follows.
- (d) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.
- (e) If both conclusions I and II follow.

Q37. Statements: All politicians are honest.
Some honest are poor.
Some poor are celebrity.

Conclusions: I. Some politicians are poor.
II. Some celebrities are not honest.

- (a) If only conclusion I follows.
- (b) If only conclusion II follows.
- (c) If either conclusion I or II follows.
- (d) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.
- (e) If both conclusions I and II follow.

Q38. Statements: Only doctors are painters.
No doctors are writer.
Some writers are musicians.

Conclusions: I. No painter is a writer.
II. Some musicians are not doctors.

- (a) If only conclusion I follows.
- (b) If only conclusion II follows.
- (c) If either conclusion I or II follows.
- (d) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.
- (e) If both conclusions I and II follow.

Q39. Statements: Only a few parties are liars.
Some liars are bottle.
No bottle is a leader.

Conclusions: I. No leader is parties.
II. Some liar is not leader.

- (a) If only conclusion I follows.
- (b) If only conclusion II follows.
- (c) If either conclusion I or II follows.
- (d) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.
- (e) If both conclusions I and II follow.

Directions (40-44): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

Eight boxes from A-H are kept one above another on different shelves but not necessarily in the same order. The lowermost shelf is numbered as one and the topmost shelf is numbered as eight. At most one box is kept above box H. Two boxes are kept between box H and box A. As many boxes kept above box A as below box C. One box is kept between C and D. Box A is kept above box D. Box B is kept just below box D. Box E is kept just above the box G.

Q40. Which box is kept in 2nd shelf?

- (a) Box A
- (b) Box F
- (c) Box C
- (d) Box D
- (e) None of these

Q41. Four of the following five belong to a group in a certain way, which among the following does not belong to that group?

- (a) Box B
- (b) Box F
- (c) Box A
- (d) Box E
- (e) Box H

Q42. If all the boxes are arranged in alphabetical order from top to bottom then the position of how many boxes remains unchanged?

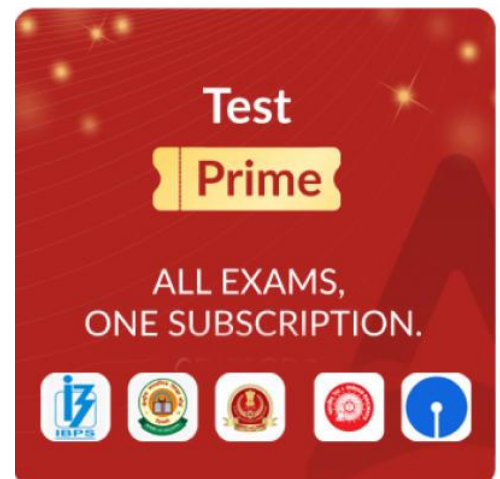
- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) None
- (e) None of these

Q43. How many boxes are kept between the box E and the box which is kept immediately below D?

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

Q44. If box E is related to box F and box A is related to box B, then in the same way box H is related to ____.

- (a) Box G
- (b) Box C
- (c) Box D
- (d) Box F
- (e) None of these



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Directions (45-47): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

Seven persons from A-G are arranged according to their heights in descending order from left to right. Only two persons are taller than B. C is just taller than A and just shorter than D. A is the shortest person among all. E is taller than D but shorter than F. F is not the tallest person.

Q45. Who among the following is just shorter than G?

- (a) B
- (b) D
- (c) E
- (d) F
- (e) None of these

Q46. How many persons are shorter than F?

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

Q47. Who among the following is just taller than E?

- (a) D
- (b) B
- (c) F
- (d) G
- (e) None of these

Q48. How many such pairs of letters are there in the given word "Development", each of which has as many letters between them as in the word as they have in English alphabetical series (In backward direction)?

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

Directions (19-20): In this question, relationship between different elements is shown in the statements. The statements are followed by two conclusions. Study the conclusions based on the given statement select the appropriate answer.

