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1) Statement: The recently announced vehicle scrappage scheme is likely to usher in significant change in the Indian automobile industry and is expected to generate demand for new vehicles, especially commercial vehicles.

Conclusions:

I) The scrappage policy could change India's automobile sector

II) Scrapyards are likely to be established in the four zones

- A. None can be concluded
- B. Only I can be concluded
- C. Either I or II can be concluded
- D. Both I and II can be concluded
- E. Only II can be concluded

2) Inference: Yoga has become a very popular type of exercise, but it may not be for everyone, before you sign yourself up for a yoga class, you need to examine what you want from your fitness routine. If you're looking for a high-energy, fast-paced aerobic workout a yoga class might not be your best choice.

This inference above best supports the statement that?

- A. Yoga is more popular than high-impact aerobics
- B. Before embarking on a new exercise regimen, you should think about your needs and desires

C. Yoga is changing the world of fitness in major ways

D. Most people think that yoga isn't a rigorous form of exercise

E. none of the above

3) Assuming that the information given above is true, which of the following can be taken as a possible course of action to tackle the problem?

A. Some COVID-19-vaccine manufacturers have aggressively partnered to ramp up their production capacities across geographies.

B. COVID-19-vaccine manufacturers should continue to rapidly test (for example, in nonclinical assays and animal models) the effectiveness of their vaccines in provoking an immune response to new variants.

C. The infrastructure may not allow for large-scale distribution of a vaccine that requires the long-term, complex, cold-chain storage required by some mRNA vaccines.

D. There's clearly a lot to cheer about when it comes to COVID-19-vaccine development, but there is just as much to ponder as the situation evolves.

E. None of the above

4) Men are now being advised to slow down amid growing concern that high-pressure living, exciting though it might seem, is a silent killer, and is one of the reasons for the low life-

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expectancy among men, compared to women. Ironically, however, just when men are being told to take it easy, more and more career-driven women are fast acquiring some of the same "killer" habits and in the process losing the edge they have had over men in the "longevity" stakes. The conclusion drawn above is based on the assumption that:

- A. The sole culprit behind the life-expectancy gender gap between men and women is high-pressure living
- B. Although women continue to outlive men, the life-expectancy gender gap has narrowed significantly in recent years
- C. Long business hours, energy-sapping "bonding" sessions, non-stop "power" partying, hard drinking and heavy smoking, are the silent killer habits that have now been taken on rampantly by women
- D. Women are not being advised the slow-down that men are being advised
- E. There is a rising trend of career-driven women to take on the high pressure life style

5) **Statement:** Unplanned grey areas are restricting the amount of water percolating into the earth. Water absorption takes places only in open areas and even then it is less than 7 per cent. Nearly 20-30 per cent of water absorbed by the surface will also evaporate and the rest is wasted

Course of Action:

- (I) The government must pay attention to the infrastructure of the city as it needs upgradation
 - (II) If local corporation must make plans for the city, as there is a lot of potential to harvest water
- A. Only I follows
 - B. None follows
 - C. Either I or II follows
 - D. Only II follows
 - E. Both follow

6) Which of the following is the most logical conclusion that can be made from the paragraph above?

- A. Banks will take more than a year to settle with the changes in the systems and processes
- B. Managing the bad loans will be the key during the process of the mergers
- C. Dealing with the merger challenges of Tech and HR is going to be a mammoth task for the banks
- D. Each bank had got a certain level of customization done, depending on the reporting and MIS needs.
- E. None of the above

7) **Statement:** Adults should be careful about consuming alcohol in front of children. Children have an impressionable mind and will grow up thinking that consuming alcohol is healthy. Alcohol has known negative health effects and to protect the health and wellbeing of children,

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adults drinking in front of children should be penalized.

Which of the following assumptions, if true, weakens the given statement ?

- A. Alcohol consumption is harmful, but you cannot stop adults from drinking.
- B. It is not practical to stop adults from drinking in front of children. This means that parents have to go outside the house to drink.
- C. Adults and parents should be educated about their duties.
- D. The act of adults drinking in front of children may be wrong, but they cannot be penalized as this will infringe on their freedom.
- E. none of the above

8) Statement: Literature has witnessed the roles of women evolving through ages, but until recent times, most of the published writers were men and the portrayal of women in literature was without doubt biased. A lot of it has to be blamed on the fact that in the ancient world, literacy was strictly limited, and the majority of those who could write were male. Because most references to women characters in Shekhar's plays are derogatory, it has been argued that Shekhar did not like women.

Which of the following assumptions is the strongest objection to the statement above?

- A. Characters in play by Shekhar's contemporaries make laudatory references to women

B. There is no record of Shekhar's having owned a dog.

C. Character in a play says need not reflect the author's own feelings.

D. The characters making the derogatory references are the minor ones.

E. none of these

9) Statement: In many parts of the world the majority of bank customers regularly use Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) and today's western youth have not known a world without them. For them, the prevailing Perception of a cash machine is that of a tool providing a familiar functionality of basic financial information and dispensing cash.

Inference:

- I) The plastic card is replacing cheque and personal attendance of the customer
- II) It has taken approximately 30 years to establish ATMs as ubiquitous examples of public walkup and-use devices

- A. if only inference I is implicit.
- B. if only inference II is implicit.
- C. if either I or II is implicit.
- D. if neither I nor II is implicit.
- E. if both I and II are implicit.

10) Which of the following can be a probable effect of the given information?

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- A. A consistent fall in demand and sales for the past two years is likely to create a huge employment gap.
- B. The auto industry continues to struggle in a sluggish economy.
- C. The industry is not expecting an immediate turnaround, even with a cut in excise duty.
- D. Many auto companies have gone for downsizing.
- E. All are causes and not effects

11) Which of the following options is true?

- A. if statement (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.
- B. if statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is the effect.
- C. if both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.
- D. if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.
- E. if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.

12)

Statement I:The farmers have decided against selling their kharif crops to the Government agencies. Kharif crops, monsoon crops or autumn crops are domesticated plants like rice that are cultivated and harvested in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh during the Indian subcontinent's monsoon season, which lasts from June to November depending on the area.

Statement II:The Government has reduced the procurement price of kharif crops starting from last month to the next six months. Procurement price of a commodity refers to the price at which govt. procures the commodity from producers/manufactures for maintaining the buffer stock or the public distribution system. These prices are announced by the govt. of India on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices before the harvest season of the crop.

- A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

13) STATEMENT: In the city, over 75% of the people are living in slums and substandard houses, which is reflection of the housing and Urban Development policy of the government. Substandard houses are often in severe disrepair. Substandard housing isn't just housing that's unattractive or outdated, it's housing that poses a risk to the health, safety or physical well-being of occupants, neighbors, or visitors.

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Substandard housing increases risk of disease, crime, social isolation and poor mental health.

Course of Action

1. There should be a separate Department looking after housing and Urban Development.
2. The policies in regard to the urban housing should be reviewed.
3. The policies regarding housing should also be reviewed so that such problem could be avoided in rural areas.

- A. Only 1 follows
- B. Only 2 follows
- C. Only 2 & 3 follow
- D. None follows
- E. All follow

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15) Statement: According to the officials, paucity orphaned with organization has led to the pathetic condition of this brilliant architectural structure. An organization is considered orphaned when the organization Owner and all Project Collection Administrators are inactive in Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) or have left the company. This scenario causes the organization to have no administrator and no way of transferring administrator rights to another user.

Course of Action:

1. A new architectural structure for the building should be designed.
2. Grant should be given to improve the condition of the structure.
3. The reason for the poor condition of the structure should be found out.

- A. Only 1 follows
- B. Only 2 follows
- C. Only 2 & 3 follow
- D. Only 3 follows
- E. All follow

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16)

Statement 1: The law and order situation in Jammu and Kashmir is deteriorating.

Statement 2: BJP pulled out from the coalition government in J&K to pave the way for Governor's rule to ensure the restoration of peace and normalcy.

- A. Statement 1 is the cause; statement 2 is the effect
- B. Statement 2 is the cause; statement 1 is the effect
- C. Statement 1 is the cause but statement 2 is not effect
- D. Statement 1 and 2 are independent statements
- E. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent effects of independent causes.

17) Statement: The groundwater in the locality has been found to contain a high level of arsenic making it dangerous to drink. Arsenic leads to various problems like muscle impassiveness, sweating, muscle cramps, and spontaneous pains. It is extremely poisonous to humans. What makes arsenic especially dangerous is that it doesn't have a taste or odor, so you can be exposed to it without knowing it. While arsenic is naturally occurring, it also comes in inorganic (or "man-made") formulae. These are used in agriculture, mining, and manufacturing.

Courses of action:

- I. The people living in the area should be shifted to another area to avoid a catastrophic situation.
- II. The government should make arrangements for the supply of safe drinking water.
- A. only course of action I follows.
- B. only course of action II follows.
- C. either course of action I or II follows.
- D. neither course of action I nor II follows.
- E. both the course of action I and II follow.

18) Statement: The solidity of bridge piers built on pilings depends largely on how deep the pilings are driven. Prior to 1700, pilings were driven to "refusal," that is, to the point at which they refused to go any deeper. In a 1588 inquiry into the solidity of piers for Venice's Rialto Bridge, it was determined that the bridge's builder, Antonio Da Ponte, had met the contemporary standard for refusal: he had caused the pilings to be driven until additional penetration into the ground was no greater than two inches after twenty-four hammer blows.

Which one of the following can properly be inferred from the passage?

- A. The Rialto Bridge was built on unsafe pilings.
- B. The standard of refusal was not sufficient to ensure the safety of a bridge.
- C. Da Ponte's standard of refusal was less strict than that of other bridge builders of his day.
- D. After 1588, no bridges were built on pilings that were driven to the point of refusal.

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E. It is possible that the pilings of the Rialto Bridge could have been driven deeper even after the standard of refusal had been met.

19) Statement: We have heard a good deal in recent years about the declining importance of the two major political parties. It is the mass media, we are told, that decide the outcome of elections, not the power of the parties. But it is worth noting that no independent or third-party candidate has won any important election in recent years, and in the last nationwide campaign, the two major parties raised and spent more money than ever before in support of their candidates and platforms. It seems clear that reports of the imminent demise of the two-party system are premature at best.

Which of the following can be concluded from the statement as authors main point?

- A. The mass media are relatively unimportant in deciding the outcome of most elections
- B. Third party is gaining popularity over major two parties
- C. Two major parties are still strong
- D. Third party is still insignificant
- E. none of the above

20) Statement: Any successful defence attack by ballistic missiles would need to be controlled by a large-scale computer system. A defence against attack by ballistic missiles, to be

successful, would have to work on first use, and a full preliminary test would be impossible.

Conclusions:

- I) A defence against attack by ballistic missiles cannot be assured of success the first time it is used
 - II) A defence against ballistic missile attack will not work successfully when it is first called on for that purpose
- A. Only I follows
 - B. Either I or II follows
 - C. Both I and II follow
 - D. Only II follows
 - E. None follows

21) Which of the statements numbered (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) can be concluded from the fact/information given in the statement?

- (A) Corporate tax collection rose only in the first quarter of the current year.
- (B) Industrial production slowed down in the first half of the year.
- (C) The government has achieved the target of corporate tax collection in comparison to previous year.
- (D) Poor tax collection in the corporate pulled down the economy.
- (E) The government is likely to face difficulties in achieving the target of collection of corporate tax due to slowdown in production.
- (F) The government has forecast a growth in corporate tax.

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- A. Only B
- B. Only B and E
- C. Only F
- D. Only D
- E. None of these

22) Ever since the new community center with recreational facilities has become operational, the number of visits to the hospital has been considerably reduced among the local population". Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- A. As only the hospital was there in the local area, so the local population could only go there and not to the recreational center as it did not exist
- B. The local population was not interested in a healthy lifestyle and so, was prone to falling ill more often to justify their visits to the local hospital
- C. Earlier, the local population was unhealthy and suffered from incurable diseases for which they required regular visits to the hospital
- D. The local population now leads a healthy lifestyle by engaging in recreational activities so the incidence of ill health has gone down
- E. Recreational facilities go along way to ensure a healthy life style among people

23) Which of the following is the most logical conclusion that can be made from the paragraph above?

- A. Banks will take more than a year to settle with the changes in the systems and processes
- B. Managing the bad loans will be the key during the process of the mergers
- C. Dealing with the merger challenges of Tech and HR is going to be a mammoth task for the banks
- D. Each bank had got a certain level of customization done, depending on the reporting and MIS needs.
- E. None of the above

24) Which of the following can strengthen the arguments being made above?

- A. Hotel occupancy is down 42% year-over-year (YoY) with roughly 80% of hotel rooms empty. Air travel demand is forecasted to fall.
- B. The numbers have improved as compared to the early days of the pandemic, primarily as a result of local tourism activities
- C. As the industry shifts towards the new normal, there is a new value that is of great importance– the feeling of safety.
- D. Decline in the global tourism will be good for our country eventually in the long run
- E. Airlines and hotels are expected to be more digitally-enabled than ever before, leveraging this digital transformation

25) Find the best line that concludes the given paragraph in the most appropriate manner

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- A. New lockdown measures and travel restrictions have been introduced in several European countries in recent weeks
- B. The airlines and hotels are not sitting ideal waiting for the pandemic to end
- C. The global pandemic has disturbed the travel industry and its impact is clearly visible on the hotel and airline bookings
- D. Both (a) and (c)
- E. None of the above

26) Statement: The challenges that the mountain trail and campsite face are not an exception; other popular trails too grapple with similar waste issues.

Course of Action:

- (I) Overnight Camping on the trails should be banned for travelers as well as locals
- (II) Strict fines should be imposed on the foreigners visiting the place
- A. Only I follows
- B. None follows
- C. Either I or II follows
- D. Only II follows
- E. Both follow

27) Which of the following can be a probable Course of Action to achieve minimal human contact across all touch points?

- A. Regular sanitization of the premises
- B. A 'JAB Offer' for the customers
- C. Attractive offers on both tickets and F&B

- D. Digital contactless transactions being promoted
- E. None of the above

28) Which of the following can be concluded from the above paragraphs?

- A. One vaccinated guest can get another ticket free
- B. PVR is thankful that people are getting their jabs done
- C. PVR is taking all safety measures to utilize its 100% seating capacity
- D. PVR is ignorant towards the government protocols
- E. PVR has taken all the safety regulations by the government seriously

29) Statement: The heads of state of the tiger range countries pledged to achieve the "Tx2" objective which plans to double the number of wild tigers by 2022. In 2010, their population was estimated at only 3,200.

Inferences:

- I. This year has been very positive for tigers.
- II. More than 95% of the wild tiger population has been wiped out over the last century
- A. if only inference I is implicit.
- B. if only inference II is implicit.
- C. if either I or II is implicit.
- D. if neither I nor II is implicit.
- E. if both I and II are implicit.

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30) STATEMENT: A major Railway accident involving a mail train was averted with the help of the presence of mind of one signal man at the wayside cabin. The signalman's work is at a signal-box in a deep cutting near a tunnel entrance on a lonely stretch of the railway line, and he controls the movements of passing trains. When there is danger, his fellow signalmen alert him by telegraph and alarms.

Course of Action:

1. The railway track for at least 50 kilometers should be cleared of any traffic ahead of the mail trains.
2. The signalman should be rewarded so as to encourage others.
3. The railway signaling system should be immediately be made automatic.

- A. Only 1 follows
- B. Only 2 follows
- C. Only 2 & 3 follow
- D. None follows
- E. All follow

31) Statement: At an enormous research cost, a leading chemical company has developed a manufacturing process for converting wood fibers into a plastic. According to the company, this new plastic can be used for, among other things, the hulls of small sailboats. But what does the company think sailboat hulls used to be made of? Surely the mania for high technology can scarcely go further than this.

The author's conclusion of the manufacturing process described in the statement is based primarily on the fact that?

- A. plastic is unlikely to be durable enough for high-quality sailboat hulls
- B. The research costs of developing the process outweigh any savings possible from the use of the plastic
- C. A small sailboat is not normally regarded as a high-tech product
- D. Hulls for small sailboats can be made from wood without converting it into plastic
- E. None of the above

32) The cost of manufacturing cars in state A is 30 per cent less than the cost of manufacturing cars in state B. After transportation fee for the differential distances of states A and B and the interstate taxes, it is cheaper to manufacture cars in state B than in state a for selling these cars in State C. Which of the following supports the conclusion drawn in the above statement?

- A. The cost of transportation from state A to state C is more than 30 percent of the production cost
- B. The production cost of cars in state B is lower in comparison to state A
- C. Only entry tax at state C is more for the products originating in state A
- D. Entry tax at state C is more for the products originating in state B

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E. The total of transportation cost of cars from state B to state C and entry tax of cars at state C is less than 30 per cent of the production cost of cars in state B.

33) Statement: Old Major was a high-quality boar who a couple days before he died held a meeting, where he told everyone about his vision of a farm where animals could be free with no humans to torment them. From this meeting came the seven commandments of animalism by which all animals should live with the most important one being 'All animals are equal'. It soon came to be, due to passing of power into the wrong hands, that the command had been changed into 'All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others.

Which of the following can be inferred as a view that the author will most definitely agree with?

Inferences:

- A. Equality is a flawed concept
- B. Even though it may appear that there is equality, but on the ground level there is discrimination
- C. All animals are not equal
- D. Humans torment animal
- E. none of the above

34) Statement: Indian carriers have announced a fresh slew of discounted ticket fares to bolster demand in the lean travel season.

Assumptions:

(I) Indians tend to book flights when they find good deals and huge discounts

(II) Discounted tickets will urge the people to plan their travels

- A. None can be assumed
- B. Only I can be assumed
- C. Either I or II can be assumed
- D. Both I and II can be assumed
- E. Only II can be assumed

35) Which of the following sentences can be classified as a *probable effect* of a certain cause mentioned in the paragraph?

- A. A
- B. C
- C. B
- D. D
- E. E

36) Statement A can be labeled as which of the following options given below?

- A. An inference that can be drawn from the facts mentioned above
- B. Conclusion based on the given details in the paragraph
- C. Course of Action that makes the situation less severe
- D. An assumption that could lead to a particular conclusion
- E. Cause of a certain effect mentioned above

37) Which of the statements given above may be a possible course of action?

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- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

38) What might have been a probable assumption behind the following lines: 'Social media intermediaries were given three months to comply with India's new Information Technology (IT) rules that were notified in February'

- A. E
- B. D
- C. A
- D. B
- E. C

39) **Statement:** The Company will not go into profit unless a foreign-trained manager is brought.

Assumption:

(I) At present there are no foreign-trained managers in the company.

(II) The company is facing losses at present

- A. if both I and II are implicit
- B. if only assumption I is implicit
- C. if only assumption II is implicit
- D. if either I or II is implicit
- E. if neither I nor II is implicit

40) Which of the following is an *assumption* which is implicit in the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- A. Giving such offers will encourage more and more people to get vaccinated
- B. Government SOPs can prove phenomenal in kick starting the business
- C. There is a downfall in the number of cases in places where PVR is opening
- D. Safety measures will ensure a good control of the spread of the virus
- E. None can be assumed

41) Which of the following can be *inferred* from the passage above?

- A. The PVRs are contributing in speeding up the vaccination drive in the country
- B. The government has issued strict guidelines before opening the PVRs
- C. Vaccination of their entire staff has become a priority for the media operators in various states
- D. Both (a) and (c)
- E. All (a), (b) and (c)

42) Which of the following can be taken as the *probable cause* for the following effect: '*Chequered seating with only 50 per cent occupancy as per state government protocols?*'

- A. Maintaining an optimum income ratio
- B. Trying to sell more tickets for more shows
- C. Focusing on the social distancing norms
- D. Motivating staff to get vaccinated

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E. To showcase maximum content across screens

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- B. A 'JAB Offer' for the customers
- C. Attractive offers on both tickets and F&B
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44) Statement: A multi-party system is a political system in which multiple political parties across the political spectrum run for national election, and all have the capacity to gain control of government offices, separately or in coalition.