Q49. Statements: $A > D > E > I \leq F < L < K$

Conclusions: I. $A < K$ II. $A \geq K$

- (a) If only conclusion I is true
- (b) If only conclusion II is true
- (c) If either conclusion I or II is true
- (d) If neither conclusion I nor II is true
- (e) If both conclusions I and II are true

Q50. Statements: $L > K \geq J < F > C > E > B$

Conclusions: I. $L > C$ II. $E < K$

- (a) If only conclusion I is true
- (b) If only conclusion II is true
- (c) If either conclusion I or II is true
- (d) If neither conclusion I nor II is true
- (e) If both conclusions I and II are true

Solutions

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. To validate the answer, refer to the first paragraph of the passage that mentions, **“Paper is an important part of modern life. People use it in school, at work, to make artwork and books, to wrap presents and much more.”**

The passage mentions that people use paper in school, at work, to make artwork and books, to wrap presents, and more. This indicates that paper is an important and essential part of various activities in modern life.

Option (a) is not directly supported by the passage. Although the passage mentions that trees are commonly used for paper, it does not provide information about the specific number of trees cut down annually.

Option (c) is not mentioned in the passage. The passage does not discuss offices adopting paperless policies.

Option (d) is not supported by the passage. The passage mentions that making tons of paper from trees can harm the planet, indicating potential negative environmental impacts.

Therefore, **the correct answer is (b)** Paper is an indispensable part of everyday tasks like in academics, desk work, etc.

S2. Ans.(e)

Sol. To validate the answer, refer to the first paragraph of the passage that mentions, **“Humans painted pictures on cave walls during the Ice Age.... Sometimes they baked these slabs hard in ovens to preserve them.”**

Explanation:

According to the passage, the ancient ways of inscription before the inception of papers mentioned are: (b) Writing on a slab made of wet clay with a wooden brush, and (c) Carving pictures on the walls of caves or on a small rock.

The passage mentions that humans painted pictures on cave walls during the Ice Age, indicating the practice of carving pictures on walls. It also states that the Sumerians and Egyptians used wet clay slabs for writing, using a pen or brush made from a reed. These slabs were sometimes baked to preserve them.

Option (a) is not mentioned in the passage. There is no specific mention of scribing on banana leaves using a pointed wooden stem.

Therefore, the correct answer is (e) Only (b) and (c) - Writing on a slab made of wet clay with a wooden brush, and carving pictures on the walls of caves or on a small rock.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. All the given statements are correct. To validate the answer, refer to the second paragraph of the passage that mentions, “**The Egyptians pioneered the first paper..... Papyrus made it easy to carry their writing with them in rolled up scrolls**”

S4. Ans.(e)

Sol. All the given sentences are correct with reference to the last line of the last paragraph of the passage. The line mentions, “**That’s why recycling is important. It saves a lot of trees, slows climate change, reduce air pollution and helps protect endangered animals, birds and all creatures that rely on forests for their homes.**”

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option (b) is incorrect with reference to the passage.

For option (a), refer to the lines, “Making tons of paper from trees can harm the planet. Cutting forests and farms down for papers also contributes to climate change, and paper factories pollute the air.”

For option (b), refer to the lines, “After you throw paper in the trash, a truck takes it to a dump, where it takes six to nine years to decompose.”

For option (c), refer to the lines, “They cut the stalk into thin strips, pressed them together and dried them into the long rolls you can now see preserved in museums.”

For option (d), refer to the lines, “The oldest known drawing, found on a small rock in South Africa, was made 73,000 years ago.”

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct word for the blank is ‘carting’.

(a) **carting**: carry (a heavy or cumbersome object) somewhere with difficulty.

(b) **boding**: be a portent of a particular outcome.

(c) **seizing**: take hold of suddenly and forcibly.

(d) **swathing**: wrap in several layers of fabric.

(e) **animosity**: strong hostility.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. ‘Developed’ has a similar meaning to the word ‘pioneered’.

(a) **incumbent**: necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.

(b) **developed**: grow or cause to grow and become more mature, advanced, or elaborate.

(c) **convicted**: having been declared guilty of a criminal offence by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge.