Arguments:

I). This system allows a variety of interests and opinions to enjoy political representation. People can make a choice between several candidates.

II). No one party is likely to gain power alone. Therefore, it leads to difficulty in formation of government. It may lead to political instability and often appears to be very messy.

- A. Only I Strong
- B. Only II Strong
- C. If either I or II Strong
- D. If neither I nor II is Strong
- E. If both I and II are Strong

45) Which of the following will serve as the best conclusion to the above paragraph?

- A. However, a handful of the Indian BSFI brands have succeeded in turning these challenges into opportunities
- B. These brands are not just the best in what they do but can also create a wave of confidence
- C. However, these brands want to serve their customers in their time of need
- D. Both (b) and (c)
- E. None serves as a good conclusion

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- C. Two major parties are still strong
- D. Third party is still

47) Statement: Researchers at Washington University's School of Medicine found that people who wake up frequently in the middle of the night have a higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

Which of the following conclusions, if true, most strengthens the above finding?

- A. Among the patients suffering with Alzheimer's disease, more than 60% are past their middle age.
- B. Among the patients suffering with Alzheimer's disease, majority are those who generally work during the night.
- C. Among the different types of diseases that are caused by insufficient sleep, Alzheimer's disease is at the top of the list.
- D. The bacteria that causes Alzheimer's disease remains dormant during the day and becomes active during the night.
- E. none of the above

48) Select the best option that will be the best courses of action for the above condition:

- A. Only A
- B. Both B and C
- C. Both A and C
- D. All of the above
- E. Both A and B

49) Statement: "Poor growth in corporate tax collection pulled down overall rise in gross direct tax mobilization in the first half of the current year, ruling out any pickup in growth in the first half of the year, indicating that the government will find it difficult to meet its tax target for the year."

Inferences:

- (I) Corporate tax collection rose only in the first quarter of the current year.
- (II) Industrial production slowed down in the first half of the year.
- (III) The government has achieved the target of corporate tax collection in comparison to previous year.
- (IV) Poor tax collection in the corporate pulled down the economy.
- (V) The government is likely to face difficulties in achieving the target of collection of corporate tax due to slowdown in production and the government has forecast a growth in corporate tax.

Which of the inferences numbered (I), (II), (III), (IV), and (V) can be concluded from the fact/information given in the statement?

- A. Only II
- B. Only II and V
- C. Only III and IV
- D. Only IV
- E. Only III

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50) Statement I: The government has decided to make all the information related to primary education available to the general public. Primary education is typically the first stage of formal education, coming after preschool and before secondary school.

Statement II: In the past, the general public did not have access to all these information related to primary education. Primary education takes place in primary school, the elementary school or first and middle school depending on the location.

- A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

51) Statement: In many parts of the world the majority of bank customers regularly use Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) and today's western youth have not known a world without them. For them, the prevailing Perception of a cash machine is that of a tool providing a familiar functionality of basic financial information and dispensing cash.

Inference:

(I) The plastic card is replacing cheque and personal attendance of the customer

(II) It has taken approximately 30 years to establish ATMs as ubiquitous examples of public walkup and-use devices

- A. if only inference I is implicit.
- B. if only inference II is implicit.
- C. if either I or II is implicit.
- D. if neither I nor II is implicit.
- E. if both I and II are implicit.

52) Statement: The recently announced vehicle scrappage scheme is likely to usher in significant change in the Indian automobile industry and is expected to generate demand for new vehicles, especially commercial vehicles.

Conclusions:

(I) The scrappage policy could change India's automobile sector

(II) Scrapyards are likely to be established in the four zones

- A. None can be concluded
- B. Only I can be concluded
- C. Either I or II can be concluded
- D. Both I and II can be concluded
- E. Only II can be concluded

53) Study the information given carefully and answer the questions that follow

It is a fact that the global travel industry is one of the, if not the, hardest hit industries in the COVID-19 pandemic. At the peak of the

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lockdown measures across Europe, several countries experienced a staggering 99% decrease in bookings on popular accommodation sites such as Airbnb, Expedia and Booking.com compared to 2019. As countries shut their borders to protect their citizens, global tourism came to a complete halt. This hugely impacted the entire tourism ecosystem, resulting in a significant drop of movement and occupancy in the airline and hospitality industries.

Which of the following can strengthen the arguments being made above?

- A. Hotel occupancy is down 42% year-over-year (YoY) with roughly 80% of hotel rooms empty. Air travel demand is forecasted to fall.
- B. The numbers have improved as compared to the early days of the pandemic, primarily as a result of local tourism activities
- C. As the industry shifts towards the new normal, there is a new value that is of great importance– the feeling of safety.
- D. Decline in the global tourism will be good for our country eventually in the long run
- E. Airlines and hotels are expected to be more digitally-enabled than ever before, leveraging this digital transformation

54) Statement: Defense Minister Rajnath Singh said the government has decided to open the entire area from Siachen base camp to Kumar Post for tourism purposes.

Arguments:

- I). The step taken will boost tourism in Ladakh and give people a window to appreciate the tough work done by Army jawans and engineers in extreme weather and inhospitable terrains and the decision is to be welcomed.
 - II). The Siachen Glacier at the height of around 20,000 ft in the Karakoram range is known as the highest militarized zone in the world where the soldiers have to battle frostbite and high winds.
- A. If only argument I is strong
 - B. If only argument II is strong
 - C. If either I or II is strong
 - D. If neither I or II is strong
 - E. If both I and II are strong

55) Statement: A multi-party system is a political system in which multiple political parties across the political spectrum run for national election, and all have the capacity to gain control of government offices, separately or in coalition.

Arguments:

- I). This system allows a variety of interests and opinions to enjoy political representation. People can make a choice between several candidates.
 - II). No one party is likely to gain power alone. Therefore, it leads to difficulty in formation of government. It may lead to political instability and often appears to be very messy.
- A. Only I Strong
 - B. Only II Strong

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- C. If either I or II Strong
- D. If neither I nor II is Strong
- E. If both I and II are Strong

56) Statement: For-profit colleges serve far fewer students than either public or private non-profit colleges. At the same time, relative to non-profit colleges, for-profit colleges draw a disproportionate share of federal and state financial aid, such as tuition grants and guaranteed loans, for their students. It must be, then, that for-profit colleges enroll a greater proportion of financially disadvantaged students than do non-profit colleges.

The statement above depends on which of the following assumptions?

- A. Public non-profit colleges and private non-profit colleges enroll a similar proportion of financially disadvantaged students.
- B. For-profit colleges do not engage in fraudulent practices in helping their students obtain unneeded federal and state financial aid.
- C. The number of students receiving federal and state financial aid at for-profit colleges is greater than the number of students receiving federal and state financial aid at non-profit colleges.
- D. For-profit colleges are of similar educational quality as non-profit colleges.
- E. The majority of students at for-profit colleges do not default on repayment of their loans after they complete college.

57) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow:

Libraries are not the kinds of institutions that social scientists, policy makers, and community leaders usually bring up when they discuss social capital and how to build it. Since Tocqueville, most leading thinkers about social and civic life have extolled the value of voluntary associations like bowling leagues and gardening clubs without looking closely at the physical and material conditions that make people more or less likely to associate. But social infrastructure provides the setting and context for social participation, and the library is among the most critical forms of social infrastructure that we have.

It's also one of the most undervalued. In recent years, modest declines in the circulation of bound books in some parts of the country have led some critics to argue that the library is no longer serving its historic function as a place for public education and social uplift. Elected officials with other spending priorities argue that **(A) 21st-century libraries no longer need the resources they once commanded; (B) most content on the internet is free.** Architects and designers eager to erect new temples of knowledge say that libraries should be repurposed for a world where books are digitized and so much public culture is online.

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With respect to the two statements (A) and (B) highlighted above, which of the following options is true?

- A. Statement B is the effect and A is the cause
- B. Statement A is the effect and B is the cause
- C. Both statements A and B are independent causes
- D. Both statements A and B are effects of independent causes
- E. Both statements are neither causes nor effects

58) Statement :

'Andhra Pradesh government has decided to introduce English medium in place of Telugu medium for class 1 to class 6 in government schools from the next academic year'. Is this decision good?

Arguments :

- I). Yes, English Medium education to their children is a dream for a large number of parents of backward classes.
- II). No, if is introduced from the next year students will be put to inconvenience given the quality of our teachers as they are not proficient enough to teach in English.
- III). No, there are many IAS and IPS officers who have studied in their mother language.
- IV). Yes, English has always been a problem for the students of government schools in competitive exams and Interviews.

- A. only I is strong
- B. only III is strong

- C. I, III, and IV are strong
- D. I, II, and IV are strong
- E. All the arguments are strong

59) Statement: A very large number of technically qualified young Indians are coming out of colleges every year though there are not enough opportunities for them to get gainful employment.

Which of the following conclusion contradicts the views expressed in the above statement?

- A. Technically qualified persons are far superior to those with standard degrees Eke BA/BSc/B.Com. etc.
- B. The govt. has not done effective planning for engaging technically qualified personnel while authorizing the setting up of technical colleges.
- C. A huge gap exists between the level of competence of technically qualified graduates and requirements of the industry:
- D. both a and b
- E. none of the above

60) Statement: In the modern world we're always moving, on our phones, emailing and texting. But getting together face to face, with great wine and food, sets the tone for a common ground to be with our loved ones.

Assumption I: Phone are the reason for us distancing our loved ones.

Assumptions II: Great wine and food are enjoyed with the presence of our loved ones.

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- A. If only assumption I is implicit
- B. If only assumption II is implicit.
- C. If either assumption I or assumption II is implicit.
- D. If neither of the assumptions are implicit.
- E. If both the assumptions are implicit.

61) There is not a single private or Government run university in the country which ranks high among the top universities of the world. Indian universities are hardly found in that list and even if they are found, they are negligible in terms of numbers as well as the ranks. (2Marks)

- i). The regulatory system of higher education in India is characterized by too many institutions on one hand and too many controls on the other.
- ii). Age old education philosophy of India considered as noble, the constraints in resources, the incompatibility of some parameters to the Indian context, possibility of philanthropic support etc. are some of the liabilities.
- iii). The efforts of the Government of India through the scheme of Institutions of Excellence (IOEs) and the recommendation of NEP to have research Universities might help.
- iv). The constitution of National Research Foundation go a long way in setting right this trend and would enable our Universities to figure among the top ranking ones of the world.
- v). Inappropriate governance structure, faulty regulation, availability of faculty are some of the

reasons for the poor ranking of Indian Universities.

vi) The institutions perform multiple functions like funding, setting standards, accreditation and regulation in their respective disciplines.

What are the possible drawbacks in the country's educational system?

- A. 4 and 6
- B. 1 and 5
- C. 5 and 2
- D. 3 and 1
- E. 6 and 5

62) Statement:

Should cricket betting be legalized in India?

Arguments:

- I). Yes, it is happening anyway. Why not make it legal?
 - II). No, betting in India is considered a root cause of many problems like bankruptcy, suicides, etc.
 - III). Yes, it would increase revenue for the government in the form of taxes.
 - IV). Yes, it is legalized in many developed countries like the UK.
- A. If only III is a strong argument
 - B. If only IV is a strong argument
 - C. If both II and III are strong arguments
 - D. If only II is a strong argument
 - E. If both I and III are strong arguments

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63) Statement : Donors are almost never offended by being asked for too much (in fact, they are usually flattered.) And if you ask for too much, our donor can always suggest a smaller amount. On the other hand, donors are frequently offended by being asked for too little. A common reaction is, “So, that’s all they think I’m worth.”

The above statement concludes that ?

- A. donors are usually never asked for enough.
- B. a good fund-raiser will value the worth of the donor.
- C. it is worth the gamble to ask for large donations.
- D. fund-raisers often think that donors are incapable of giving much.
- E. none of the above

64) Statements:

Higher disposal costs encourage those who produce waste to look for cheaper ways to get rid of it.

Which of the following will be an effect of the above statement?

- I) The disposal costs should be made higher.
- II) The disposal costs should be brought down.
- a) If only effect I follows.
- b) If only effect II follows.
- c) If either effect I or II follows.
- d) If neither effect I nor II follows.
- e) If both effects I and II follow.

65) Statement : In humans, ingested protein is broken down into amino acids, all of which must compete to enter the brain. Subsequent ingestion of sugars leads to the production of insulin, a hormone that breaks down the sugars and also rids the bloodstream of residual amino acids, except for tryptophan. Tryptophan then slips into the brain uncontested and is transformed into the chemical serotonin, increasing the brain’s serotonin level. Thus, sugars can play a major role in mood elevation, helping one to feel relaxed and anxiety-free.

Which one of the following is the course of action on which the statement depends?

- A. Elevation of mood and freedom from anxiety require increasing the level of serotonin in the brain.
- B. Failure to consume foods rich in sugars results in anxiety and a lowering of mood
- C. Serotonin can be produced naturally only if tryptophan is present in the bloodstream.
- D. Increasing the level of serotonin in the brain promotes relaxation and freedom from anxiety.
- E. The consumption of protein-rich foods results in anxiety and a lowering of mood.

66) Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions:

Statement: Leibniz, the seventeenth-century philosopher, published his version of calculus before Newton did. But then Newton revealed his private notebooks, which showed he had been

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using these ideas for at least a decade before Leibniz's publication. Newton also claimed that he had disclosed these ideas to Leibniz in a letter shortly before Leibniz's publication. Yet close examination of the letter shows that Newton's few cryptic remarks did not reveal anything important about calculus. Thus, Leibniz and Newton each independently discovered calculus.

Which one of the following is an assumption required by the historian's argument in the given statement?

- A. Leibniz did not tell anyone about calculus prior to publishing his version of it.
- B. No third person independently discovered calculus prior to Newton and Leibniz.
- C. Newton believed that Leibniz was able to learn something important about calculus from his letter to him
- D. Neither Newton nor Leibniz knew that the other had developed a version of calculus prior to Leibniz's publication
- E. Neither Newton nor Leibniz learned crucial details about calculus from some third source

67) Men are now being advised to slow down amid growing concern that high-pressure living, exciting though it might seem, is a silent killer, and is one of the reasons for the low life-expectancy among men, compared to women. Ironically, however, just when men are being told to take it easy, more and more career-driven

women are fast acquiring some of the same "killer" habits and in the process losing the edge they have had over men in the "longevity" stakes. The conclusion drawn above is based on the assumption that:

- A. The sole culprit behind the life-expectancy gender gap between men and women is high-pressure living
- B. Although women continue to outlive men, the life-expectancy gender gap has narrowed significantly in recent years
- C. Long business hours, energy-sapping "bonding" sessions, non-stop "power" partying, hard drinking and heavy smoking, are the silent killer habits that have now been taken on rampantly by women
- D. Women are not being advised the slow-down that men are being advised
- E. There is a rising trend of career-driven women to take on the high pressure life style

68) Statement: Adults should be careful about consuming alcohol in front of children. Children have an impressionable mind and will grow up thinking that consuming alcohol is healthy. Alcohol has known negative health effects and to protect the health and wellbeing of children, adults drinking in front of children should be penalized.

Which of the following assumptions, if true, weakens the given statement ?

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- A. Alcohol consumption is harmful, but you cannot stop adults from drinking.
- B. It is not practical to stop adults from drinking in front of children. This means that parents have to go outside the house to drink.
- C. Adults and parents should be educated about their duties.
- D. The act of adults drinking in front of children may be wrong, but they cannot be penalized as this will infringe on their freedom.
- E. none of the above

69) Statement: India has proposed groundbreaking rules, that would require social media companies to garner consent from citizens before collecting and processing their personal data.

Assumptions:

- I). As social media companies grapple with the spread of false information, which has resulted in at least 30 deaths in India, the Narendra Modi-led government, which itself is a big consumer of social media platforms, has sought to take measures to address several issues.
 - II). Some critics have expressed concerns over the proposed rules. Udbhav Tiwari, a public policy advisor at Mozilla, said this bill would “represent new, significant threats to Indians’ privacy.
- a) If only assumption I is implicit
 - b) If only assumption II is implicit
 - c) If either I or II is implicit

- d) If neither I nor II is implicit
- e) If both I and II are implicit

70) Statement: The challenges that the mountain trail and campsite face are not an exception; other popular trails too grapple with similar waste issues.

Course of Action:

- (I) Overnight Camping on the trails should be banned for travelers as well as locals
- (II) Strict fines should be imposed on the foreigners visiting the place

- A. Only I follows
- B. None follows
- C. Either I or II follows
- D. Only II follows
- E. Both follow

71)

A) The police have seized the auto rickshaw that hit the judge from behind while he was jogging by the roadside

B) A judge had come out of his Judges’ Colony home for a walk at 5am. Minutes later, an auto-rickshaw sped up from behind and ran over him a few metres

- A. (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.
- B. (B) is the cause and statement (A) is the effect.
- C. Both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.

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D. Both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.

E. Both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.

72) Statement: Students themselves realize that cell phone usage does not promote learning; in one survey, 80% of students agreed that using a mobile phone in class decreases their ability to pay attention.

Conclusions:

I. The evidence suggests that cell phones generally are a distraction for students

II. 20% students believe that cell phones have no relation with concentration

A. None follows

B. Only I follows

C. Either I or II follows

D. Both I and II follow

E. Only II follows

73) Should life insurance be made compulsory for every individual in India?

I). Yes, the individual can benefit from the exemption of tax under section 80C of the Income tax act, 1961.

II). Yes, life insurance gives people security. It is designed to provide you with the reassurance that your dependents will be looked after if the individual dies.

III) No, there are many frauds being happen in the claims of Insurance Policies.

A. Only I is strong

B. Only II is strong

C. Only III is strong

D. Both I and II are strong

E. None of these

74) The stunning majority by which the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government retained power in the 2019 general election is indeed a massive achievement. A host of factors have been responsible for this overwhelming majority, with issues relating to the political economy also contributing to this landslide.

i). The government made serious efforts towards several welfare schemes.

ii). Income support scheme provided direct income support of Rs. 6,000 per year to farmers who have up to 2 hectares of land.

iii). Socially and financially weaker sections of society did benefit from one scheme or the other.

iv). Major strides have been made such as green and white revolution, the agrarian crisis has always been a serious cause of concern

v). The ambit of PM-Kisan which was extended to all farmers which meant that an additional 20 million farmers.

vi). India's agricultural sector has gone through massive reforms with both input and output subsidies being an important part of the government budget.

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Which of the following largely contributed to the overwhelming majority?

- A. 1, 3 and 5
- B. 5, 2, 4 and 6
- C. 2, 5 and 6
- D. 1, 2 and 5
- E. All of these

75) Statement: In a team a leader's role is to provide guidance and time to learn tactful approaches when stating challenges.

Leadership also needs to learn to navigate the pitfalls of being challenged. Ego is a huge blind spot for all of us and it can be uncomfortable the first time someone calls us out on an oversight.

Assumption I: The team members always tend to make oversights which are constantly corrected by the leader of that particular team.

Assumption II: Ego is the conditioning of how we observe ourselves from the viewpoint of others.

- A. If only assumption I is implicit.
- B. If only assumption II is implicit.
- C. If either assumption I or assumption II is implicit.
- D. If neither of the assumptions are implicit.
- E. If both the assumptions are implicit.

76) Directions: In the question below are given a statement followed by three courses of action numbered I, II and III. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in

regard to the problem, policy, etc. Consider the information given in the statement to be true, decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Statement: The violent protests all around the city led to the destruction of many landmark properties and forced the mayor to declare a curfew and grant a meeting to negotiate the demands of the protestors.

Courses of action:

- I) The demands of the protestors should be accepted in order to stop the destruction.
 - II) All the protestors should be arrested and the landmarks should be rebuilt.
 - III) A law should be passed prohibiting people from protesting.
- A. Only I follows.
 - B. Only III follows.
 - C. Both I and II follow.
 - D. None of the above follow.
 - E. All of the above follow.

77) Statements:

- I). The Government has formed a committee to check and revise the fees structure of the professional courses.
- II). The parents of aspiring students seeking admission to professional courses had protested against the high fees charged by the professional institutes and the admission process was delayed considerably.

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- a) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect.
- b) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect.
- c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
- d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
- e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

78) Statement: We have heard a good deal in recent years about the declining importance of the two major political parties. It is the mass media, we are told, that decide the outcome of elections, not the power of the parties. But it is worth noting that no independent or third-party candidate has won any important election in recent years, and in the last nationwide campaign, the two major parties raised and spent more money than ever before in support of their candidates and platforms. It seems clear that reports of the imminent demise of the two-party system are premature at best.

Which of the following can be concluded from the statement as authors main point?

- A. The mass media are relatively unimportant in deciding the outcome of most elections
- B. Third party is gaining popularity over major two parties
- C. Two major parties are still strong
- D. Third party is still insignificant

E. none of the above

79) Should uniforms be banned in Schools?

- I). No, they provide uniformity among the students and maintain decorum.
 - II). Yes, many parents cannot afford uniforms.
 - III). Yes, uniforms have become a tool for schools to earn money unethically.
- A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only II is strong
 - C. Only III is strong
 - D. Only I and III are strong
 - E. All I, II, and III are strong

80) Read the following information carefully to answer the question that follows

“Poor growth in corporate tax collection pulled down overall rise in gross direct tax mobilisation in the first half of the current year, ruling out any pickup in growth in the first half of the year, indicating that the government will find it difficult to meet its tax target for the year.”

Which of the statements numbered (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) can be concluded from the fact/information given in the statement?

- (A) Corporate tax collection rose only in the first quarter of the current year.
- (B) Industrial production slowed down in the first half of the year.
- (C) The government has achieved the target of corporate tax collection in comparison to previous year.

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- (D) Poor tax collection in the corporate pulled down the economy.
- (E) The government is likely to face difficulties in achieving the target of collection of corporate tax due to slowdown in production.
- (F) The government has forecast a growth in corporate tax.
- A. Only B
B. Only B and E
C. Only F
D. Only D
E. None of these

81) Statement I: There is considerable reduction in the number of people affected by water-borne diseases in City A during this rainy season. Waterborne diseases are caused by drinking contaminated or dirty water. Contaminated water can cause many types of diarrheal diseases, including Cholera, and other serious illnesses such as Guinea worm disease, Typhoid, and Dysentery

Statement II: The government has opened four new civil hospitals in City A in the beginning of the year to improve the quality of life of people by providing better Health Services. These hospitals strive to help people improve their productivity and reduce risks of diseases and injury in a cost-effective way.

A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect

- B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

82) Study the following information carefully and answer the question given below:

It will become difficult to recruit patients for clinical trials of the next generation of COVID-19 vaccines once the current vaccines with EUA are rolled out. Even if COVID-19 vaccines aren't available for everyone immediately, some segments of the population are likely to wait a few weeks or months to get a vaccine that demonstrates 95 percent efficacy rather than enroll in a trial with a 25 to 50 percent chance of them receiving a placebo.

Assuming that the information given above is true, which of the following can be taken as a possible course of action to tackle the problem?

- A. Some COVID-19-vaccine manufacturers have aggressively partnered to ramp up their production capacities across geographies.
- B. COVID-19-vaccine manufacturers should continue to rapidly test (for example, in nonclinical assays and animal models) the effectiveness of their vaccines in provoking an immune response to new variants.

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C. The infrastructure may not allow for large-scale distribution of a vaccine that requires the long-term, complex, cold-chain storage required by some mRNA vaccines.

D. There's clearly a lot to cheer about when it comes to COVID-19-vaccine development, but there is just as much to ponder as the situation evolves.

E. None of the above

83) Statement I: The prices of vegetables have been increased considerably during this summer. At the retail level too, prices have increased sharply during the period. Prices of potatoes increased 30.5 per cent (to Rs 27.59 per kg on an average) and tomatoes increased by 32.6 per cent (to an average Rs 25.33 a kg).

Statement II: There is tremendous increase in the temperature during this summer thereby damaging crops greatly. The effect of temperature is enhanced under high vapor pressure deficits because pollen viability (prior to silk reception) is a function of pollen moisture content which is strongly dependent on vapor pressure deficit

A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect

B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect

C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes

D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes

E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

84) Statement: Any successful defence attack by ballistic missiles would need to be controlled by a large-scale computer system. A defence against attack by ballistic missiles, to be successful, would have to work on first use, and a full preliminary test would be impossible.

Conclusions:

I. A defence against attack by ballistic missiles cannot be assured of success the first time it is used

II. A defence against ballistic missile attack will not work successfully when it is first called on for that purpose

A. Only I follows

B. Either I or II follows

C. Both I and II follow

D. Only II follows

E. None follows

85) Statement: Publicity campaigns for endangered species are unlikely to have much impact on the most important environmental problems, for while the ease of attributing feelings to large mammals facilitates evoking sympathy for them, it is more difficult to elicit sympathy for other kinds of organisms,

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such as the soil microorganisms on which large ecosystems and agriculture depend.

Which one of the following is an assumption on which the argument in the given statement depends?

- A. The most important environmental problems involve endangered species other than large mammals.
- B. Microorganisms cannot experience pain or have other feelings.
- C. Publicity campaigns for the environment are the most effective when they elicit sympathy for some organism.
- D. People ignore environmental problems unless they believe the problems will affect creatures with which they sympathize.
- E. An organism can be environmentally significant only if it affects large ecosystems or agriculture.

86) Statement: Section 8 of Representation of People Act, 1951 lays down certain rules for disqualification of MP's and MLA's that a person convicted by court and sentenced to imprisonment for a term of more than 2 years is disqualified from contesting elections for the imprisoned period and a further period of 6 years since his release.

Which of the following statements can be considered the serious reason for the disqualification of MP's and MLA's with criminal records from contesting?

- A. The chances of winning for a candidate with declared criminal cases in the Lok Sabha 2019 are 15.5 per cent whereas for a candidate with a clean background, it is 4.7 per cent.
- B. Election Commission of India has demanded more independence and Financial Autonomy from Government Control to have more free hands over the Criminalizing Activities in politics.
- C. Such persons with criminal records may impact the effectiveness and efficiency of institutions and thereby, eroding the trust of people in the government.
- D. As there is no transparency in funding of political parties, therefore sometimes even black money finds its way to win elections.
- E. Candidates with serious records seem to do well despite their public image, largely due to their ability to finance their own elections.

87) Consider this statement: "Virtual education provides for various online seminars, opportunities to interact with learned experts, pro-bono education classes etc., for students across India irrespective of their economic status and background".

Which of the following assumptions weakens the above statement?

- I. Many students in remote areas do not have access to internet facilities.
- II. Many students in rural areas do not have devices to take advantage of the Virtual classrooms.

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III. Online Seminars and pro bono classes are not interesting and do not cater to the needs of students across India.

IV. The mobile phone data packages to access such heavy online contents are not enough and participation in such events involves costly data packages which is dependent upon the economic status of those students.

- A. Only I, II, III
- B. Only III and IV
- C. Only I, II and IV.
- D. Only I and II.
- E. none of these

88) Statement: Forester -- The recent claims that the White rhino is not extinct are false. The White rhino's natural habitat was taken over by deforestation, resulting in the animal's systematic elimination from the area. Since then naturalists working in the region have discovered no hard evidence of its survival, such as carcasses or tracks. In spite of alleged sightings of the animal, the White rhino no longer exists.

Which one of the following is the conclusion on which the forester's statement depends?

- A. Deforestation drove the last White rhinos to starvation by chasing them from their natural habitat.
- B. Every naturalist working in the White rhino's natural habitat has looked systematically for evidence of the rhino's survival.

C. The White rhino did not move and adapt to a different region in response to the loss of habitat.

D. Those who have reported sightings of the White rhino are not experienced naturalists or foresters.

E. none of the above

89) Statement I: The government has decided to make all the information related to primary education available to the general public. Primary education is typically the first stage of formal education, coming after preschool and before secondary school.

Statement II: In the past, the general public did not have access to all these information related to primary education. Primary education takes place in primary school, the elementary school or first and middle school depending on the location.

- A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

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90) Statement-Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced a Rs. 500-crore relief package for flood-hit Gujarat after undertaking an aerial survey of the affected districts even as heavy rains continued to batter most parts of north India.

Which of the following is an immediate course of action that must be followed in light of the above statement?

(I) Rescue and relief operations should be started in full swing.

(II) Food packets should have been distributed in affected villages using IAF choppers where Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters can also be pressed into service.

(III) The Prime Minister should announce an ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh for the next of kin of those killed and Rs. 50,000 for those injured grievously from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

- A. Only (III)
- B. Only (II) and (I)
- C. All (III), (I) and (II)
- D. Both (II) and (III)
- E. None of these

91) Statement: Research has found that going for a short walk of 10-15 minutes post meals not only benefits the digestion process but also helps in maintaining healthy blood sugar levels.

Assumptions:

I). Overweight adults can manage their blood sugar levels and weight by some extent, just by walking post meals.

II). Post meal drinks like tea, coffee or light liqueur is served to promote digestion.

- 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

92) Statement: In Australia the sales of the Toilet Paper is increased 200% in two days. Majority of the super markets are run out of stock. Peoples are unaware to purchase over to sales in online platform by the issue of novel corona.

Courses of Action:

I: Production of the stocks to be increased quickly and permit each customer to purchase only 4.

II: Government takes action against the spam creators and distributes more stocks to all places.

- 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.

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93) Statement: IIT Kharagpur graduate develops unique device 'PM 2.5' to curb vehicular air-pollution.

Arguments:

I). The invention works on a combination of electrical and wave energy which include PM 2.5 pollutants which attracts large number of PM 2.5 pollutants together, and the device makes such pollutants heavier and fall on ground and the invention should be implemented.

II). Apart from controlling air pollution created by the car in which it is installed, the device also has potential to neutralize the pollution emitted from 10 cars in its vicinity and it should be implemented.

- A. If only argument I is strong
- B. If only argument II is strong
- C. If either I or II is strong
- D. If neither I or II is strong
- E. If both I and II are strong

94) Statements:

I. Despite the fact that the lack of power in schools is taken note of by the Parliamentary Standing Committee which operates its own schemes and sponsors several school education programmes, India has not yet electrified a significant number of government schools.

II. According to data, only 56.45% of government schools had electricity and 56.98% a playground, while almost 40% lacked a boundary wall.

Conclusions:

I. The tardy progress on such important facilities, in spite of the projects having been sanctioned, shows the low priority that school education is being accorded.

II. The government-run school sector needs a fund infusion and a public school system that guarantees universal access, good learning and all facilities has to be among the highest national priorities.

- A. Only conclusion I follows
- B. Only conclusion II follows
- C. Either conclusion I or II follows
- D. Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows
- E. Both conclusions I and conclusion II follow

95) Statement I: The farmers have decided against selling their kharif crops to the Government agencies. Kharif crops, monsoon crops or autumn crops are domesticated plants like rice that are cultivated and harvested in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh during the Indian subcontinent's monsoon season, which lasts from June to November depending on the area.

Statement II: The Government has reduced the procurement price of kharif crops starting from last month to the next six months. Procurement price of a commodity refers to the price at which govt. procures the commodity from producers/manufactures for maintaining the buffer stock or the public distribution system.

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These prices are announced by the govt. of India on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices before the harvest season of the crop.

- A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

96) Statement: An advertisement of a bank in digital platform-“wants to open a bank account? Just click the given below link. Open an account in 5 minutes.

Assumption:

I: To cover the peoples in the digital way and make them to feel easy account process without pen and paper.

II: Competition in the banking sector is very high to secure their costumers and increasing new customers.

- a) If Only Assumption I is implicit.
- b) If Only Assumption II is implicit.
- c) If either Assumption I or II is implicit.
- d) If Neither Assumption I nor II is implicit.
- e) If both Assumption I and II is implicit.

97) Statement: India’s news network NDTV said 40 percent of the population will have no access to clean drinking water by 2030, according to a report.

Assumption:

- I) This is due to lack of government planning, increased corporate privatization, industrial and human waste and government corruption.
- II) India’s overall water availability is running dry.
- (a) if only assumption I is implicit.
- (b) if only assumption II is implicit.
- (c) if either assumption I or II is implicit.
- (d) if neither assumption I nor II is implicit.
- (e) if both assumption I and II are implicit.

98) STATEMENT: In the city, over 75% of the people are living in slums and substandard houses, which is reflection of the housing and Urban Development policy of the government. Substandard houses are often in severe disrepair. Substandard housing isn't just housing that's unattractive or outdated, it's housing that poses a risk to the health, safety or physical well-being of occupants, neighbors, or visitors. Substandard housing increases risk of disease, crime, social isolation and poor mental health.

Course of Action

1. There should be a separate Department looking after housing and Urban Development.
2. The policies in regard to the urban housing should be reviewed.

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3. The policies regarding housing should also be reviewed so that such problem could be avoided in rural areas.

- A. Only 1 follows
- B. Only 2 follows
- C. Only 2 & 3 follow
- D. None follows
- E. All follow

99) Statement I: To reduce the impact of radiation exposure on our body, the federal communication commission has recommended maintaining a minimum distance of 20cm between the laptop and the user.

Statement II: Laptops are one of the highest sources of EMF as their underside releases high frequency EMF radiations.

- (a) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect;
- (b) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect;
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes;
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes; and
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

100) Statement: Researchers at Washington University's School of Medicine found that people who wake up frequently in the middle of

the night have a higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

Which of the following conclusions, if true, most strengthens the above finding?

- A. Among the patients suffering with Alzheimer's disease, more than 60% are past their middle age.
- B. Among the patients suffering with Alzheimer's disease, majority are those who generally work during the night.
- C. Among the different types of diseases that are caused by insufficient sleep, Alzheimer's disease is at the top of the list.
- D. The bacteria that causes Alzheimer's disease remains dormant during the day and becomes active during the night.
- E. none of the above

101) Statement: An umbrella programme for roads – Bharatmala - will hit the ground soon ending all existing highway projects, including the flagship NHDP, in six months.

Arguments:

- I). The development of any nation depends on the transportation networks and the ways in which they are being maintained. For connecting the areas and maintaining smooth flow of traffic, the construction of new and developed roads is a must.
- II). This project will compete directly with some of the existing toll road projects, affecting their toll collection, and, consequently, debt servicing

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ability. This is a big hindrance in economic development and leads to inefficiency in the transportation of goods and services across the country.

- A. Only I Strong
- B. Only II Strong
- C. If either I or II Strong
- D. If neither I nor II is Strong
- E. If both I and II are Strong

102) Statement: The electricity department informed the consumers through a notification that those who do not pay their bills by the due date will be charged double penalty for every defaulting day.

Assumption:

- I: Money collected as penalty may set off the loss due to delayed payment.
- II: Maximum number of peoples pays their bills by the due date to avoid penalty.
- a) If Only Assumption I is implicit.
- b) If Only Assumption II is implicit.
- c) If either Assumption I or II is implicit.
- d) If Neither Assumption I nor II is implicit.
- e) If both Assumption I and II is implicit.

103) Statement:

'Unlike the last year, hope 2020 brings good luck to me and fulfills my dreams', Suresh said to his brother.

Assumptions:

- I). Suresh's brother is the only person who listens to him.
- II). Suresh could not fulfill his dreams in 2019.
- III). Suresh believes in luck.
- A. Only I is implicit
- B. Only II is implicit
- C. Only III is implicit
- D. All I, II, and III are implicit
- E. Only II, and III is implicit

104) Statement:

The residents of the locality submitted a memorandum to the corporation officer for allowing them to convert a vacant plot in the locality into a park at their own cost.

Assumptions:

- I: The locality people may be able to gather enough funds to develop the park.
- II: The corporation officer may not accede to the request of the local citizens.
- a) If Only Assumption I is implicit.
- b) If Only Assumption II is implicit.
- c) If either Assumption I or II is implicit.
- d) If Neither Assumption I nor II is implicit.
- e) If both Assumption I and II is implicit.

105) A set of statements is given below that revolve around a single topic. Answer the questions as per the individual directions given.
Argument: The question of whether India should allow commercial production of GM crops has been one of the more enduring public policy

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debates over the last decade-and-a-half. One of the principal reasons for opposition to GM crops is the potential for serious, irreversible damage to human health and the environment.

- 1). There is little scientific evidence of adverse impacts so far.
- 2). There is a need for longer term assessment of adverse impacts as well as a need for more concrete evidence of no adverse effects.
- 3). Opposition to GM crops is driven by irrational fears of harm to human health and environmental impact, and environmental groups who are misrepresenting facts.
- 4). The burden of proof lies on the promoters of GM technology to persuade consumers, farmers and activists that among various alternatives available for sustainable food production — e.g., organic farming, use of biopesticides - GM technology is at least a serious option that we should embrace.

Statement: Former India skipper Sourav Ganguly has been formally elected as the 39th President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, after a general body meeting on Wednesday, 23 October.

Arguments:

I). His appointment as the BCCI President will "immensely benefit" the national side. He is aware of players' demands and knows what goes on between them. It will be an added plus to the team and individual players.

II). He has represented the country for a long time and then went on to dominate Indian cricket first as a player then captain. He can bring about a lot of improvements as he knows the game inside out.

- A. If only argument I is strong
- B. If only argument II is strong
- C. If either I or II is strong
- D. If neither I or II is strong
- E. If both I and II are strong

106) Statement: A large number of employees have gone on a mass casual leave in protest against the company's new recruitment policy. The company's new recruitment policy has created numerous chaos and doubts among the employees as it is framed in a context that it will be favorable to the management and it is against the employees' welfare.

Courses of action:

- I. The company should immediately withdraw the recruitment policy.
 - II. All these employees should immediately be suspended from their service.
- A. only course of action I follows.
 - B. only course of action II follows.
 - C. either course of action I or II follows.
 - D. neither course of action I nor II follows.
 - E. both course of action I and II follow.

107) Statement I: According to a study of young adults in the U.K., 84% of those tracked

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experienced back pain during the last year, mainly due to being hunched over smartphones, tablets, and computers.

Statement II: Using your phone too much can cause inflammation in your tendons and enhance existing conditions, like tendinitis and carpal tunnel.

(a) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect;

(b) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect;

(c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes;

(d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes; and

(e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

108) Statement: According to the officials, paucity orphaned with organization has led to the pathetic condition of this brilliant architectural structure. An organization is considered orphaned when the organization Owner and all Project Collection Administrators are inactive in Azure Active Directory (Azure AD) or have left the company. This scenario causes the organization to have no administrator and no way of transferring administrator rights to another user.

Course of Action:

1. A new architectural structure for the building should be designed.

2. Grant should be given to improve the condition of the structure.

3. The reason for the poor condition of the structure should be found out.

A. Only 1 follows

B. Only 2 follows

C. Only 2 & 3 follow

D. Only 3 follows

E. All follow

109) Statement:

'Biggest discount sale:

Flat 60% off on all sports shoes and sports apparel

Women's and Kidswear – Buy one and get two free'

An Advertisement by Brand Factory, India's leading Shopping mall.

Assumptions:

I). The brand factory is offering 60% off on sports shoes in order to promote the 'Walk India' campaign.

II). People get attracted to discounts offered by shopping malls.

III). The brand factory will get a turnover of Rs.1,500 crore this annual year.

A. Only I is implicit

B. Only II is implicit

C. Only III is implicit

D. All I, II, and III are implicit

E. None of them is implicit

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110) Statement: Government proposes five year jail and Rupee 50 lakhs fine for ads promoting un-fair or untrustworthy products.

Assumption:

I: Ads Company changes their strategy to convey their client products.

II: People gets fair about it cause some diseases to skins and body.

- a) If Only Assumption I is implicit.
- b) If Only Assumption II is implicit.
- c) If either Assumption I or II is implicit.
- d) If Neither Assumption I nor II is implicit.
- e) If both Assumption I and II is implicit.