(d) **chastened**: (of a rebuke or misfortune) have a restraining or moderating effect on.

(e) **faltered**: lose strength or momentum.

S8. Ans.(d)

Sol. ‘Vandalize’ has the opposite meaning to ‘preserve’.

(a) **maze**: a complex network of paths or passages.

(b) **fudged**: present or deal with (something) in a vague or inadequate way, especially so as to conceal the truth or mislead.

(c) **staple**: attach or secure with a staple or staples.

(d) **vandalize**: deliberately destroy or damage (public or private property).

(e) **appease**: pacify or placate (someone) by acceding to their demands.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. The misspelt word 'advenced' and its correct spelling is 'advanced'.

"Advanced" is an adjective that means highly developed or progressive. In the context of the sentence, it describes the level of development of Finland's economy after World War II.

The incorrect spelling "advenced" likely results from a typographical error, where the letter "e" (after "v") is wrongly used

To correct the sentence, the word should be spelled as "advanced":

"After World War II, Finland rapidly industrialized and developed an advanced economy."

By using the correct spelling, the sentence conveys the intended meaning accurately and adheres to standard spelling conventions.

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. The misspelt word 'collage' and its correct spelling is 'college'.

"College" is a noun that refers to an educational institution that offers higher education and grants degrees. It is a common term used to describe post-secondary educational institutions.

The incorrect spelling "collage" likely results from a typographical error, where the letter "a" and "e" have been interchanged.

To correct the sentence, the word should be spelled as "college":

"The number of university and college employees was cut by more than fifty percent."

By using the correct spelling, the sentence conveys the intended meaning accurately and adheres to standard spelling conventions.

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. The misspelt word 'ocurrs' and its correct spelling is 'occurs'.

"Occurs" is a verb that means to happen or take place. In the context of the sentence, it is used to describe when night happens or takes place.

The incorrect spelling "ocurrs" likely results from a typographical error.

To correct the sentence, the word should be spelled as "occurs":

"Night occurs when the Sun reaches below the horizon and no longer illuminates the sky."

By using the correct spelling, the sentence conveys the intended meaning accurately and adheres to standard spelling conventions.

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. The misspelt word 'maneging' and its correct spelling is 'managing'.

"Managing" is a verb that means to handle, control, or administer. In the context of the sentence, it refers to the act of overseeing or taking care of a plantation.

The incorrect spelling "maneging" likely results from a typographical error, where the letters "a" and "e" have been interchanged.

To correct the sentence, the word should be spelled as "managing":

"Once a plantation is established, managing it becomes an important environmental factor."

By using the correct spelling, the sentence conveys the intended meaning accurately and adheres to standard spelling conventions.

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. The given sentence mentions a definition of a start-up which is any enterprise that is working on the growth, commercialization, and making of brand-new products, services, or mechanisms that are driven by intellectual property or new tech. Hence, the correct word for the given blank is 'creation'.

- (a) unveil: show or announce publicly for the first time.
- (b) creation: the action or process of bringing something into existence.
- (c) discover: find unexpectedly or during a search.
- (d) bury: put or hide underground.
- (e) stimulate: encourage or arouse interest or enthusiasm in.

S14. Ans.(e)

Sol. The concerned statement mentions about the growth of Indian startups ecosystem at a great pace. Therefore, the correct word for the given blank is 'rapidly'.

- (a) furiously: in an extremely angry manner.
- (b) lordly: of, characteristic of, or suitable for a lord.
- (c) compound: a thing that is composed of two or more separate elements; a mixture.
- (d) simultaneously: at the same time.
- (e) rapidly: very quickly; at a great rate.

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. The sentence mentions about the startups being a part of a broader business environment that focuses on generating impactful solutions. Therefore, the correct word for the given blank is 'vacuum'.

- (a) vacuum: a space entirely devoid of matter.
 - (b) rampant: (especially of something unwelcome) flourishing or spreading unchecked.
 - (c) opinions: a view or judgement formed about something, not necessarily based on fact or knowledge.
 - (d) tandem: having two things arranged one in front of the other.
 - (e) influx: an arrival or entry of large numbers of people or things.
- Exists in vacuum means: separated from outside events or influences

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. The sentence mentions about the startups being a part of a broader business environment that focuses on generating impactful solutions. Therefore, the correct word for the given blank is 'impactful'.