111) Statements:

I). A large number of farmers of the Amaravati region of Andhra Pradesh are protesting on the roads demanding not to move the capital from Amaravati.

II). Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy in the assembly has expressed his idea to have three capital cities for his state, one in Amaravati, Second in Visakhapatnam, and the other in Kurnool.

- A.If statement I is the cause and statement II is the effect.
- B.If statement II is the cause and statement I is the effect.
- C.If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
- D.If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.

E.If both the statements I and II are effects of some common causes.

112) Statements:

Government has unveiled a scheme for protection of Majuli Island in Assam from flood and erosion from river Brahmaputra.

Regular floods in the Brahmaputra inundate the island and cause erosion, washing away villages and displacing residents.

Conclusions:

I. The government has made several efforts to control erosion by raising embankments and installing geo-bags and porcupines.

II. Whatever efforts the Brahmaputra Board has made in Majuli, those have led to more erosion, instead of controlling it.

- A.Only conclusion I follows
- B.Only conclusion II follows
- C.Either conclusion I or II follows
- D.Neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows
- E.Both conclusions I and conclusion II follow

113) Many detergents contain chemicals that are highly toxic when ingested by children or pets. Because of this significant risk, the Indian Medical Association has proposed a law prohibiting the use of such toxic ingredients in household cleaners.

Which of the following, if true, strengthens the argument above?

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- A. Most detergents have stickers which clearly warn of their toxicity.
- B. There are various types of detergents, and some are more effective than others.
- C. If the use of detergents is discontinued, harmful bacteria are more likely to propagate in areas where children and pets are commonly found.
- D. The toxic ingredients in detergents can be replaced by reasonably priced, non-toxic ingredients of equal or better quality.
- E. All of the above

114) Study the following information in which a statement is followed by five conclusions, read carefully and answer the question below-

Other than being an essential source of water for Indian agriculture, the monsoon plays a critical role in flushing out pollutants over Asia. However, recently increased pollution — particularly from coal burning — could potentially weaken this ability of the monsoon.

Which of the following can be deduced from the given statement?

- A. The unusually high concentration of particulate matter in the last few days in India clearly shows that air pollution is emerging as a big problem.
- B. As the climate gets warmer and frequency of rains reduces, such spurts in coarse particles making breathing difficult will become a new

- normal and the government is not waking up to the alarm.
- C. Both the periodicity and duration of dry spells in the country were rising as total rainfall events in a year had fallen even though the average rainfall in a year has not changed much, a direct consequence of climate change
- D. The annual average rainfall has remained the same because the frequency of heavy downpours increased in the past two decades
- E. The air quality in the region deteriorated because of dust storms in western India, particularly Rajasthan

115) Statement: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) directed banks to keep open their branches dealing with government business on the last day of the financial year (March 31), which happens to be Sunday.

Assumptions:

- I). With a view to providing greater convenience to tax payers, as in previous years, it has been decided that RBI offices and all designated branches of agency banks conducting government banking business will keep their counters open
 - II). Centralised payment systems such as RTGS and NEFT, however, will not be operational on April 1
- (a) if only assumption I is implicit.
 - (b) if only assumption II is implicit.
 - (c) if either assumption I or II is implicit.

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- (d) if neither assumption I nor II is implicit.
(e) if both assumption I and II are implicit

116) A set of statements is given below that revolve around a single topic. Answer the questions as per the individual directions given.

Argument: The question of whether India should allow commercial production of GM crops has been one of the more enduring public policy debates over the last decade-and-a-half. One of the principal reasons for opposition to GM crops is the potential for serious, irreversible damage to human health and the environment.

- 1). There is little scientific evidence of adverse impacts so far.
- 2). There is a need for longer term assessment of adverse impacts as well as a need for more concrete evidence of no adverse effects.
- 3). Opposition to GM crops is driven by irrational fears of harm to human health and environmental impact, and environmental groups who are misrepresenting facts.
- 4). The burden of proof lies on the promoters of GM technology to persuade consumers, farmers and activists that among various alternatives available for sustainable food production — e.g., organic farming, use of biopesticides - GM technology is at least a serious option that we should embrace.

Statement: Amazon's male white bellbird has the loudest recorded call.

Arguments:

I). *The bellbird's call can reach 125 decibels, almost as loud as a very loud rock concert, and more than 9 decibels higher than the loudest recorded call of the screaming piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*), which held the previous record of being the world's loudest bird.*

II). The female bellbird could be sitting near a loud male to assess it up close, the researchers say. But why she risks hearing damage by doing so is unclear.

- A. If only argument I is strong
- B. If only argument II is strong
- C. If either I or II is strong
- D. If neither I or II is strong
- E. If both I and II are strong

117) Statement: Researchers studying the spread of the Black Plague in sixteenth-century England claim that certain people survived the epidemic because they carried a genetic mutation, known as Delta-32, that is known to prevent the bacteria that causes the Plague from overtaking the immune system. To support this hypothesis, the researchers tested the direct descendants of the residents of an English town where an unusually large proportion of people survived the Plague. More than half of these descendants tested positive for the mutation Delta-32, a figure nearly three times higher than that found in other locations.

The researchers' hypothesis is based on which of the following assumptions?

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- A. Delta-32 does not prevent a carrier from contracting any disease other than the Plague.
- B. The Plague is not similar to other diseases caused by bacteria.
- C. Delta-32 did not exist in its current form until the sixteenth century.
- D. No one who tested positive for Delta-32 has ever contracted a disease caused by bacteria.
- E. The Plague does not cause genetic mutations such as Delta-32.

118) Statement I: Creating a longer day or a longer workweek for employees must have solid justification based on business need or a need to improve working conditions for staff.

Statement II: Extending work hours could mean requiring more hours each day temporarily or expecting employees to work more days in the week, which could eliminate days for some workers.

- (a) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect;
- (b) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect;
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes;
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes; and
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

119) Statement: Emissions from automobiles that burn gasoline and automobiles that burn diesel fuel are threatening the quality of life on our planet, contaminating both urban air and global atmosphere. Therefore, the only effective way to reduce such emissions is to replace the conventional diesel fuel and gasoline used in automobiles with cleaner burning fuels, such as methanol, that create fewer emissions.

Which one of the following is the course of action on which the statement depends?

- A. Reducing the use of automobiles would not be a more effective means to reduce automobile emissions than the use of methanol.
- B. There is no fuel other than methanol that is cleaner-burning than both diesel fuel and gasoline.
- C. If given a choice of automobile fuels, automobile owners would not select gasoline over methanol.
- D. Automobile emissions constitute the most serious threat to the global environment.
- E. At any given time there is a direct correlation between the level of urban air pollution and the level of contamination present in the global atmosphere.

120) Statement: Several independent studies, including the nationwide rural survey Annual status of Education Report (ASER), have been repeatedly highlighting the poor quality of education and pointing out serious gaps even in

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basic foundation skills like reading and arithmetic in schools in rural Tamil Nadu (both Government and Private)

Assumptions:

I). Solving a problem of this magnitude is only possible by the convergence of aligned efforts that focus on learning outcomes, continually measure progress and most importantly ensuring accountability by involving parents in their children education.

II). The village gathers together to see children perform role plays and songs.

- (a) if only assumption I is implicit.
- (b) if only assumption II is implicit.
- (c) if either assumption I or II is implicit.
- (d) if neither assumption I nor II is implicit.
- (e) if both assumption I and II are implicit.

121) Directions: Read the passage given below and choose the correct option.

Passage: According to the latest numbers, the core sector saw terrific (5.5 percent) growth recently. This could be a statistical aberration or a flash in the pan. But steel prices are rising and this could be the sign of genuine core sector demand. It will be interesting to see if steel prices to maintain an upward trend. That would be a confirmation of sustainability. If steel is indeed in a situation of high demand, it is a given that downstream manufacturing will be doing well. Core sector industries such as heavy construction, mining, steel, etc. are classified as

cyclical. However, the downtrend has lasted so long that one afraid that these industries were in permanent decline. One doesn't know whether the apparent improvement will translate into rising stock prices over the long term.

Assumption: The downstream manufacturing units are expected to have a slowdown in the near future.

- A.If the assumption is definitely true.
- B.If the assumption is probably true.
- C.If the assumption is definitely false.
- D.If the assumption is probably false.
- E.If the data are inadequate.

122) In the following question a statement is given followed by some more statements. You have to read all the statements and decide which of them weakens the statement.

The NITI Aayog released the results of a study warning that India is facing its “worst” water crisis in history and that the demand for potable water will outstrip supply by 2030, if steps are not taken.

Which of the following weakens the above statement?

- A.Currently 600 million Indians face high to extreme water shortage and about two lakh people die every year due to inadequate access to potable water.
- B.People may face water scarcity and the country will suffer a loss of up to 6 per cent of the GDP.

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C.The country's nearly 70 per cent of water is contaminated, which puts India at the 120th position among 122 countries in the water quality index.

D.The ranks of all states in the index on the composite water management, comprising 9 broad sectors with 28 different indicators covering various aspects of ground water, restoration of water bodies, irrigation, farm practices, drinking water, policy and governance.

E.The condition of availability of water currently in India is better than the water crisis which India had faced in 1960.

123) Statement: News channels rarely cover local politics thoroughly, and local political business is usually conducted secretly. These factors each tend to isolate local politicians from their electorates. This has the effect of reducing the chance that any particular act of resident participation will elicit a positive official response, which in turn discourages resident participation in local politics.

Which one of the following is the conclusion supported by the above statement?

A.If local politicians were less isolated from their electorate, acts of resident participation would be likely to elicit a positive response from them.

B.Local political business should be conducted less secretly because this would encourage resident participation in local politics.

C.A resident's decision as whether to participate in local politics is mostly dependent on the chance that the participation will elicit a positive official response.

D.More-frequent thorough coverage of local politics by news channels would reduce at least one source of discouragement from resident participation in local politics.

E.none of the above

124) Statement I: When you need cash you can usually just turn to the nearest ATM, but ATM owners and your bank typically place limits on the amount you can withdraw.

Statement II: These daily limits could prevent you from withdrawing more than a few hundred dollars in any 24-hour period.

(a) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect;

(b) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect;

(c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes;

(d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes; and

(e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

125) Statement: USA scientists have discovered a procedure to hack the photosynthesis process of tobacco plants which in turn increased the growth of the plant by forty percentage.

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Course of Action

I : The same technology can be used for different crops and their implementation in real life should be under serious consideration.

II: Increasing the growth of tobacco production will cause havoc in the country.

- A.If only I follows
- B.If only II follows
- C.If either I or II follows
- D.If neither I nor II follows
- E.If both I and II follows

126) Statement: As per the recommendation of Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC), central government has given statutory status to SSC recruitment agency in the country.

Course of Action

I : Government should stop listening to other committees and make decision on its own.

II: The information should be published on mass media so that most people will become aware of the situation.

- A.If only I follows.
- B.If only II follows.
- C.If either I or II follows.
- D.If neither I nor II follows.
- E.If both I and II follows.

127) Statement I: The government has decided to make all the information related to primary education available to the general public. Primary education is typically the first stage of

formal education, coming after preschool and before secondary school.

Statement II: In the past, the general public did not have access to all these information related to primary education. Primary education takes place in primary school, the elementary school or first and middle school depending on the location.

- A.Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- B.Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- C.Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- D.Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- E.Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

128) Statement: All the pain and suffering comes from the stupidity of humans. Their stupidity to believe nonsense and force this nonsense on others is what causes pain and suffering in the world. In the words of the great philosopher called Voltaire, " If you believe in absurdities, you can commit atrocities".

What do you conclude from the author's point of view about a person who believes in ghosts?

- A.The person is absurd and should change his beliefs.
- B.The person's beliefs are dangerous to others.

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C. The author does not say anything about ghosts.

D. Voltaire was a great philosopher

E. none of the above

129) Rohit: A Social Media Influencer- I weighed 140 pounds last week. I gained 10 pounds in the last six months and I feel a lot healthier. I think I should gain 10 more pounds to become even healthier.

Which of the following, if true, weakens the argument above?

A. The same weighing machine was used to measure his weight in both instances.

B. Rohit does not go to the gym daily.

C. During the last six months, Rohit ate less food than he would normally eat.

D. When Rohit checked his weight for the first time, he was suffering from a disease that caused his weight to fall 10 pounds below the normal level.

E. Quick weight loss can be dangerous to one's health.

130) Read the given statement and with that information answer the following question carefully.

Statement: The US Department of Justice has launched a criminal probe into whether traders are manipulating the price of crypto currencies like Bit coin, according to reports.

Which of the following objection(s) may not be a probable reason(s) for the above-taken step by the US Department of Justice to launch the probe?

I). Crypto currencies should be banned as they are not legal and cannot be afforded by everyone.

II). The probe focuses on illegal practices such as spoofing or flooding the market with fake orders to trick other traders into buying or selling.

III). US Department conducts regular probes and it is not something big.

IV). The probe focuses on identifying the crypto currencies and launches them into the market so that market is not affected.

A. Only I, III and IV

B. Only II, I and IV

C. Only I, II and III

D. Only II, III and IV

E. None of these

131) Statement: Degree obtained from Open University without following the regular stream (10 +2) is not recognised for recruitment to any cadre-A line in recruitment notification.

Assumptions:

I). Person studies in correspondence is eligible for recruitment.

II). Person who completes the degree in regular stream eligible for the recruitment.

(a) if only assumption I is implicit.

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- (b) if only assumption II is implicit.
- (c) if either assumption I or II is implicit.
- (d) if neither assumption I nor II is implicit.
- (e) if both assumption I and II are implicit

132) Statement: Railway is planning to seal stations just like airports and passengers would have to arrive fifteen to twenty minutes before departure of train to complete the process of security checks. This was announced by director general of Railway Protection Force, Mr Arun Kumar.

Course of Action

I : This information should be spelled out in every ticket and every ad camping in the railway station to ensure maximum reach of the info.

II: Modern technology has to be brought in to reduce to the time crunch.

- A.If only I follows.
- B.If only II follows.
- C.If either I or II follows.
- D.If neither I nor II follows.
- E.If both I and II follows

133) Statement 1:“We take this step of quitting because our commitment does not allow us to remain a part of a hypocritical and self-serving organization that makes a mockery of human rights,”

Statement 2: The Human Rights Corporation remained silent in the lynching of Pasha Khan.

- A.Statement 1 is the cause; statement 2 is the effect
- B.Statement 2 is the cause; statement 1 is the effect
- C.Statement 1 is the cause but statement 2 is not effect
- D.Statement 1 and 2 are independent statements
- E.Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent effects of independent causes.

134) Statement: Other factors include comparatively high illiteracy among elderly women, lack of awareness about their rights, social norms and, above all, their higher level of patience and tolerance. Therefore, most elderly women remain within the four walls of their homes and majority of them are abused by their own family members,” added Mr. Rath. Like him, other activists who have been working on the issue, opine that the government must create awareness about the rights of the elderly. “Advocacy of old age issues at all levels of governance and most importantly implementation of policies pertaining to protection of interests of older persons should be ensured,” said C.M. Sharma, an activist for old-age rights. But more than the government, it ultimately comes down to the loved ones of the aged who are truly responsible for keeping them happy and healthy.

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Which of the following is the conclusion made by the activist mentioned in the statement?

- A. India's elderly population aged 60 years and above is projected to rise from 8% in 2010 to 19% in 2050
- B. According to the 2001 census, in India, out of 19.31 crore households, 9.98 crore or 51.7% are abusive joint-family households
- C. According to the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, under Section 24, a caregiver abandoning his/her parent, shall be punishable under the Act with imprisonment of 3 months
- D. India, now home to 1.3 billion people, is projected to overtake China in about a decade to become the world's most populous country
- E. none of the above

135) In making decisions about important questions, it is desirable to be able to distinguish between 'strong' arguments and 'weak' arguments. 'Strong' arguments are those, which are both important and directly related to the question. 'Weak' arguments are those, which are of minor importance and also may not be directly related to the question or may be related to a trivial aspect of the question. The question below is followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments a 'strong' argument is and which a 'weak' argument is.

Statement: Should words like 'Smoking is injurious to health' essentially appear on cigarette packs?

Arguments:

- I) Yes, it is a sort of brainwash to make the smokers realise that they are inhaling poisonous stuff.
 - II) No, it hampers the enjoyment of people.
- A. Only argument I is strong
 - B. Only argument II is strong
 - C. Either argument I or II is strong
 - D. Neither argument I nor II is strong
 - E. Both arguments I and II are strong

136) Read the given statement and with that information answer the following question carefully.

After GST and demonetisation, rising interest rates are set to hurt SMEs. Interest rates for loans against property (LAP) extended to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) are set to rise in the coming months of 2018. 'Rising interest rates, in addition to the muted operating environment for small businesses in India, will lead to an increase in delinquencies on LAP extended to SMEs'. The introduction of the goods and services tax (GST) in July 2017 and the government's demonetization policy have placed stress on the SME sector, which rising interest rates will exacerbate.

Which of the following can be logically inferred from the statement above?

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A. In addition to rising delinquencies over the last few years would force lenders to be more cautious while underwriting loans. This would limit refinancing options, adversely affecting existing borrowers.

B. But losses will be limited because these loans are secured and have relatively low loan-to-value ratios.

C. Rising interest rates will limit refinancing options and increase repayment amounts, increasing risks for asset backed securities (ABS) backed by LAP to SMEs.

D. The ABS (asset backed securities) backed by LAP extended to SMEs have non-amortizing cash reserves, substantial excess spread and the possibility to extend the life of the loans and hence the life of the transactions.

E. None can be inferred.

137) Statement:

“The selected candidates, at the time of joining, will have to execute a bond for a value of Rs. 2 lakhs to serve the bank for a minimum period of 3 years.” – The bank has mentioned in its recruitment notification.

Assumptions:

I). New employees are leaving the bank when they get better opportunities.

II). Bank gives promotion to employees after three years of their service.

A. Only I is implicit

B. Only II is implicit

C. Both I and II are implicit

D. Either I or II is implicit

E. Neither I nor II is implicit

138) Read the given statement and with that information answer the following question carefully.

The government has held internal preliminary discussions over a possible infusion of fresh capital in debt-laden IDBI by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) but no decision has been taken on selling its stake in the bank to the insurer, said a senior official. LIC would use that amount to capitalize the bank to maintain its capital adequacy ratio. It would not be a stake sale by government. The government is expected to hold discussions with banking, insurance and market regulators before taking a final call.

Which of the following can be logically deduced from the statement above?

A. IDBI will need more capital infusion and LIC can put that money towards further strengthening the bank. The government may hold informal consultations with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) and market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

B. The government had in 2015 announced its intention to transform IDBI Bank on the lines of Axis Bank. Issuance of new equity will raise

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more capital and also dilute the government's stake in the bank

C.The insurer already has a 10.82% stake in IDBI Bank and would require regulatory clearance to increase this beyond 15%.

D.The government is considering a preferential capital issue by IDBI Bank to bring its holding below 50% as part of plans to transform its fortunes, along the lines of Axis Bank.

E.All can be deduced.

139) Max is clearly an incompetent detective.

This is because, he has solved a smaller percentage of the cases assigned to him in the last 3 years, i.e., only 1 out of 25, than any other detective on the police force.

Which one of the following, if true, most seriously weakens the argument above?

A.Max was previously a detective in a police department in another city, and in the 5 years he spent there, he solved only 1 out of 40 crime cases.

B.Many of the officers in the police department in which Max serves were hired or promoted within the last 5 years

C.Before he became a detective, Max was a neighborhood police officer and was highly respected by the residents of the neighborhood he patrolled.

D.Detectives on the police force on which Max serves are provided with extensive resources,

including the use of a large computer database, to help them solve crimes.

E.Because the police chief regards Max as the most capable detective, he assigns him only the most difficult cases, ones that others have failed to solve.

140) Statement: She drank moderate water and almost no kidney stones were found in sparse water drinkers. So it is mythical to believe that water detoxifies the body, clears digestion and keeps the kidney healthy.

The author's conclusion of the survey would be invalidated if which of the following were found to be true?

A.Water is helping in detox and digestion so what if it is causing stones in the kidney. Two out of three ain't that bad, is it?

B.Those who already had stones in the kidney were made to drink lots of water by their medicine practitioner.

C.Those who drank water developed stones but those were later flushed out by the same water

D.Water causes kidney stones needs further study for validation.

E.none of the above

141) Statement: The court asked the Petroleum and Safety Explosives Organization (PESO) to review the clinical composition of fireworks, particularly with respect to reducing aluminium

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content, and submit a report on this within two weeks.

Assumptions:

- I). The court put the onus on the Centre, state governments, schools and colleges to take up public awareness campaigns informing the public about the harmful effects of firecrackers.
- II). Firecrackers alone could not be held as the reason for pollution during Diwali and an entire industry should not be shut down as a consequence. They contended that other factors such as vehicular pollution, construction dust and crop stubble burning also contribute to a great measure to the pollution in Delhi.

- A. Only I Implicit
B. Only II Implicit
C. If either I or II Implicit
D. If neither I nor II is Implicit
E. If both I and II are Implicit

142) STATEMENT: Any further increase in the pollution level in the City, by the way of industrial effluent and automobile exhaustion would pose a severe threat to the inhabitants. Industrial effluents are one of the major sources of direct and continuous input of pollutants in aquatic ecosystems. Conventional monitoring of industrial effluents is based on physicochemical measurements to determine the 'total' concentration of a particular analyte in the effluent.

Course of Action:

1. All the factories in the City should we immediately closed down.
 2. Automobiles should not be allowed to ply on the road for more than 4 hours a day.
 3. The government should restrict the issue for fresh license to factories and automobiles.
- A. Only 1 follows
B. Only 2 follows
C. Only 3 follows
D. None follows
E. All follow

143) Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions:

Statement I: Most of the steel producing companies in the country have made considerable profit during the last financial year. Being a core sector, steel industry tracks the overall economic growth in the long term. Also, steel demand, being derived from other sectors like automobiles, consumer durables and infrastructure, its fortune is dependent on the growth of these user industries. This provides major cost advantage to the domestic steel industry.

Statement II: Many Asian countries have been importing huge quantities of steel from India. The Indian steel industry is largely iron-based through the blast furnace (BF) or the directly reduced iron (DRI) route. Indian steel industry is highly consolidated. About 60% of the crude steel capacity is resident with integrated steel

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producers (ISP). But the changing ratio of hot metal to crude steel production indicates the increasing presence of secondary steel producers (non-integrated steel producers) manufacturing steel through scrap route, enhancing their dependence on imported raw materials.

A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect

B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect

C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes

D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes

E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

144) Statement:

Should genetically-modified crops be encouraged in India?

Arguments:

I). Yes, genetically-modified crops are known to possess tremendous potential to increase agriculture productivity, reduce the cost of production and provide cheaper staple food.

II). No, there are fears that genetically-modified seeds pose a threat to the environment and bio-safety, therefore they should not be encouraged unless they are assessed for their long-term environment impact

a) If only argument I is strong.

b) If only argument II is strong.

c) If either argument I or II is strong.

d) If neither argument I nor II is strong.

e) If both arguments I and II are strong.

145) Statement: Trees play an especially important role in enhancing our quality of life in the urban environment and this is acknowledged in the Government's Sustainable Development Strategy.

Arguments:

I). Trees have the highest and lowest "return on investment" for pollution reduction.

II). Trees improve air quality in their immediate vicinity, about 100 feet or so.

(a) If only argument I is strong

(b) If only argument II is strong

(c) If either I or II is strong

(d) If neither I nor II is strong and

(e) If both I and II are strong.

146) Read the information given below and choose the correct option.

The Central Railway (CR) has decided to block foot over bridges (FOBs) at Mumbai's railway stations for short time spans during the monsoon if they get overcrowded.

Which of the following objection(s) may be a probable reason(s) for the above-taken step by the Central Railway?

I). To prevent stampedes.

II). To prevent over crowdedness.

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III). To reduce the number of commuters on the railway station.

IV). To reduce the incidents of murders in the monsoon at the railway station.

- A. Only II and III
- B. Only I and II
- C. Only II and IV
- D. Only IV
- E. None of these

147) Statement: A newly discovered painting on wooden panel by Michelangelo must have been completed after 1403 but before 1405. It cannot have been painted earlier than 1403 because one of its central figures carries a coin that was not minted until that year. It cannot have been painted after 1405 because it contains a pigment that Michelangelo is known to have abandoned when a cheaper alternative became available in that year.

Which of the following is an assumption on which the statement depends?

- A. No stocks of the abandoned pigment existed after 1405.
- B. Michelangelo did not work on the painting over the course of several years.
- C. The coin depicted in the painting was known to general public in 1403.
- D. The wooden panel on which the painting was executed cannot be tested accurately for age.
- E. Michelangelo's painting style did not change between 1403 and 1405.

148) Statement: The corks of red wine bottles pose a threat to the environment because they are treated with chemicals that are especially toxic in landfills. However, the new cork that our company developed, which will be adopted by the entire red wine industry, represents a solution. Since the new cork is natural and not treated with chemicals, when the industry completes its transition to the new cork, there will no longer be any threat to landfills from red wine corks.

Which of the following conclusion, if true, most weakens the statement above?

- A. The industry's transition to the new red wine corks will take years, allowing thousands of old corks to pollute landfills.
- B. Even after the industry's transition to new corks, a large number of wine bottles with old corks will continue to be consumed.
- C. The new corks take considerably longer to produce.
- D. Production of the new cork emits more toxic fumes than were emitted in the production of the old cork.
- E. none of the above
- E. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent causes.

149) Statement 1: Unregistered trademark proprietor has no legal remedy against

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Statement 2: The registered proprietor of the trademark has exclusive right to the use of the trademark in relation to the goods or service in respect of which the trade mark is registered and only registered proprietor can obtain relief in respect of infringement of the trademark.

- A. Statement 1 is the cause and statement 2 is its effect.
- B. Statement 2 is the cause and statement 1 is its effect.
- C. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent effects of independent causes.
- D. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent effects of a common cause.

150) Statement 1: Competition Act provides for, keeping in view of the economic development of the country, the establishment of a Commission to prevent practices having adverse effect on competition, to promote and sustain competition in markets, to protect the interests of consumers and to ensure freedom of trade carried on by other participants in markets in India.

Statement 2: Anti-competitive agreements are void.

- A. Statement 1 is the cause and statement 2 is its effect.
- B. Statement 2 is the cause and statement 1 is its effect.
- C. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent effects of independent causes.

D. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent effects of a common cause.

E. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent causes.

151) Statement 1: On November 8, 2016, the centre banned Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 currency notes to curtail the shadow economy and crack down on the use of illicit and counterfeit cash to fund illegal activities and terrorism.

Statement 2: Demonetisation was “not a good idea” and that its implementation was “not well-planned” since 87.5 per cent of the currency was being demonetised.

- A. Statement 1 is the cause and statement 2 is its effect.
- B. Statement 2 is the cause and statement 1 is its effect.
- C. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent effects of independent causes.
- D. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent effects of a common cause.
- E. Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent causes.

152) Statement: The number of North American children who are obese—that is, who have more body fat than do 85 percent of North American children their age—is steadily increasing, according to four major studies conducted over the past 15 years.

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If the finding reported above is correct, it can be properly concluded with which of the following course of action?

- A. when four major studies all produce similar results, those studies must be accurate
- B. North American children have been progressively less physically active over the past 15 years
- C. the number of North American children who are not obese increased over the past 15 years
- D. over the past 15 years, the number of North American children who are underweight has declined
- E. the incidence of obesity in North American children tends to increase as the children grow older

153) Statement: The police who have been looking for the motorcycle used by the bomber, found an abandoned motorcycle. The rims of the abandoned motorcycle are painted red. Although the CCTV footage has not recorded the registration number of the motorcycle while the bomber was fleeing, it can be determined whether the motorcycle used by the bomber had similar rims or not.

Which of the following conclusion, if true, would help in finding out whether the abandoned motorcycle is the one used by the bomber?

- A. The fingerprints found on the motorcycle are not those of its owner.

- B. A police complaint about the theft of the motorcycle was registered with the police three days before the bombing.
- C. The rim colour is unique like the registration number for each motorcycle.
- D. The bomber wore a hood which made it difficult to establish his identity, even the CCTV camera captured his images.
- E. none of the above

154) Statement:

Should internship be made compulsory for all the engineering students?

Arguments:

- I). Yes, the main driving point of internships is to make the students job-ready.
 - II). Yes, internships are perfect learning steps that allow the students to experiment, understand their strengths and weaknesses and go all out to achieve more.
 - III). Yes, it is important for students as they can earn some money during the internship, which improves the per capita income of the country.
- A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only II is strong
 - C. Only I and II are strong
 - D. Only II and III are strong
 - E. All I, II, and III are strong

155) Statement 1: India had decided to pull out of a Memorandum of Understanding on their turn of illegal migrants

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Statement 2: There is exclusion of Indian students from a relaxation of visa rules – that was extended to 10 other countries, including China and the Maldives

- A. Statement 1 is the cause; statement 2 is the effect
- B. Statement 2 is the cause; statement 1 is the effect
- C. Statement 1 is the cause but statement 2 is not effect
- D. Statement 1 and 2 are independent statements
- E. Statement 2 is the cause but statement 1 is not effect

156) Statement: On a cursory inspection of a vehicle, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) first reported that it was a taxi. However, on being told to carry out a proper check, he discovered the correct identity of the vehicle.

Which of the following can be concluded from the above statement?

- A. The ACP is not properly trained.
- B. The car was not a taxi.
- C. The Commissioner of Police asked the ACP to carry out a proper check.
- D. The ACP does not know the difference between a taxi and a private car.
- E. none of the above

157) Statement:

Should censorship be made compulsory for the Indian web series industry?

Arguments:

- I). Yes, due to the advantage of wide reach, the web series and content on digital media is accessible to all. Children are at a major disadvantage when they view content that is related to violence, strong language, and sex.
 - II). No, the governments of other countries tried to do it and failed miserably.
 - III). No, when there is so much available on the internet already, why should we regulate our web series industry?
- A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only I and II are strong
 - C. Only I and III are strong
 - D. All I, II, and III are strong
 - E. None of I, II, and III is strong

158) Statement:

“Lok Sabha passed the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill in 2017. The amendments were targeted towards bringing changes in the transport sector to encourage safer driving practices among Indian motor vehicle drivers. The amendment’s draft was put forward in the lower house of the Parliament to impose rigid fines for the traffic rules violation and to promote e-governance.”

Assumptions:

- I). Now people would be more careful before riding their two-wheelers without a helmet and

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while driving their cars without wearing seatbelts or without valid motor insurance.

II). Contractors will be held responsible and blacklisted for the bad condition of roads.

III). The previous governments have not taken enough measures for road safety.

A. only I and III are implicit

B. only I and II are implicit

C. Only III is implicit

D. Only I is implicit

E. Only II and III are implicit

159) Bangalore, with its perennial supply of drinking water from the River Cauvery, may be the envy of many, particularly the residents of Chennai who face a serious drinking water shortage for most parts of the year. But then, nothing much is being done in Bangalore to conserve this water. The massive wastage in the water supply lines maintained and managed by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

I. Commercial establishments are dependent on ground water since the water supply rates of the BWSSB for non-domestic use are unrealistic.

II. Leakages should be measured in the micro areas and actions should be taken to reduce leakages through improvement of networks, detecting illegal connections and plugging physical water leakages.

III. Bangalore is one of the few cities in the country with an assured drinking water supply

from the River Cauvery although there are many challenges given the city's elevation.

IV. BWSSB should undertake a large number of activities to sensitise consumers and also train engineers at various institutions towards conserving the water.

V. If this continues, Bangalore will run out of ground water in a few years so it must call for efficient management of water resources

VI. Efforts should be made in treating and supplying recycled water for non-drinking purposes like construction of a sewage treatment plant with dual piping system—one for recycled water and other for fresh water supply.

Which of the following are the possible courses of action to tackle the given situation?

A. Only 2

B. Both 1 and 5

C. 4, 5 and 6

D. 2, 4 and 6

E. Both 1 and 3

160) Statement: In what seems to amount to a violation of the rules, four orphan girls from Mother's Lap Care Home (MLCH) are being sent for cross-country adoption, though MLCH is banned from carrying on such operations.

Which of the following conclusions, if true, can help MLCH to prove that the adoption of these four girls is not in violation of rules?

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A. The process of adoption of these four girls was initiated even before the ban was imposed.

B. The persons who are going to adopt these four girls have earlier adopted children from MLCH.

C. The persons who are going to adopt these four children have an excellent track record in child care.

D. Both a and b

E. None of the above

161) Statement: The Union Cabinet approved the amendment of the Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Bill, 2020. The Bill seeks to provide resolution for disputed tax cases that involve Rs.9.32 lakh crore.

Assumptions:

I. The amendment will widen the scope to cover litigation pending in various debt recovery tribunals and reduces the litigation related to direct taxes.

II. It will cover tax disputes pending at the level of commissioner (appeals), Income Tax Appellate Tribunals (ITAT), high courts (HCs) and the Supreme Court (SC).

A. If only assumption I is implicit

B. If only assumption II is implicit

C. If either I or II is implicit

D. If neither I nor II is implicit

E. If both I and II are implicit

162) Statement: Recent studies have supported the idea that working from home—for the right people—can increase productivity and decrease stress. Research.

Arguments:

I). Working from home can allow workers to minimize distractions and increase the time they spend focused on a project.

II). For employers telecommuting can limit absences, increase productivity, and save money.

(a) If only argument I is strong

(b) If only argument II is strong

(c) If either I or II is strong

(d) If neither I nor II is strong and

(e) If both I and II are strong.

163) Statement: Virtually all health experts agree that second-hand smoke poses a serious health risk. After the publication of yet another research paper explicating the link between exposure to second-hand smoke and a shorter life span, some members of the State House of Representatives proposed a ban on smoking in most public places in an attempt to promote quality of life and length of lifespan.

Which of the following conclusions, if true, provides the most support for the actions of the State Representatives mentioned in the statement?

A. The amount of damaging chemicals and fumes released into the air by cigarette smoke is

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- far less than the amount released from automobiles, especially from older models
- B.** Banning smoking in most public places will not considerably reduce the percent of the population in the state in question that smokes
- C.** The state whose legislators are proposing the tough smoking legislation has a relatively high percent of its population that smoke
- D.** Another state that enacted a similar law a decade ago saw a statistically significant drop in lung-cancer rates among non-smokers
- E.** none of the above

164) Statement: Although its purpose is laudable, the exclusionary rule, which forbids a court to consider evidence seized in violation of the defendant's constitutional rights, has unduly hampered law-enforcement efforts. Even when the rights violation was a minor or purely technical one, turning on a detail of procedure rather than on the abrogation of some fundamental liberty, and even when it has been clear that the police officers were acting in good faith, the evidence obtained has been considered tainted under this rule and may not even be introduced. In consequence, defendants who were undoubtedly guilty have been set free, perhaps to steal, rape, or murder again.

Which of the following conclusion cannot be used to support the author's point of view in the above statement?

- A.** The gun used by accused did not match with the one recovered by police from the scene of crime.
- B.** There was no explicit name mentioned of accused in the first information report/complaint filed by victim
- C.** There was no injury mark on the body of alleged rape victim.
- D.** Investigation was not completed within a time period of 90 days from the date of complaint in violation of specific legal obligation
- E.** none of the above

165) Statement: There has been a significant drop in the water level of all the lakes supplying water to the city. The lakes have become dry due to several reasons like pollution, scarcity of rain and drying of lake due to insufficient maintenance. Also these lakes have been largely used by animals and birds living there.

Courses of action:

- I.** The water supply authority should impose a partial cut in supply to tackle the situation.
- II.** The government should appeal to all the residents through mass media for minimal use of water.
- A.** only course of action I follows.
- B.** only course of action II follows.
- C.** either course of action I or II follows.
- D.** neither course of action I nor II follows.
- E.** both course of action I and II follow.

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166) Statement: The main tax benefit of an EMI scheme is that employees do not have to pay the income tax that would normally be charged on the market value of any shares or options granted to them

Arguments:

I). The borrowers have to pay the monthly installments or EMIs until they are done with the principal amount and the applicable interest rate.

II). EMI gives you power to buy items which a consumer wouldn't be able to buy at one go.

(a) If only argument I is strong

(b) If only argument II is strong

(c) If either I or II is strong

(d) If neither I nor II is strong and

(e) If both I and II are strong.

167) Statement: The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act-(AFSPA) was passed on September 11, 1958 to help the army in tackling the disturbed areas of the Northeast India.

AFSPA was implemented in the Kashmir amid increase in the insurgency in 1990.

Assumptions:

I). This act should be revoked as there are so many chances that the oppressive powers given to the armed forces can be misused. They may conduct fake encounters and violate human rights

II). This law is beneficial on the basis of the power given to the armed forces, they are able to protect the boundaries of the country. The

powers given in the ASFPA boost the morale of the armed forces to ensure the rule of law in the disturbed areas of the country.

A.Only I Implicit

B.Only II Implicit

C.If either I or II Implicit

D.If neither I nor II is Implicit

E.If both I and II are Implicit

168) Conclusion: At an enormous research cost, a leading chemical company has developed a manufacturing process for converting wood fibers into a plastic. According to the company, this new plastic can be used for, among other things, the hulls of small sailboats. But what does the company think sailboat hulls used to be made of? Surely the mania for high technology can scarcely go further than this.

Which of the following statement, if true, would most seriously weaken the author's conclusion?

A.The plastic produced by the process is considerably lighter, stronger, and more water tight than wood.

B.The wood used in producing the plastic itself is in increasingly short supply.

C.The cost of the manufacturing process of the plastic increases the cost of producing a sailboat hull by 10 to 15 percent.

D.Much of the cost of the research that developed the new process will be written off for tax purposes by the chemical company.

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E.none of the above

169) Statement I: The university authority has instructed all the colleges under its jurisdiction to ban use of all phones inside the college premises. Mobile phones are really necessary and useful. But the college authorities have banned them in the colleges since they are a distraction to the student's study. Most of the students use their mobile even during class hours to forward SMS or keep chatting in their phones.

Statement II: Majority of the teachers of the colleges signed a joint petition to the university complaining the disturbances caused by cell phone ring-tones inside the classrooms. They quoted that it became harmful to the institutes to maintain their peaceful environment. So the college administration should ban mobiles in the campus.

- A.Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- B.Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- C.Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- D.Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- E.Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

170) Read the statement given below and choose the correct option.

Statement: NASA launches world's smallest satellite designed by 18-year old Tamil Nadu student. With the launch of this first 3-D printed satellite, India has created a global space record.

Which of the following is not in line with the given statement?

- (I) This smallest satellite is named as Kalamsat, after former President APJ Abdul Kalam, the tiny satellite weighs around 64 grams.
 - (II) According to news agency ANI, this smallest satellite was flown into the space in a NASA sounding rocket from a NASA facility in Wallops Island.
 - (III) It is for the first time that 3D printing technology is being used in space. (1 Mark)
- A.Only I
 - B.All I, III and II
 - C.Only II and III
 - D.Only III
 - E.None of these

171) Read the passage given below and answer the given question.

An oil painting by late Chinese-French artist Zao Wou-Ki became the most expensive oil painting ever sold at auction by an Asian artist. The painting fetched \$65 million in the auction at Sotheby's Hong Kong.

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Which of the following do not support the statement?

I: The oil painting by late Chinese-French artist became the most expensive oil painting ever sold at auction.

II: The auction at Sotheby's Hong Kong on the painting fetched \$65 million which is the highest till date for any artist.