- (a) noxious: harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant.
- (b) deteriorating: become progressively worse.
- (c) perplex: make (someone) feel completely baffled.
- (d) impactful: having a major impact or effect.
- (e) invasive: tending to spread very quickly and undesirably or harmfully.

S17. Ans.(d)

Sol. The sentence mentions about the direct effect of healthier economy on the growth of the cities where startups locate. Therefore, the correct word for the given blank is 'bearing'.

- (a) amplify: increase the volume of (sound), especially using an amplifier.
- (b) expansive: covering a wide area in terms of space or scope; extensive.
- (c) withering: intended to make someone feel humiliated; scornful.
- (d) bearing: carry the weight of; support.
- (e) quelling: put an end to (a rebellion or other disorder), typically by the use of force.

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. The error lies in part (d). In the part (D), 'not' should be removed because we don't use 'not' with 'unless'. Hence, the correct statement formed will be "A study has revealed that animals don't harm you unless you harm them first."

S19. Ans.(e)

Sol. The sentence doesn't contain any error.

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. The error is in part (C). We use as + adjective/adverb + as to make comparisons when the things we are comparing are equal in some way. Hence, the correct statement formed will be "No other monument is as beautiful as the Taj Mahal."

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Facilitating international trade and foreign investments** is **NOT** a primary objective of NABARD.

Details:

• **Primary Objectives of NABARD:**

- **Credit Support:** Provides credit for agriculture and rural development.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Funds projects like roads, irrigation, and rural markets through mechanisms such as the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)**.
- **Regulation:** Regulates **Cooperative Banks** and **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)**.
- **Financial Inclusion:** Promotes **self-help groups (SHGs)** and financial literacy.

• **International Trade:** The facilitation of international trade and foreign investments falls under the purview of organizations like **EXIM Bank** or **Ministry of Commerce**, not NABARD.

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. The headquarters of **NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)** is located in **Brussels, Belgium**.

• **Details:**

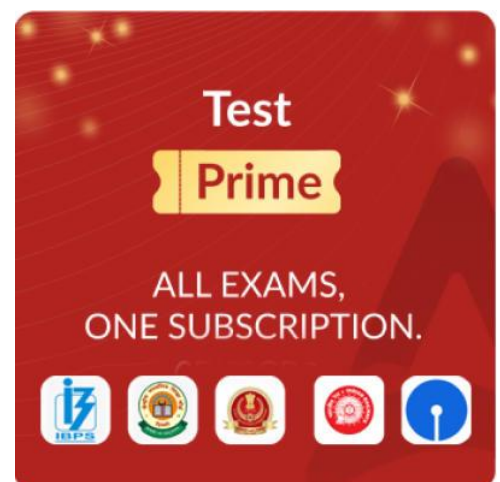
- NATO was established in **1949** with the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty (Washington Treaty).
- Its primary purpose is to provide **collective defense** under Article 5, which states that an attack on one member is an attack on all.

• **Headquarters Significance:**

- Located in Brussels, the headquarters facilitates decision-making and collaboration among its member nations.
- It serves as the political and administrative center for NATO operations.

• **Global Role:**

- Focuses on maintaining peace, conducting crisis management, and ensuring international security cooperation.



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S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Dior is associated with Louis Vuitton under the parent company **LVMH (Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton)**.

• **Details:**

- LVMH is a French multinational corporation and the world's largest conglomerate of luxury goods.
- Other major brands under LVMH include **Fendi, Givenchy, Bulgari, Celine, and Sephora**.
- LVMH was founded in **1987** with the merger of Louis Vuitton and Moët Hennessy.

• **Distinction from Other Brands:**

- **Gucci** and **Versace** are part of the **Kering Group**.
- **Chanel** and **Prada** are independent luxury brands.