III: Zao Wou-Ki was an Asian artist to ever sell the most expensive oil painting.

- A. Only II
- B. Only III
- C. Only I and II
- D. Only II and III
- E. All of the above

172) Statement: The government should make carrying Aadhaar card compulsory for everyone. This will ensure that everyone can be identified and his/her details accessed whenever needed. This is akin to an identity card which most schools and offices have made mandatory.

Which of the following assumptions, if true, weakens the statement above?

- A. The government should issue an advisory to everyone about carrying an identity card. However, it should not be made compulsory.
- B. Everyone should not be required to carry Aadhaar card. This will be draconian in nature.
- C. A person should have the right to not identify himself/herself unless mandated by law or court.

D. It will be tiresome for authorities to check if everybody is carrying Aadhaar cards.

E. none of the above

173) STATEMENT: A major Railway accident involving a mail train was averted with the help of the presence of mind of one signal man at the wayside cabin. The signalman's work is at a signal-box in a deep cutting near a tunnel entrance on a lonely stretch of the railway line, and he controls the movements of passing trains. When there is danger, his fellow signalmen alert him by telegraph and alarms.

Course of Action:

1. The railway track for at least 50 kilometers should be cleared of any traffic ahead of the mail trains.
 2. The signalman should be rewarded so as to encourage others.
 3. The railway signaling system should be immediately be made automatic.
- A. Only 1 follows
 - B. Only 2 follows
 - C. Only 2 & 3 follow
 - D. None follows
 - E. All follow

174) Statement I: There has been a high increase in the incidents of atrocities against women in the city during the past few months.

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Violence against women in India refers to physical or sexual violence committed against Indian women, typically by a man. Common forms of violence against women in India include acts such as domestic abuse, sexual assault, and murder.

Statement II: The police authority has been unable to nab the culprits who are committing crime against women. Most typically, these acts are committed by men as a result of the long-standing gender inequalities present in the country.

- A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

175) Statement: SBI launches contactless mobile payment facility for credit card holders.

Arguments:

I). Currently, other HCE-enabled apps allow per transaction limit of up to Rs 2,000 and daily transaction limit of up to Rs 10,000, restricting the effective usage of this feature and so this will not be successful.

II). Contactless payment in which you just have to tap your credit card or debit card has been on the rise due to the convenience it provides and it will be most welcomed.

- A. If only argument I is strong
- B. If only argument II is strong
- C. If either I or II is strong
- D. If neither I or II is strong
- E. If both I and II are strong

176) Statement: Cigarettes constitute a mere 20% of tobacco consumption in India, and fewer than 15% of the 200 million tobacco users consume cigarettes. Yet these 15% contribute nearly 90% of the tax revenues to the Exchequer from the tobacco sector. The punitive cigarette taxation regime has kept the tax base narrow, and reducing taxes will expand this base.

Which one of the following assumptions best bolsters the fact that reducing duties will expand the tax base'?

- A. The cigarette manufacturers' association has decided to indulge in aggressive promotion
- B. There is a likelihood that tobacco consumers will shift to cigarette smoking if cigarette prices were to reduce
- C. The cigarette manufacturers are lobbying for a reduction on duties
- D. An increase in duties on non-cigarette tobacco may lead to a shift in favor cigarette smoking
- E. none of these

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177) Statement: A political party considered by many citizens extreme and incompetent is working hard at overcoming what it perceives as an unfair and prejudiced public image. The group believes it is stereotyped simply because it opposes any preemptive military action, which is unpopular, and calls for a 50% reduction in carbon emissions, a cut far more severe than most citizens want.

Which of the following conclusion, if true, would most weaken the party's belief about the source of its poor public image mentioned in the above statement?

- A. The current ruling political party, whose popularity is at near record levels, launched a preemptive military strike against a neighboring country three weeks ago.
- B. A neighboring country recently suffered a surprise attack that devastated its country and polluted its environment.
- C. A popular rival party bans unilateral attacks to defend the homeland and unconditionally supports a 60% reduction in carbon emissions.
- D. A recent poll showed that a party whose most prominent candidate supports preemptive war and minimal carbon restrictions is quite popular.
- E. none of the above

178) Statement : Incessant rain for the past several days has caused the problem of overflowing and flood as the river bed is full of

silt and mud. The incessant rain has created a lot of damage and disruption in Andhra Pradesh. At Least six districts in the state have been hit by a severe depression and nearly 450 villages have been affected by the floods and hundreds of kilometers of roads are damaged.

Course of Action :

1. The people residing near the rivers should be shifted to the safer place.
2. The silt and mud from the river bed should be cleared immediately after the proceeding of water level.
3. The affected people should be provided with relief.

- A. Only 1 follows
- B. Only 2 follows
- C. Only 2 & 3 follow
- D. None follows
- E. All follow

179) Statement I: There is an increase in water level of all the water tanks supplying drinking water to the city during the last fortnight. The tanks have been filled with water due to heavy rain caused by the cyclone in the Arabian sea.

Statement II: Most of the trains were cancelled last week due to water-logging on the tracks. Thousands Stranded as Heavy Rain Lashes Mumbai. The water level on the tracks rose due to high tide in the Arabian sea coupled with rains in the afternoon, which caused water to flow backwards towards the Kurla, Sion and

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Chunabhati section, said Central Railway chief spokesperson Sunil Udasi.

- A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

180) Statements: Selection process committee introduce the CET to for all selection process requirements in upcoming years.

Which of the following will be an argument of the above statement?

- I) the selection of all the candidates can take same kind of syllabus for all the department.
 - II) Aspirants of different department exam are to convert their studies process to the new syllabus and new method.
- a) If only argument I is strong.
 - b) If only argument II is strong.
 - c) If either argument I or II is strong.
 - d) If neither argument I nor II strong.
 - e) If both argument I and II are strong.

181) Statement: Literature has witnessed the roles of women evolving through ages, but until

recent times, most of the published writers were men and the portrayal of women in literature was without doubt biased. A lot of it has to be blamed on the fact that in the ancient world, literacy was strictly limited, and the majority of those who could write were male. Because most references to women characters in Shekhar's plays are derogatory, it has been argued that Shekhar did not like women.

Which of the following assumptions is the strongest objection to the statement above?

- A. Characters in play by Shekhar's contemporaries make laudatory references to women
- B. There is no record of Shekhar's having owned a dog.
- C. Character in a play says need not reflect the author's own feelings.
- D. The characters making the derogatory references are the minor ones.
- E. none of these

182) STATEMENT: The LIC has fixed for the investors a validity period of one year for transfer some of its listed schemes. If the policy term is 10 years or below, the duration is two years. Surrender can be done from the third policy year. In case of longer tenures of 10 years and up, the minimum duration is 3 years. The policy can be surrendered from the 4th year onwards.

Course of Action:

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1. LIC should consult investors before fixing the duration of validity period.
2. The investors should be duly informed about the validity period.
3. List of schemes covered under this validity period should be communicated.

- A. Only 1 follows
B. Only 2 follows
C. Only 2 & 3 follow
D. None follows
E. All follow

183) Statements:

I. To choose on the basis of gender and eliminate new life if the gender is not 'favourable' can easily be among humanity's worst moments. Inhuman practice of feeding female infants with the toxic milk of a local herb, the news that a couple had reportedly used the same method to kill their second girl child had child rights activists wringing their hands in frustration.

II. Sex selective abortion at scan centres continues as the preferred vehicle for parents (and grandparents) obsessed with son preference. Despite advances in civil rights and the recognition by most developed nations that discrimination on the basis of sex alone is inherently unjust; a very real and pervasive form of sex discrimination choosing to abort a preborn child based solely on the child's sex is still permitted and practiced even today.

- A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

184) Statement: If highways were restricted to cars and only those trucks with capacity of less than 8 tons, most of the truck traffic would be forced to run outside highways. Such a reduction in the amount of truck traffic would reduce the risk of collisions on highways.

The conclusion drawn in the first sentence depends on which of the following assumptions?

- A. The roads outside highway would be as convenient as highway for most drivers of trucks..
B. Most of the roads outside highways are not ready to handle truck traffic.
C. Most trucks that are currently running in highway have a capacity of more than 8 tons.
D. Cars are at greater risk of being involved in collisions than are trucks.
E. none of these

185) Statement: A large cache of live ammunition has been found in the scrap yard of

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a local steel factory. Ammunition is a supply or quantity of bullets and shells. There were also some rifles which were loaded with bullets.

Courses of action:

- I. The steel factory should immediately be closed down till all these ammunitions are located and shifted to safe places.
- II. The government should immediately set up an enquiry to unearth the details and take corrective measures to avoid such incidence in future.

- A. only course of action I follows.
- B. only course of action II follows.
- C. either course of action I or II follows.
- D. neither course of action I nor II follows.
- E. both course of action I and II follows.

186) Statements:

- I). Only a tenth of the potholes identified on the city's arterial and sub-arterial roads have been attended to so far by the civic body.
- II). Even in areas where potholes have been filled, citizens are questioning the quality of work. A resident in H.S.R. Layout observed a pothole being fixed in less than three minutes.

Arguments

- I) Driving on the road continues to remain a problem due to potholes.
 - II). The corruption in the civic body is responsible for fixing the potholes identified on the city's road.
- A. Only argument I is strong

- B. Only argument II is strong
- C. Either argument I or II is strong
- D. Neither argument I nor II is strong
- E. Both arguments I and II are strong

187) Statement: Luxury trains are designed to offer a very comfortable ride and evoke an association with history and heritage. Operating in several countries, they are a premium travel option. The Northern Railways has decided to increase the number of stations for the luxury train to make it economically viable.

Assumptions:

- I. The train may get more passengers at the new stations.
 - II. The train will not experience a dip in occupancy due to increased stoppages.
- A. Only assumption I is implicit
 - B. Only assumption II is implicit
 - C. Neither I nor II is implicit
 - D. Both I and II are implicit
 - E. none of these

188) Statement: Most research had earlier stated that drinking caffeine rich drinks such as tea and coffee was not very healthy as it caused addiction and the caffeine worked against the renal system. A new study, after studying data collected over the last 15 years, has come to the conclusion that coffee can in fact enhance the immune system of the body. Coffee consumption should see a global increase after

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the findings of this study becomes known to people.

Which of the following conclusion, if true, will provide the biggest challenge to the author's view?

- A. The beneficial effect of immunity boost in no way discounts the harmful effects of caffeine on the renal system.
- B. The renal damage was disproved in another study as well.
- C. The addiction of coffee becomes a blessing in disguise.
- D. Non coffee drinkers still are not convinced about the benefits of caffeine.
- E. none of the above

189) Statement: A democratic society cannot exist unless its citizens have established strong bonds of mutual trust. Such bonds are formed and strengthened only by participation in civic organizations, political parties, and other groups outside the family. It is obvious then that widespread reliance on movies and electronic media for entertainment has an inherently corrosive effect on democracy.

Which one of the following is the course of action on which the columnist's statement depends?

- A. Anyone who relies on movies and electronic media for entertainment is unable to form a strong bond of mutual trust with a citizen

B. Civic organizations cannot usefully advance their goals by using electronic media

C. Newspapers and other forms of print media strengthen, rather than weaken, democratic institutions.

D. Relying on movies and electronic media for entertainment generally makes people less likely to participate in groups outside their families

E. People who rely on movies and electronic media for entertainment are generally closer to their families than are those who do not.

190) Statements:

I. The combination of fat, sugar, and lots of sodium (salt) can make fast food tastier to some people. But diets high in sodium can lead to water retention, which is why you may feel puffy, bloated, or swollen after eating fast food.

II. The fluid loss can lead to a decrease in blood volume that puts excess pressure on the heart to deliver oxygen and nutrients to the organs, including the muscles. Lack of water can cause you to experience periods of fatigue and low energy as your body tries to function without enough water.

A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect

B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect

C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes

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D.Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes

E.Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

191) Statements: Use of the nuclear energy to generate electricity should be completely banned in Country Z?

Which of the following will be the strong argument of the above statement?

I) Yes, Country Z does not have enough resources to generate adequate level of electricity using nuclear energy and should concentrate on harvesting and importing its naturals.

II) No, Conventional energy sources are depleting rapidly in India and hence its wise for Country Z to use nuclear energy for generation of electricity.

- a) If only argument I is strong.
- b) If only argument II is strong.
- c) If either argument I or II is strong.
- d) If neither argument I nor II strong.
- e) If both argument I and II are strong.

192) Statement: University officials have tried to suppress the amount of drugs used by students. However, one has to only look at the decline in the success rate of students during the last decade to realize the full extent of the drug problem in campuses.

Which of the following assumptions, if true, weakens the statement above for decline in success rate of students independent of drug use by students?

- A.Present day students are far less able than their counterparts a decade ago.
- B.Abstention from classes has increased during the decade.
- C.Students are not motivated as before.
- D.There is a general decline in standards everywhere.
- E.none of these

193) Statement: Over 27000 bonded workers identified and freed are still awaiting rehabilitation. Bonded Labour is an oppressive form of forced labour where, due to a debt or other obligations (customary, caste-based, economic consideration), the labourer forfeits certain basic rights and freedoms that are guaranteed by the Indian Constitution.

Course of Action :

- 1. More cases of bonded workers should be identified.
- 2. Till the proper rehabilitation facilities are available, the bonded workers should not be freed.
- 3. The impediments in the way of speedy and proper rehabilitation of bonded workers should be removed.

- A.Only 1 follows
- B.Only 2 follows

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- C. Only 3 follows
- D. None follows
- E. All follow

194) STATEMENT: Higher disposal costs encourage those who produce waste to look for cheaper way to get rid of it. The term cost of disposal is used to describe the incremental expense directly attributed to the disposal of an asset, contract, or cash-generating entity. Cost of disposal is oftentimes a future liability that flows as an expense to the income statement as it is incurred.

Course of Action:

1. The disposal cost should be made higher.
2. The disposal cost should be brought down.
3. A committee should be set up to study the details in this respect.

- A. Only 1 follows
- B. Only 2 follows
- C. Only 2 & 3 follow
- D. None follows
- E. All follow

195) Statements:

I. The water bodies, especially oceans and seas, form an indispensable part of our existence. This factor of indispensability has resulted in the exploitation of the oceanic resources. The billions of tons of litter end up in the ocean each year reportedly bring 250 million tons of trash into the sea. Dumping sewage in

the ocean has always been considered the cheapest and the easiest way of disposing of wastes.

II. The excessive use of groundwater in our agricultural industries is leading to diminished yields and wasted water. Over 70% of our water issued to grow crops and most is wasted due to leaky pipes and poor watering techniques. Improper training and education leads to needless waste of clean water every day, as well as overuse in areas that don't require so much water.

A. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect

B. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect

C. Both the statements I and II are independent causes

D. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes

E. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

196) Statements: Government announced to conduct the computer class in the week for all the class in the schools.

Which of the following will be an argument of the above statement?

I) It may be difficulty to study in the particular time and also in rural area students don't know about the computer uses.

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II) Studying of computer from very young age is also helpful to get lot of information and it is difficult to function without computer knowledge.

- 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.

197) Statement: Go by Aeroplane to reach Delhi from Chennai quickly. Travelling by plane has many advantages. For example, in case of emergency, the planes are quick to carry you where to want to go. Also, not only for emergencies, a plane can be so quick and comfortable for holidays or business travel.

Assumptions:

- I. Chennai and Delhi are connected by Air service.
 - II. There is no other means to commute from Chennai to Delhi.
 - III. The Air distance between Delhi and Chennai is less.
- A. Only I is implicit.
 - B. Only I and II are implicit.
 - C. Only I and III are implicit.
 - D. Only II is implicit.
 - E. none of these

198) In each of the following questions, a statement is given followed by some

conclusions. Find suitable conclusion of the given statement.

Statement: In his seminal work *Republic*, Plato introduces the concept of “philosopher king” to describe an ideal ruler. Simply put, Plato’s philosopher king would examine not only the issue at hand, but also its root causes and implications before solving it. The philosopher king derives pleasure not from the pursuit of power but from the pursuit of understanding. They love true knowledge and not mere experience or education. As the Greek philosopher himself put it, “True pilot must of necessity pay attention to the seasons, the heavens, the stars, the winds, and everything proper to the craft if he is really to rule a ship.” Most contemporary leaders claim to work for the common good, guided by some deep ideology. But, ultimately, their lives are organised around the pursuit of power. Plato’s ideal ruler wouldn’t desire power and, thus, couldn’t be corrupted by it. The trappings of power mean nothing to him except insofar as they help him in his chosen task of governing.

Which of following appropriately describes author’s conclusion?

- A. Plato’s philosopher king would examine the root causes and implications of an issue before solving it.
- B. Plato’s ideal ruler is not relevant in today’s time.

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C. Most leaders of today are guided by some deep ideology instead of working for common good of the people

D. Unlike today's leaders, Plato's philosopher king is not driven by pursuit of power but from the pursuit of understanding

E. none of the above

199) Statement: The Officer In-charge of a company had a hunch that some money was missing from the safe. He found that the lock of the safe was not broken but some files were also missing from that safe. He became panic and was restless after seeing the missing entities, because he was in-charge of the money and files which was inside it.

Courses of action:

I). He should get it recounted with the help of the staff and check it with the balance sheet, also check whether the files were displaced to another place without his knowledge.

II). He should inform the police and accuse his staff also for the issue.

A. only course of action I follows.

B. only course of action II follows.

C. either course of action I or II follows.

D. neither course of action I nor II follows.

E. both course of action I and II follow.

200) Statement: The thing that makes you exceptional is inevitably that which must also make you lonely. Loneliness, distressing experience that occurs when a person's social relationships are perceived by that person to be less in quantity, and especially in quality, than desired. The experience of loneliness is highly subjective; an individual can be alone without feeling lonely and can feel lonely even when with other people. Psychologists generally consider loneliness to be a stable trait, meaning that individuals have different set-points for feeling loneliness, and they fluctuate around these set-points depending on the circumstances in their lives.

ASSUMPTIONS:

I. No person can identify with the crowd if he is exceptional.

II. Men who are exceptional are always lonely by nature.

A. If only assumption I is implicit.

B. If only assumption II is implicit.

C. If neither I nor II is implicit.

D. If both the statements are implicit.

E. none of the above

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Answer With Explanation

1) Answer: B

The statement says that the demand for vehicles will go up so we can conclude that the policy has the capacity to change the automobile sector of India.

So, statement I is correct.

Statement II is not correct as it is more like an extra information and does not work well as a conclusion.

2) Answer: B

The given inference portrays the yoga class based on individual personalization and needs, hence option B is the exact statement which matches the context of the inference given. Other options A, C and D do not constitute to the context of the inference

Study the following information carefully and answer the question given below:

It will become difficult to recruit patients for clinical trials of the next generation of COVID-19 vaccines once the current vaccines with EUA are rolled out. Even if COVID-19 vaccines aren't available for everyone immediately, some segments of the population are likely to wait a few weeks or months to get a vaccine that demonstrates 95 percent efficacy rather than enroll in a trial with a 25 to 50 percent chance of them receiving a placebo.

3) Answer: B

A course of action is something that should either solve the given problem or at the least lessen the effects of the problem. Now, the problem that has been mentioned is, getting new people ready for the trials of the next-gen vaccines would be a troubling affair once they know they have better medicines available.

As per (a) increasing the rate of production would help us get more vaccines but would not solve the problem discussed above.

(c) and (d) are general statements that just relate to the issue but don't help mitigate the problem

(b) talks about continuing with speedy trials and developing parallel mechanisms for non-clinical trials which if not fully but partially solve the problem so this is the best course of action.

4) Answer: A

Option (b) puts forth additional information, which may or may not be true. This renders it unsound as an assumption behind the passage. Option (c) again, though carries possibly relevant information, cannot be safely selected as an assumption. Option (d) would be far-fetched vis-à-vis option (a) which gives the clear assumption behind the passage. Thus option (a) is the answer.