• **Global Impact:**

- LVMH dominates the luxury sector with a diverse portfolio of fashion, watches, jewelry, and wine and spirits brands.

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. Statements **1 and 2** are correct.

- **Statement 1:** Correct. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) was **launched in 2016** to provide financial support to farmers for crop losses caused by natural calamities, pests, and diseases.
- **Statement 2:** Correct. The premium rate for **Rabi crops** is capped at **1.5%**, for **Kharif crops** it is **2%**, and for **horticultural and commercial crops** it is capped at **5%**.
- **Statement 3:** Incorrect. The scheme **includes post-harvest losses** caused by unseasonal rains and other natural calamities.
- **Key Features:**
 - The scheme aims to encourage farmers to adopt innovative and modern farming practices.
 - It provides financial assistance to farmers in the event of crop failure, ensuring income stability.
 - The government heavily subsidizes the premium to reduce the financial burden on farmers.

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. Anamudi is the highest peak in the **Western Ghats** of India, with an elevation of **2,695 meters (8,842 feet)** above sea level.

Details:

- **Location:** Anamudi is situated in the **Idukki district** of **Kerala**, within the **Eravikulam National Park**.
- **Significance:** It is also the tallest peak in South India and is often referred to as the "Everest of South India."
- **Flora and Fauna:** The region around Anamudi is rich in biodiversity and is home to species like the Nilgiri Tahr and Neelakurinji flowers.
- **Incorrect Options:**
 - **Doddabetta:** Highest peak in the Nilgiri Hills (Tamil Nadu).
 - **Mullayanagiri:** Highest peak in Karnataka.
 - **Agasthyamalai:** Prominent peak in the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve (Kerala-Tamil Nadu border).
 - **Kudremukh:** Notable peak in the Chikkamagaluru district, Karnataka.

S26. Ans.(e)

Sol. Arundhati Bhattacharya became the first woman Chairperson of the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, serving from **2013 to 2017**, during which she made several transformative contributions to the bank.

Key Highlights:

- **Historic Achievement:** She was the first woman to head **India's largest public sector bank, SBI**.
- **Tenure:** Her leadership spanned from **October 2013 to October 2017**.
- **Major Contributions:**
 - **Banking Reforms:** Led SBI through its **digital transformation** to adapt to modern banking needs.
 - **Mergers:** Successfully managed the **merger of SBI with its five associate banks and Bharatiya Mahila Bank**, consolidating its position globally.
- **Global Recognition:** Consistently ranked among the world's most powerful women by Forbes and Fortune.
- **Post-SBI Career:** Currently serves as Chairperson and CEO of **Salesforce India**.

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. The lending period under the **PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme** has been extended till **December 2024**.

Key Details of the Scheme:

- **Launch Date:** June 1, 2020
- **Objective:** To provide affordable working capital loans to street vendors to support their livelihoods and facilitate economic recovery post the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Loan Structure:**
 - **First Loan:** Up to ₹10,000
 - **Second Loan:** Up to ₹20,000
 - **Third Loan:** Up to ₹50,000
- **Interest Subsidy:** Vendors receive a 7% annual interest subsidy on timely or early repayment of the loan, credited directly to their bank accounts quarterly.
- **Digital Transactions Incentive:** To promote digital transactions, vendors are offered a cashback of up to ₹100 per month.
- **'SVANidhi Se Samridhhi' Component:** Aims to extend the benefits of various central welfare schemes to street vendors and their families for holistic development and socio-economic upliftment.
- **Achievements (As of November 30, 2022):**
 - 31.73 lakh street vendors availed the first loan of ₹10,000.
 - 5.81 lakh vendors availed the second loan of ₹20,000.
 - 6,926 vendors availed the third loan of ₹50,000.
- **Target:** To benefit 42 lakh street vendors by December 2024.

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. Saudi Arabia was confirmed as the host of the **AFC Asian Cup 2027** during the **33rd AFC Congress** in **Manama** on February 1, 2023.

Key Highlights:

- **Historic Hosting:** This will be the **first time** that Saudi Arabia hosts the AFC Asian Cup, a prestigious football tournament in Asia.

- **Tournament History:** The **Saudi Arabian national team** has been a strong performer in the history of the AFC Asian Cup, winning the title **three times** in **1984, 1988, and 1996**.
- **AFC Congress:** The hosting rights were confirmed during the **33rd AFC Congress**, emphasizing Saudi Arabia's growing role in global and regional sports.
- **Organizer:** The tournament will be hosted by the **Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF)**.

S29. Ans.(b)

Sol. As of 2023, there are **12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs)** operating in India.

Details:

- **Background:** Public Sector Banks are banks in which the **Government of India holds a majority stake**.
- **Major Consolidation:** The number of PSBs was reduced to 12 after the **merger of various banks in 2020**, aimed at improving efficiency and reducing redundancy.
- **List of PSBs (as of 2023):**
 - State Bank of India (SBI)
 - Punjab National Bank (PNB)
 - Bank of Baroda
 - Canara Bank
 - Union Bank of India
 - Indian Bank
 - Bank of India
 - Central Bank of India
 - UCO Bank
 - Indian Overseas Bank
 - Punjab & Sind Bank
 - Bank of Maharashtra

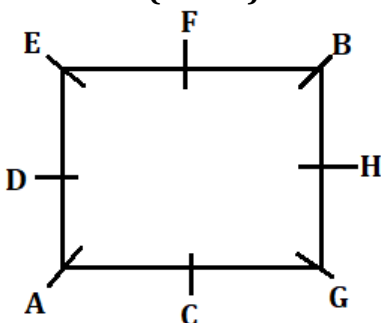
S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. Ustad Zakir Khan is renowned for his exceptional mastery and artistry in playing the **tabla**, making him one of the most celebrated percussionists globally.

Key Details:

- **Instrument:** Tabla, a significant percussion instrument in Indian classical music.
- **Recognition:** Known for his technical brilliance and improvisation.
- **Global Acclaim:** He has performed in numerous concerts worldwide, representing the rich tradition of Indian classical music.
- **Influence:** He belongs to a lineage of great musicians and has significantly contributed to promoting Indian music on the international stage.

Solutions (31-35): Final arrangement:



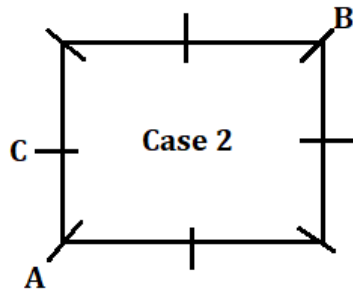
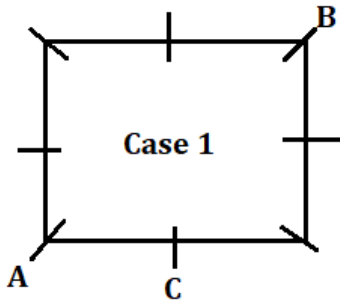
Explanation:

Clues:

A and B are sitting opposite each other and both of them sit at the corner. C is sitting just next to A.

Inference:

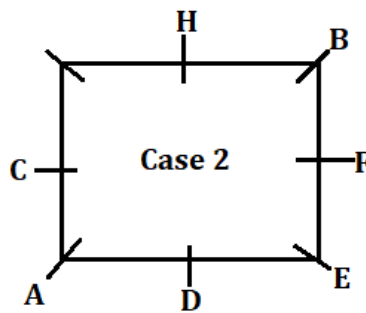
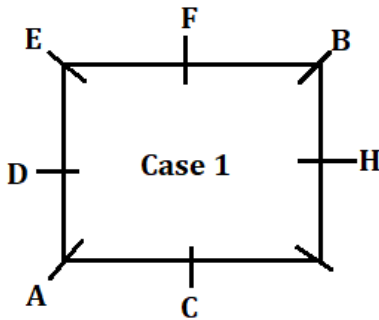
Here, we get two possibilities: -



Clues:

D is sitting opposite H. E is sitting between D and F. E is not sitting just next to H.