5) Answer: D

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The main issue is that the rainwater gets wasted as it is not able to seep through the earth due to unplanned or improperly executed planning.

Now if the government will upgrade the (infrastructure à that includes buildings, roads and so many other aspects) it doesn't necessarily solve the problem mentioned. So, I is not a good course of action

But, II which talks about making plans for water harvesting can definitely do something to solve the issue.

So option (d) is the correct answer.

Study the information given carefully and answer the questions that follow

Integration of technology platforms is the key challenge for the merger even as the government has selected the merger partners based on their IT compatibilities instead of geographic reach. Harmonizing human resource issues will be another key aspect of these mergers, as was seen in the past.

6) Answer: C

Yes it is true that the banks are going to face major challenges but the paragraph given above is specifically talking about the Technological and Human Resource challenges. Going by this fact, option (c) is the best option for us.

Options (a), (b) and (d) talk about various other dimensions and we cannot conclude those on the basis of the given paragraph so these can be eliminated.

7) Answer: D

a, b and c do not address the statement and do not weaken it. D weakens it.

8) Answer: C

Character in a play says need not reflect the author's own feelings.

This is the exact assumption for the given statement.

In each question below is given a statement followed by two inferences numbered I and II.

An inference is something that can be deduced or found out on the basis of the given facts. You have to consider the statement and the following inferences and decide which of them is implicit from the statement.

9) Answer: A

When we read the following lines in the paragraph -> 'today's western youth have not known a world without them' can be used to infer that things like cheques etc have now been replaced by ATMs. So, statement (I) follows.

Statement (II) however, gives different information which cannot be called as an inference because an inference is drawn based on the facts in the statement and nothing of the sort mentioned in (II) has been given in the same.

Study the following information carefully and answer the question given below:

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In current economic crisis there has been the longest period of slump in India's automobile market, with sales declining for a second straight year, this has taken its toll with production cuts leading to the loss of 200,000 jobs, according to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers. The Indian auto industry employs 19 million direct and indirect workers. Due to declining sales for the past two years, companies are enforcing regular production cuts and industry executives said that job losses in the sector are quite common.

10) Answer: A

Due to fall in demand and the sales, biggest job losses are likely to occur and a huge employment gap would be created as the paragraph has mentioned that the companies are now keen on cutting production further that would automatically cut more jobs.

So, because of the slowdown the jobs will get affected (let's understand it this way)

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

A. Govt-owned oil companies have reduced the prices of petroleum products with immediate effect.

B. Govt has made an appeal to the public to reduce consumption of petroleum products.

11) Answer: D

Now, if we see A, it says the government has reduced the prices that means either we have plenty of petrol available or that the global prices might have gone down or may be the consumers have started using other alternatives for commuting creating a downfall in the demand of the petrol.

B on the other hand talks of reducing the consumption so this may be because the imports might have been affected or maybe it is getting difficult for the government to procure more petrol and the like.

Both A and B can be seen as the effects of independent causes. Hence, option (d)

12) Answer: B

Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect. The reduction in procurement price of crops must have instigated the farmers not to sell their produce to Government agencies.

13) Answer: B

The statement speaks of the failure of housing and Urban Development policies of the

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government, hence the policy in regard to the urban housing should be reviewed

14) Answer: C

Character in a play says need not reflect the author's own feelings.

This is the exact assumption for the given statement.

15) Answer: D

Condition of architectural structure can be improved by the way of adequate finance, hence third that Grant should be given to improve the condition of structure, is the right course of action.

16) Answer: A

It is obvious that due to the cause in statement 1, the effect in statement 2 occurs.

17) Answer: B

Only course of action II follows. Clearly, the contamination of groundwater doesn't provide sufficient grounds to shift people to other areas. The problem demands creating awareness among people of the dangers of drinking contaminated water and arranging to provide them safe drinking water. Thus, only course II follows.

18) Answer: E

This is the correct answer. As stated in the stimulus, "he had caused the pilings to be driven until additional penetration into the ground was no greater than two inches after twenty-four hammer blows." The statement indicates that additional penetration was possible with a sufficient number of hammer blows.

19) Answer: C

The conclusion of the paragraph is that the two political parties still have major influence. D seems enticing, but that is not the point of the author.

The question below has a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to find an option that gives the best conclusion for the given statement

20) Answer: A

The statement says that 'the defence against the ballistic missiles, to be successful has to work on the first use, and a full preliminary test would be impossible' which means that the **success the first time the missile is fired cannot be ensured**. The same idea is being carried forward by I.

II says that the defence won't work which means it is giving a surety and that is not happening in the statement, so this is ruled out.

Read the following information carefully to answer the question that follows

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“Poor growth in corporate tax collection pulled down overall rise in gross direct tax mobilisation in the first half of the current year, ruling out any pickup in growth in the first half of the year, indicating that the government will find it difficult to meet its tax target for the year.”

21) Answer: B

The author talks about poor growth in corporate tax collection that brings a gloomy picture for the government to fix the tax targets for the coming year. If we look at the sentences we can see that;

A, C and F can be ruled out because they portray a positive picture of the tax collections and growth which is not the case as per the paragraph.

B talks about slowing down of the industrial production that will automatically affect the corporate tax collections and result in a worry for the government which is explained in E.

D is a negative sentence but it generalizes that the economy would be pulled down which is not the case so this is ruled out as well.

22) Answer: D

With recreational facilities easily available, the local population now led a healthy lifestyle. This has reduced their being prone to ill health. Option (a) is absurd as no one goes to the hospital just like that. Option (b) is wrong as the population may have been interested in a better

lifestyle but did not have access to recreational facilities. A direct link has been established with the opening up of the new community center and decrease in the visits to the hospitals by the use of the word ‘ever since’. In option (c), the word ‘incurable diseases’ is wrong.

Study the information given carefully and answer the questions that follow

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23) Answer: C

Yes it is true that the banks are going to face major challenges but the paragraph given above is specifically talking about the Technological and Human Resource challenges. Going by this fact, option (c) is the best option for us.

Options (a), (b) and (d) talk about various other dimensions and we cannot conclude those on the basis of the given paragraph so these can be eliminated.

Study the information given carefully and answer the questions that follow

It is a fact that the global travel industry is one of the, if not the, hardest hit industries in the COVID-19 pandemic. At the peak of the lockdown measures across Europe, several

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countries experienced a staggering 99% decrease in bookings on popular accommodation sites such as Airbnb, Expedia and Booking.com compared to 2019. As countries shut their borders to protect their citizens, global tourism came to a complete halt. This hugely impacted the entire tourism ecosystem, resulting in a significant drop of movement and occupancy in the airline and hospitality industries.

24) Answer: A

The given paragraph describes the way in which the pandemic has impacted the travel industry. It mentions the way the OTAs have seen a drop in the bookings and also how the countries have put a halt on the movement of the travelers for safety reasons.

When we look at option (a), it further strengthens the context above by providing facts and data that show that the bookings have dropped and the forecasts show a further drop in the air travel. So, this is the right answer.

Options (b), (d) and (e) show us an optimistic picture of the market which goes against the context and hence these can be eliminated.

Option (c) could be a valid confusion but that is a little general and the option (a) being more specific should be preferred.

25) Answer: C

Option (a) gets eliminated as it provides information or an update about the new lockdown being imposed in Europe. This is not a good conclusion.

Option (b) tells us how the hotels etc are trying to fight and come out of this situation so this is also an extra detail and not a conclusion as the paragraph doesn't mention this.

Option (c) however, is the best conclusion as it throws light on the aspect that the travel industry has been hit and that is visible in its bookings etc. This is pretty much the same that the paragraph also elaborates.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

In the questions given below, a Statement has been given in each question followed by two Courses of Actions. You have to identify the correct option that will help solve the problem mentioned in the statement

26) Answer: A

The problem given in the statement is that the mountain trails are facing a huge problem of waste. Obviously it is being left like that by the visitors.

Looking at statement (I); if camping is disallowed, people will visit the place and come back. If they are allowed to get comfortable there they will organize parties, picnics and leave more waste above. So, though partially it does help solve the problem

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Statement (II) however doesn't solve the problem as it is not only the foreigners who leave the trash. Most people who go there are responsible. So, this will not solve or lessen the problem.

Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

Study the following information carefully and answer the question given below:

To encourage and thank people who got vaccinated during the nationwide vaccination drive, PVR has introduced a 'JAB Offer' for the customers. As part of the scheme, one vaccinated guest can get another ticket free on select content as well as one F&B Combo free with the purchase of another in the first week of reopening. In addition to vaccinated staff, PVR will continue to maintain stringent hygiene protocols, social distancing and food safety measures, along with minimal human contact across all touch points.

Chequered seating with only 50 per cent occupancy as per state government protocols, social distancing marked queuing, digital contactless transactions, operating 50 per cent of the restroom facilities, installation of fibre and glass shields and regular sanitisation of its premises are some of the safety initiatives that it follows.

27) Answer: D

Course of Action is something that helps achieve the required target or at least tries to lessen the problem.

If digital contactless transactions are being promoted that simply means that the goal of minimal human contact can be attained.

Options (b) and (c) will be helping get more business but not in minimal human contact

Option (a) talks about sanitization which again does not relate to our question

28) Answer: E

A conclusion means an interpretation or a logical judgment that can be reached after knowing the facts.

After reading the whole passage, especially *the second paragraph we can deduce that PVR is taking care of the safety very seriously.* So option (e) is correct.

Option (d) is reverse of what is mentioned so that can be ruled out.

Option (a) is a fact mentioned so that can't be a conclusion

Option (c) is wrong as the passage says 50% capacity and not 100%

Option (b) is also not a conclusion so that can be ruled out as well.

In the question below is given a statement followed by two inferences numbered I and II. An inference is something that can be deduced or found out on the basis of the given facts. You have to consider the statement and the following

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inferences and decide which of them is implicit from the statement.

29) Answer: D

After reading the statement, we can find that neither I nor II can be inferred from the same. Both I and II are related to the idea being discussed but none can clearly be deduced from as nothing about their decline has been clearly mentioned and also the present year progress has not been discussed

30) Answer: E

Action 1 and 2 will directly improve the working condition of Railways to stop accident, action 3 is not directly related with improving Railway traffic condition but will encourage other signalman to be more watchful and their duties which in turn will reduce the probability of accident.

31) Answer: D

The author is trying to point out the redundancy of the so-called new invention/development. Hulls are made of wood. The new invention involves a method, which converts wood into some kind of plastic, which is then used to make hulls of ships. The new invention is basically lengthening and complicating the process. Thus, D is correct.

32) Answer: A

Only (a) can balance the equation as the before the transportation costs, A was cheaper and after adding the costs B becomes cheaper. So, (a) is the obvious choice.

(b), (c) and (d) ignore the transportation aspect mentioned in the statement.

(f) talks just about state B so the relation can't be understood.

33) Answer: B

The statement implies that real equality may not operate on the ground level despite claiming it, and laws can be manipulated by those who are in power. Other options don't have a direct connection with what is being said by the author.

34) Answer: D

The airlines have already discounted the fares and as per the statement this step has been taken in order to increase the demand.

If they assume I, they would take the step in the statement

If they assume II, they would take the step in the statement

Hence, both I and II are good to be called as assumptions.

Read the given paragraph carefully. Few sentences have been given below the paragraph. These sentences would be inferences, assumptions, conclusions, causes or effects or course of action. Identify which

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statement falls in which category and mark your answers accordingly

Just a few hours remain for social media platforms- Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter - to comply with the government's new Information Technology Rules, 2021. If they fail to fall in line, they risk losing 'intermediary' status. The new rules come into effect soon. Social media intermediaries were given three months to comply with India's new Information Technology (IT) rules that were notified in February. There is considerable apprehension among businesses and users regarding the potential operability of these platforms and data safety.

(A) The government has mandated that the social media platforms comply with the rules

(B) The Social Media Platforms risk losing their 'intermediary' status

(C) The platforms will be seen as a publisher and will directly be responsible for anything published on the website

(D) Giving a deadline would induce the social media platforms to comply with the norms

(E) The social media platforms must issue a statement that they will make sure the data safety is not compromised

35) Answer: C

The first few lines in the paragraph say that, if the new norms are not adhered to, the social media platforms may lose their intermediary status.

This clearly indicates that, statement B stands good to be called as an effect. So, option (c) is the correct answer.

36) Answer: B

The entire paragraph talks about how the social media platforms are being directed to follow the norms so and why the government would be forced to withdraw their intermediary status if they do not follow the norms.

In a sense we can conclude that the government has made it necessary for the social media platforms to follow the rules.

So, option (b) is the correct answer.

Study the information given carefully and answer the questions that follow

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37) Answer: E

If we look at the last line of the paragraph given before the statements, we find that the

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businesses and users are skeptical about the operability and their data safety.

This problem can be lessened or solved if the companies issue a statement or release a statement ensuring that the data safety of the users won't be taken for granted. This stands good to be called as the correct Course of Action.

So, option (e) is the best choice

38) Answer: B

Statement D says that the government might have assumed that a deadline would induce or compel the social media platforms to follow the norms. That is why they might have given a decent amount of time for the same.

So, option (b) is the best answer.

In each question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II.

An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.

Give answer

39) Answer: A

Both (I) and (II) can be assumed on the basis of the given statement as we assume the non-existence of something whose absence is being discussed.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

Read the following carefully and answer the questions that follow

Study the following information carefully and answer the question given below:

To encourage and thank people who got vaccinated during the nationwide vaccination drive, PVR has introduced a 'JAB Offer' for the customers. As part of the scheme, one vaccinated guest can get another ticket free on select content as well as one F&B Combo free with the purchase of another in the first week of reopening. In addition to vaccinated staff, PVR will continue to maintain stringent hygiene protocols, social distancing and food safety measures, along with minimal human contact across all touch points.

Chequered seating with only 50 per cent occupancy as per state government protocols, social distancing marked queuing, digital contactless transactions, operating 50 per cent of the restroom facilities, installation of fibre and glass shields and regular sanitisation of its premises are some of the safety initiatives that it follows.

40) Answer: A

Out of the given options only option (a) goes with the theme of the paragraph. Let's understand it in this way;

If we assume that offers will encourage more people to get vaccinated, PVRs will definitely

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give such offers as the paragraph talks about the JAB offer for the vaccinated people.

Option (d) is given in the passage so that can't be an assumption

Option (b) if assumed, won't result in PVRs providing offers

Option (c) will be disconnected as nothing about the number of people is being talked about

41) Answer: B

As the paragraph gives various details about *the way PVRs are preparing before opening up, it can be inferred that the government has provided strict guidelines* and that's the reason, the company is following the same. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

Option (a) says PVRs are speeding up the vaccination process which can be taken as an assumption but not an inference

Option (c) mentions the correct point of vaccination of the staff but not of the media operators as the option says so that's wrong as well.

42) Answer: C

A particular seating arrangement has been decided to be followed along with just half seating capacity which clearly *means they want to avoid crowds*. So, if we take following of *social distancing norms as the cause*, devising this seating arrangement comes out to

be the effect. Hence option (c) is the correct answer.

43) Answer: D

Course of Action is something that helps achieve the required target or at least tries to lessen the problem.

If *digital contactless transactions* are being promoted that simply means that the goal of *minimal human contact* can be attained.

Options (b) and (c) will be helping get more business but not in minimal human contact

Option (a) talks about sanitization which again does not relate to our question

In each question below is given a statement followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to consider the statement and the following arguments and decide which of the arguments is strong and which of the argument is weak.

44) Answer: C

The given statement is explaining about the multi-party system in which multiple political parties across the political spectrum run for national election. Argument 1 is talking about how it is beneficial to the public and argument 2 is talking about how it can affect the political stability. Therefore, If either I or II Strong.

Read the following information carefully to answer the question that follows

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The banking, financial services, and insurance sector represents a major portion of the multi-billion-dollar Indian economy comprising of all Banking, Insurance and Non-banking Financial institutions. Over the past few years, technological innovations and steady adoption of digital finance by the Indian population pushed the sector to amplify their digital offerings. But the new normal induced by the pandemic, pushed the sector to undertake a complete digital overhaul very quickly. Bound by the legacy systems and hierarchical structure, where physical presence and face-to-face interactions were customary, shift to a digital set up was extremely difficult for the companies of the BSFI sector.

45) Answer: A

If we closely look at the last line of the paragraph which talked about the challenges of the traditional banking like face-to-face interactions etc, we get a clear hint as to what is being said in (a) is the best to conclude the idea above. As, the above mentioned challenges have been met by few BSFI brands.

(c) is something that they always do so it doesn't act as a conclusion.

(b) talks about a wave of confidence which is a new paradigm for the paragraph so this can be ruled out in the presence of (a) which is a stronger answer.

46) Answer: C

The conclusion of the paragraph is that the two political parties still have major influence. D seems enticing, but that is not the point of the author.

47) Answer: C

Among the different types of diseases that are caused by insufficient sleep, Alzheimer's disease is at the top of the list.

Read the information carefully and answer the following questions:

Eighteen passengers were killed and more than 145 injured when the Dina-Sawantwadi passenger train derailed outside a tunnel in Raigad district.

Courses of Action:

A) Medical teams should be dispatched to the spot and cranes must be pressed into action to clear the debris.

B) A special helpline should be set up by the Konkan railway to help the passengers and one special team should be setup by the railway board, to conduct an enquiry.

C) Railway should divert all the trains running on this track for next 48 hrs.

48) Answer: D

A course of action is one that will either alleviate the problem or at least try to lessen the effect of the problem. If we evaluate the sentences one by one we can see that all the three A, B and C

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will help in reducing the problem or will help in tackling the problem.

Medical teams would take control of the situation
In the same way, a helpline will make it easy for people to communicate

Diversion of trains will prevent more accidents

So, all the statements; means option (d).

49) Answer: B

Only inference (II) and (V) can be concluded. Inference (III) talks about the positive aspect, which is contrary to the details given in the passage. Nothing has been directly and in detail mentioned about inference(IV). Hence option (b) is correct.

50) Answer: B

Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect. The government must have seen the unawareness of the people as a strong factor in the primary education programme being not successful. The step indicated in I must, thus, have been sought for as a remedy for the same.

51) Answer: A

When we read the following lines in the paragraph -> 'today's western youth have not known a world without them' can be used to infer that things like cheques etc have now been replaced by ATMs. So, statement (I) follows. Statement (II) however, gives different information which cannot be called as an

inference because an inference is drawn based on the facts in the statement and nothing of the sort mentioned in (II) has been given in the same.

52) Answer: B

The statement says that the demand for vehicles will go up so we can conclude that the policy has the capacity to change the automobile sector of India.

So, statement I is correct.

Statement II is not correct as it is more like an extra information and does not work well as a conclusion.

53) Answer: A

The given paragraph describes the way in which the pandemic has impacted the travel industry. It mentions the way the OTAs have seen a drop in the bookings and also how the countries have put a halt on the movement of the travelers for safety reasons.

When we look at option (a), it further strengthens the context above by providing facts and data that show that the bookings have dropped and the forecasts show a further drop in the air travel. So, this is the right answer.

Options (b), (d) and (e) show us an optimistic picture of the market which goes against the context and hence these can be eliminated.

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Option (c) could be a valid confusion but that is a little general and the option (a) being more specific should be preferred.

54) Answer: A

The opening of the entire area from Siachen base camp to Kumar Post for tourism purposes will boost tourism in Ladakh and give people a window to appreciate the tough work done by Army jawans and engineers in extreme weather and inhospitable terrains. Argument II describes about the glacier. So, only argument I is strong

55) Answer: C

The given statement is explaining about the multi-party system in which multiple political parties across the political spectrum run for national election. Argument 1 is talking about how it is beneficial to the public and argument 2 is talking about how it can affect the political stability. Therefore, If either I or II Strong.

56) Answer: B

The statement concludes that for-profit colleges enroll a greater proportion of financially disadvantaged students than do non-profit colleges. This conclusion is based on the fact that students at for-profit colleges draw a disproportionate share of federal and state financial aid. The statement assumes a link between the proportion of aid received and the proportion of financially disadvantaged students

enrolled. In so doing, it assumes that there are not other possible reasons for the disproportionate aid distribution.