Inference:

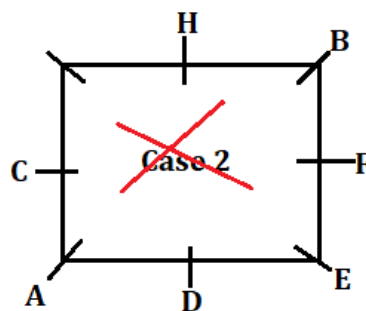
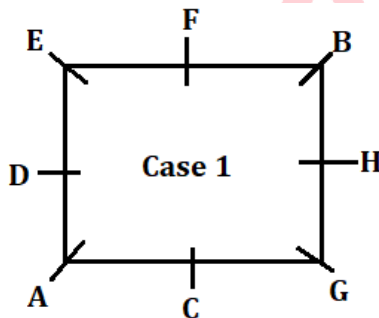


Clues:

G is sitting just left to H.

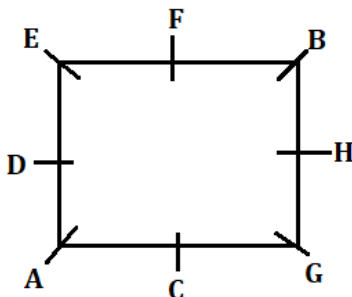
Inference:

So, case 2 is cancelled here.



Inference:

So, the final arrangement: -



S31. Ans.(b)

Sol. E is sitting opposite to G.

S32. Ans.(a)

Sol. G is sitting 2nd to the right of A.

S33. Ans.(c)

Sol. Three persons sit between C and F.

S34. Ans.(d)

Sol. F is sitting exactly between A and G.

S35. Ans.(c)

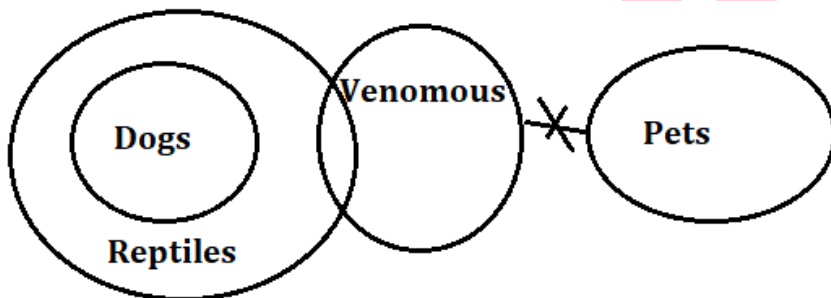
Sol. Statement in option (c) is not true.

S36. Ans.(b)

Sol. Explanation

I. Not Follows – because there is no direct relation between dogs and pets.

II. Follows – because the part of reptiles which are venomous cannot be pets.

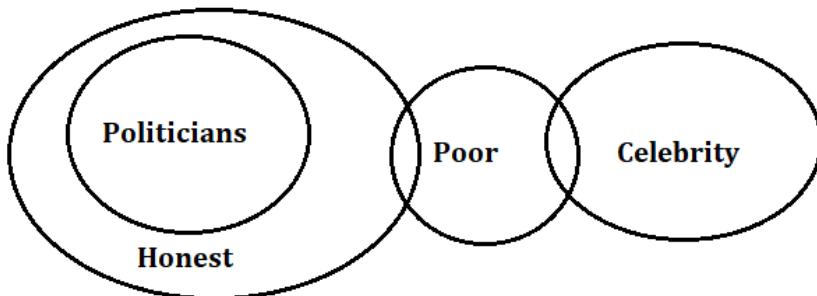


S37. Ans.(d)

Sol. Explanation

I. Not follows – because there is no direct relation between politicians and poor.

II. Not follows - because there is no direct relation between honest and celebrity.

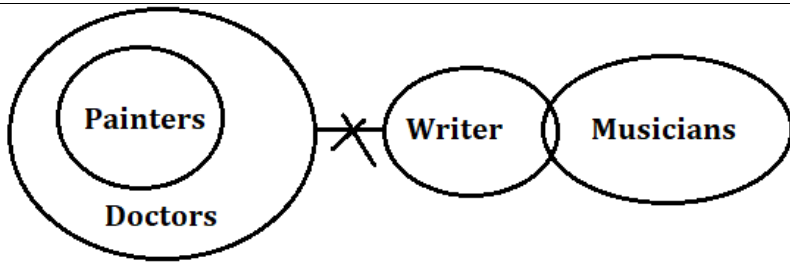


S38. Ans.(e)

Sol. Explanation

I. Follows – because all painters are doctors and no doctors are writer.

II. Follows – because the part of writer which are musicians cannot be doctors.

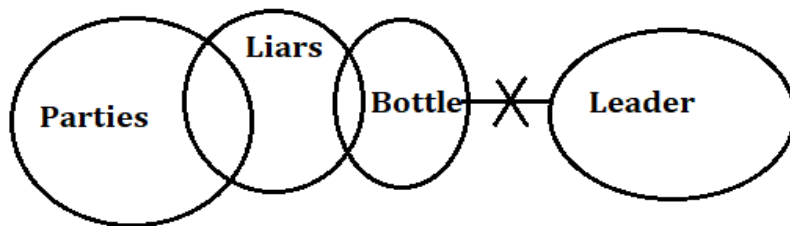


S39. Ans.(b)

Sol. Explanation

I. Not follows – because there is no direct relation between parties and leader.

II. Follows – because the part of liars which is bottle cannot be leader.



Solutions (10-14): Final arrangement:

Shelves	Boxes
8	H
7	E
6	G
5	A
4	C
3	F
2	D
1	B

Explanation:

Clues: At most one box is kept above box H. Two boxes are kept between box H and box A.

Inference: From the above conditions we get two possible cases.

Shelves	Case 1	Case 2
	Boxes	Boxes
8	H	
7		H
6		
5	A	
4		A
3		
2		
1		

Clues: As many boxes kept above box A as the number of boxes kept below box C. One box is kept between C and D. Box A is kept above box D.

Inference: From the above conditions box C is kept in 4th shelf in Case 1 or in 5th shelf in Case 2.

Shelves	Case 1	Case 2
	Boxes	Boxes
8	H	
7		H
6		
5	A	C
4	C	A
3		D
2	D	
1		

Clues: Box B is kept just below box D. Box E is kept just above the box G.

Inference: From the above conditions Case 2 is eliminated here because there is no place for E. Only one person is left i.e., F.

Shelves	Case 1	Case 2
	Boxes	Boxes
8	H	
7	E	H
6	G	
5	A	C
4	C	A
3	F	D
2	D	
1	B	

S40. Ans.(d)

Sol. Box D is kept in 2nd shelf.

S41. Ans.(e)

Sol. Except box H, all other boxes are kept at odd numbered shelf.

S42. Ans.(a)

Sol. Position of box F remains unchanged.

Shelves	Boxes	Boxes after arrangement
8	H	A
7	E	B
6	G	C
5	A	D
4	C	E
3	F	F
2	D	G
1	B	H

S43. Ans.(a)

Sol. Box B is kept just below box D.
There are five boxes between box B and box E.

S44. Ans.(b)

Sol. Box H is related to box C.

Solutions (15-17): Final arrangement:

G > F > B > E > D > C > A

Explanation:

Clues: Only two persons are taller than B. C is just taller than A and just shorter than D. A is the shortest person among all.

Inference: From the above condition it is clear that C is the second shortest person.

— > — > B > — > D > C > A

Clues: E is taller than D but shorter than F. F is not the tallest person.

Inference: From the above condition it is clear that G is the tallest person among all.

G > F > B > E > D > C > A

S45. Ans.(d)

Sol. F is just shorter than G.

S46. Ans.(a)

Sol. Five persons are shorter than F.

S47. Ans.(b)

Sol. B is just taller than E.

S48. Ans.(c)

Sol.

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Solutions (19-20):

S49. Ans.(c)

Sol. I. $A < K$ (False)

II. $A \geq K$ (False)

S50. Ans.(d)

Sol. I. $L > C$ (False)

II. $E < K$ (False)