(A) Differences among non-profit colleges – such as public vs. private – are irrelevant to the argument.

(B) This is the correct choice. One alternative reason that might explain the disproportionate aid distribution is that for-profit colleges engaged in fraudulent practices to obtain unneeded financial assistance for their students. This answer choice asserts that this was NOT in fact the case, thereby eliminating this alternative explanation and highlighting a key assumption upon which the statement rests.

(C) The actual number of students receiving aid at for-profit vs. non-profit colleges is irrelevant to the statement.

(D) The relative educational quality of for-profit vs. non-profit colleges lies outside the scope of the argument, which is focused solely on differences in financial aid distribution.

(E) Whether students successfully repay their loans after college is immaterial to the claim made in the statement.

57) Answer: B

The reason as stated above is that most content is available for free on the internet and hence, the officials say the resources once needed are now not necessary.

So, option (b) is the correct answer.

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58) Answer: D

Argument I: It is strong because it can fulfill the dream of a lot of parents who cannot afford English medium education at a higher cost.

Argument II: It is a strong argument because it mentions the problems that would be faced if it is introduced without proper training.

Argument III: It is a weak argument because there may be some people who have succeeded, but just for that reason, the decision of introducing the English medium cannot be considered wrong.

Argument IV: It is a strong argument because the introduction of English medium may be a solution for the problem.

59) Answer: C

The conclusion considers the Indians qualified and option (c) considers them incompetent.

60) Answer: B

If only assumption II is implicit.

Assumption I: Irrelevant to what's given in the statement.

Assumptions II: We assume the existence of what is being talked about.

61) Answer: C

The correct answer is option C i.e. '5 and 2'.

The given statement is talking about the situation where Indian universities are hardly

found in the list of top universities of the world. Statements 5 and 2 explain the possible drawbacks saying that in our education system there is restriction in resources, incompatibility, and inappropriate governance structure which lead to the failure of education system. All other statements are irrelevant as they are not talking about the drawbacks.

62) Answer: D

Argument I: It is a weak argument. Betting cannot be legalized just because it is happening anyway.

Argument II: It is a strong argument because it points out that betting has a lot of negative effects on the lives of people.

Argument III: It is not a strong argument. It might generate revenue for the government if taxes are laid on it, but it should not be legalized just for the reason it generates revenue.

Argument IV: It is not a strong argument because it cannot be legalized as it was legalized in some other country.

63) Answer: C

The conclusion is that potential donor will be flattered by requests for large donations and frequently offended by requests for small amounts. Therefore, it is worth the gamble to start high. At worst, the potential donor may decrease his request. Alternatives (a), (b) and (d) are not conclusion made in the statement.

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64) Answer: B

65) Answer: D

This is the correct answer. The author states that after the action of the sugars, more serotonin enters the brain. The author then concludes that this leads to a mood elevation. Thus, we can conclude a course of action based on the fact in the statement that serotonin has an effect on the mood level.

66) Answer: E

Answer choice (E): This is the correct answer. The answer can be difficult because it is somewhat similar to answer choice (B), which many people already eliminated by the time they reached this answer. Answer (E) is different from answer (B) because it involves learning details from a third source. This is important because the conclusion references the independent discovery of calculus, and so the author must believe that neither Newton nor Leibniz learned anything substantial about calculus from other sources. This elimination of an idea that weakens the argument is the essence of a Defender answer choice. To further confirm the answer, consider the negation of this answer choice (“neither...nor” becomes “either...or”): “Either Newton or Leibniz learned crucial details about calculus from some third source.” This negated answer undermines

the assertion that Leibniz and Newton each independently discovered calculus.

Consequently, this is the correct answer

67) Answer: A

Option (b) puts forth additional information, which may or may not be true. This renders it unsound as an assumption behind the passage. Option (c) again, though carries possibly relevant information, cannot be safely selected as an assumption. Option (d) would be far-fetched vis-à-vis option (a) which gives the clear assumption behind the passage. Thus option (a) is the answer.

68) Answer: D

a, b and c do not address the statement and do not weaken it. D weakens it.

69) Answer: A

The given statement is talking about the newly introduced rules for technology companies that they have to take the permission from the citizens before collecting their personal data. Therefore, only statement 1 is implicit as it can be assumed that due to several issues faced by the citizens from social media platforms/technology companies, the government has sought to take measures. Statement 2 is not implicit as it is talking about the opinion of the person regarding the bill.

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70) Answer: A

The problem given in the statement is that the mountain trails are facing a huge problem of waste. Obviously it is being left like that by the visitors.

Looking at statement (I); if camping is disallowed, people will visit the place and come back. If they are allowed to get comfortable there they will organize parties, picnics and leave more waste above. So, though partially it does help solve the problem

Statement (II) however doesn't solve the problem as it is not only the foreigners who leave the trash. Most people who go there are responsible. So, this will not solve or lessen the problem.

Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

71) Answer: B

B mentions the reason as to why the auto rickshaw in A has been seized.

So; B is the cause and A is the effect.

Because the rickshaw hit the judge killing him, it has been seized by the police. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

72) Answer: B

As 80% students in the statement say that their ability to concentrate gets affected by using phones in the class, the best we can conclude is II which says mobile phones are a distraction as per the study results.

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

73) Answer: B

Argument I: Tax benefits are given to encourage the people to buy life insurance. Life insurance should not be made compulsory just because people can get tax exemptions. So, this is not a strong argument.

Argument II: As this statement specifies the major benefit of the life insurance, this is a strong argument.

Argument III: Measures can be taken to control the frauds in claims of insurances. This is not a strong argument.

74) Answer: E

The given statement is talking about the victory of NDA government which retained power in 2019 general elections. All the statements are talking about the efforts, schemes and policies made by the government for the welfare of the people. Therefore 'all of these' is the correct answer as all the statements are the facts that largely contributed to the overwhelming majority.

75) Answer: D

If neither of the assumptions is implicit.

Assumption I: The given assumption may be a case but the word 'always' makes it definite so it cannot be an implicit assumption.

Assumptions II: Irrelevant to what's given in the statement

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76) Answer: D

The demands of the protestors are not mentioned in the statement, therefore course of action I and II cannot be determined to be the actions for pursuing. Passing a law that will prohibit people from protesting is inappropriate because the public has the right to express their demand, it does not specify violent protests; therefore course of action III also does not follow. Hence, Option d is the correct answer.

77) Answer: B

Since the parents of aspiring students seeking admission to professional courses had protested against the high fees charged by the professional institutes, the Government has formed a committee to check and revise the fees structure of the professional courses. So, Statement II is the cause and Statement I is the effect.

78) Answer: C

The conclusion of the paragraph is that the two political parties still have major influence. D seems enticing, but that is not the point of the author.

79) Answer: A

Argument I: As uniforms create the feeling of Unity and Integrity among the students of various classes of society, argument I is strong.

Argument II: Some parents may not afford uniforms, but for this reason uniforms cannot be banned. So, this is not a strong argument.

Argument III: Educational institutions might be earning money on uniforms, but for this reason uniforms cannot be banned. Measures can be taken to control the particular problem. So, this is not a strong argument.

80) Answer: B

The author talks about poor growth in corporate tax collection that brings a gloomy picture for the government to fix the tax targets for the coming year. If we look at the sentences we can see that; A, C and F can be ruled out because they portray a positive picture of the tax collections and growth which is not the case as per the paragraph.

B talks about slowing down of the industrial production that will automatically affect the corporate tax collections and result in a worry for the government which is explained in E.

D is a negative sentence but it generalizes that the economy would be pulled down which is not the case so this is ruled out as well.

81) Answer: C

Both the statements I and II are independent causes. The given statements are self-sufficient and depict independent events.

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82) Answer: B

A course of action is something that should either solve the given problem or at the least lessen the effects of the problem. Now, the problem that has been mentioned is, getting new people ready for the trials of the next-gen vaccines would be a troubling affair once they know they have better medicines available. As per (a) increasing the rate of production would help us get more vaccines but would not solve the problem discussed above.

(c) and (d) are general statements that just relate to the issue but don't help mitigate the problem

(b) talks about continuing with speedy trials and developing parallel mechanisms for non-clinical trials which if not fully but partially solve the problem so this is the best course of action.

83) Answer: B

Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect. Clearly, damage to crops due to high temperature may have resulted in a short supply of vegetables and hence an increase in their prices.

84) Answer: A

The statement says that 'the defence against the ballistic missiles, to be successful has to work on the first use, and a full preliminary test would be impossible' which means that the **success the first time** the missile is fired **cannot be**

ensured. The same idea is being carried forward by I.

II says that the defence won't work which means it is giving a surety and that is not happening in the statement, so this is ruled out.

85) Answer: A

This is a challenging problem because two of the wrong answer choices are attractive. The argument in the given statement itself is not overly complex, but you must pay attention to the language. Consider the conclusion of the argument: "Publicity campaigns for endangered species are unlikely to have much impact on the most important environmental problems." Ask yourself, why is it that these campaigns are unlikely to have much impact on the most important problems? According to the premises, the reason is that "it is more difficult to elicit sympathy for other kinds of organisms [than large mammals]." The reasoning shows that the author believes there is a connection between the important problems and organisms that are not large mammals. This Supporter connection is perfectly reflected in answer choice (A), the correct answer.

86) Answer: C

MP's and MLA's with criminal records may not produce the successful result and lack the quality of doing something well. This destroys the trust of the people in the government.

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Therefore, government laid down certain rules to tackle this.

87) Answer: C

From the given statement only I, II and IV weakens the above statement.

88) Answer: C

If this point was not true and the White rhinos have shifted to another location, then the conclusion will not hold good. However, if this point was actually true, it would clear any confusion and provide evidence for the foresters' view.

89) Answer: B

Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect. The government must have seen the unawareness of the people as a strong factor in the primary education programme being not successful. The step indicated in I must, thus, have been sought for as a remedy for the same.

90) Answer: B

For I- This course of action should immediately be followed as this rescue operations will help the flood victims.

For II- This course of action should immediately be followed because food is an essential requirement for human being for their survival and flood victims are unable to get it.

For III- This course of action should not be appropriate to immediately followed as money is not an immediate requirement of the flood victims.

91) Answer: A

Only assumption I is implicit

92) Answer: A

Conclusion I only follow according to the statement.

93) Answer: E

The device attracts large number of PM 2.5 pollutants together and makes such pollutants heavier and in turn they fall safely on the ground instead of being air borne and polluting the air. The device also has potential to neutralize the pollution emitted from 10 cars in its vicinity. So, both arguments I and II are strong.

94) Answer: E

According to the statements, it is understood that the centre and state governments are not giving enough priority in developing the education system of government-run schools. They need fund infusion and all the facilities to be provided to government-run schools have to be among the highest national priorities. Therefore, both the conclusions follow.

95) Answer: B

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Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect. The reduction in procurement price of crops must have instigated the farmers not to sell their produce to Government agencies.

96) Answer: E

Both the statements are feeling same purpose bank to attract new customers and also maintain their existing customers to feel easy for their transaction and usages.

97) Answer: A

Only assumption I is implicit.

98) Answer: B

The statement speaks of the failure of housing and Urban Development policies of the government, hence the policy in regard to the urban housing should be reviewed

99) Answer: B

Statement II is cause and I is its effect of using laptop.

100) Answer: C

Among the different types of diseases that are caused by insufficient sleep, Alzheimer's disease is at the top of the list.

101) Answer: A

The given statement is talking about the project that is aimed at increasing the road connectivity

in the country. Therefore, only argument 1 is implicit as it is true that the development of any nation depends on the transportation networks and for connecting the areas and maintaining smooth flow of traffic, the construction of new and developed roads is necessary.

102) Answer: B

First assumption is un-fair but second one is possibly true. People try to pay the bills before the due date.

103) Answer: E

Assumption I: This assumption is not implicit. We cannot assume that Suresh's brother is the only person who listens to him.

Assumption II: It is implicit. The phrase 'unlike the last year' in the sentence indicates that 2019 could not bring luck and Suresh could not fulfill his dreams.

Assumption III: This is implicit. From the statement, it is clear that Suresh believes in luck.

Assumptions II and III follow. So, option e is correct.

104) Answer: A

The residents have submitted the memorandum for allowing them to convert a vacant plot in the locality into a park at their own cost only because they may be able to gather enough funds. So, Assumption I is implicit. Since the

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people are ready to make it at their own cost, the corporation officer may accede to the request. So, Assumption II is not implicit.

105) Answer: E

Sourav Ganguly has been formally elected as the 39th President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India. It will "immensely benefit" the national side as he is aware of players' demands and knows what goes on between them and can bring about a lot of improvements as he knows the game inside out. So, both I and II are strong.

106) Answer: D

Neither course of action I nor II follows. Here, the problem is one of mutual disagreement. So, extreme measures as getting rid of the policy or employees protesting against it, won't help. It can best be solved by finding a middle path via mutual talks. Thus, neither I nor II follows.

107) Answer: E

Both are effects of using smart phone.

108) Answer: D

Condition of architectural structure can be improved by the way of adequate finance, hence third that Grant should be given to improve the condition of structure, is the right course of action.

109) Answer: B

Assumption I: It is not implicit because there is nothing mentioned about the 'Walk India' program.

Assumption II: The shopping malls give discounts because people get attracted to discounts. So this is implicit.

Assumption III: The turnover of the company may increase because of the offers, but we cannot assume the turnover of the company as nothing is mentioned in the statement.

110) Answer: D

Both the assumptions are not valid.

111) Answer: B

Because CM has expressed his idea of having three capitals, the farmers of the present capital region are protesting against it. So II is the cause and I is the effect.

112) Answer: D

The given statements are talking about the island 'Majuli' which is facing a threat due to the floods in the river Brahmaputra. Neither of the conclusions follows because we cannot conclude what actions are taken by government like installing geo-bags and porcupines; it can be just an assumption. Also, we cannot conclude if the actions taken by the government are just futile attempts. So, both the conclusions are irrelevant to the statements.

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113) Answer: D

The premise of the passage states that detergents contain harmful chemicals. The Indian Medical Association has proposed a law which would ban the use of these chemicals in detergents. D is correct. If it is possible to replace the toxic ingredients in detergents with non-toxic ones at a reasonable price, then the statement strengthens the argument. The other options are unrelated to the argument. Thus, D is the right answer

114) Answer: A

Only statement (1) can be deduced from the given statement as by burning the coal the concentration of its particles is increased which lead to excessive amount of air pollution. But for others (1) and (5) can be assumed but cannot be deduced. While for (3) and (4) the amount of average rainfall and its consistency is not directly given in the statement.

115) Answer: A

Only assumption I is implicit.

116) Answer: A

Argument I gives the reason how the Amazon's male white bellbird is said to have the loudest recorded call. *The bellbird's call can reach 125 decibels, and more than 9 decibels higher than the loudest recorded call of the screaming piha, which held the previous record of being the*

world's loudest bird. Argument 2 tells about female bird. So, only argument I is strong.

117) Answer: E

The researchers claim that Delta-32 prevents its carriers from contracting the Plague. They support this claim by noting that a strikingly large percentage of descendants of Plague survivors carry the mutation. We are asked to find an assumption underlying the claim.

(A) The statement is specific to the relationship between Delta-32 and resistance to the Plague. Other diseases are irrelevant.

(B) Again, the statement is specific to the relationship between Delta-32 and resistance to the Plague. Other diseases are irrelevant.

(C) Delta-32 may have existed in its current form before the sixteenth century and the merit of the argument would not change.

(D) The statement does not claim that Delta-32 prevents all bacteria-caused disease.

(E) This choice is correct. The researchers claim that Delta-32 prevented its carriers from contracting the Plague on the basis of its presence in descendants of Plague survivors. In order to claim that the mutation prevented the Plague, we must assume that the Plague did not cause the mutation Delta-32.

118) Answer: E

Both are effects of companies extending work hours for employees.

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119) Answer: A

Consider the author's position that the only effective way to reduce emissions is fuel replacement. Wouldn't it be more effective to simply stop using cars altogether? Of course this is true, but this would undermine the conditional nature of the conclusion and so the author assumes that this possibility cannot occur. This answer clearly shows that there are other, more effective ways of reducing emissions and therefore this must be the correct answer.

120) Answer: A

Only assumption I is implicit

121) Answer: D

Option 4 is the correct answer. It is given in the passage that "if steel is indeed in a situation of high demand, it is a given that downstream manufacturing will be doing well". Since the price of steel and its demand are rising therefore, it is likely that downstream manufacturing units will do well in the near future. Hence, the assumption is false. But we are not sure about it, hence probably false.

122) Answer: E

Except (5), all the statement strengthens the given statement by pointing out the effects of water scarcity India is currently facing and problems related to it but option (e) states that

the crisis was more in 1960 from now which contradicts the given statement as it states that India is facing its "worst" water crisis in history. So (5) weakens the given statement.

123) Answer: D

We have to find a conclusion for the statement. The best way to do that is to ask "why" with each option. When we do this, D forms the best question that can be answered by the given statement and that's why it is the correct answer.

124) Answer: A

Statement I is cause and II is its effect.

125) Answer: A**126) Answer: B****127) Answer: B**

Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect. The government must have seen the unawareness of the people as a strong factor in the primary education programme being not successful. The step indicated in I must, thus, have been sought for as a remedy for the same.

128) Answer: B

You may immediately go ahead and select (d) but Voltaire is not the main topic of the passage. Please consider all options before you answer.

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Option (a) doesn't follow from the passage. The passage presents the idea that a person who believes in ridiculous things or superstitious or illogical things can easily commit evil deeds against others. So the obvious option to infer from that is (b) The person's beliefs are dangerous to others.

129) Answer: D

If Rohit weighed ten pounds less than the normal weight before gaining ten pounds, this implies that his current weight is his normal weight. Therefore, it was not the ten pound weight gain that led him to feel healthier, it was a return to his normal weight. This weakens the argument that for becoming healthier he should gain more weight. The other options are generic statements that are not related to the argument. Thus, D is the right answer.

130) Answer: A

The correct answer is option a, i.e. Only I, III and IV.

The question asks about which of the objectives(s) may not be a probable reason(s) for the above taken step by the US Department of Justice to launch the probe. It can be inferred that the probe has been launched to identify and focus illegal practices which harm the market. Objective II is the correct reason of the probe and thus, can be eliminated as our answer choice. Objectives I, III and IV are irrelevant and

can be marked as an answer choice. Option a captures all the irrelevant objectives and is thus, the most suitable answer choice.

131) Answer: B

Only assumption II is implicit, Person studies in Open University without regular stream is not eligible for the recruitment so I is not implicit.

132) Answer: E

133) Answer: B

It is obvious that due to the cause in statement 2, the effect in statement 1 occurs.

134) Answer: A

The passage speaks of the grave situation of the elderly in India. The activist presses on the need of protection of interests of older persons at all levels. The projected data given in option (a) is the most basic assumption made here. Option (b) with "joint-family" is out of context. Option (c) talks about care giving children and option (d) talks about India's general population increase. Hence, (a)

135) Answer: A

Such words on the cigarette packs should warn the smokers beforehand of its adverse effects. So, argument I holds strong. However, smoking is a bad habit with long term health hazards and is no means of enjoyment. Also, the graphic

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depiction aims at deterring smokers to purchase cigarettes, hence argument II does not apply.

136) Answer: A

The correct answer is option a, i.e. In addition to rising delinquencies over the last few years would force lenders to be more cautious while underwriting loans. This would limit refinancing options, adversely affecting existing borrowers.

137) Answer: A

Assumption I is implicit because the bank has asked to execute a bond at the time of joining as new employees are leaving the bank.

Assumption II is not implicit because we cannot say if the bank is giving promotions after 3 years of service or not.

138) Answer: A

The correct answer is option 1, i.e. IDBI will need more capital infusion and LIC can put that money towards further strengthening the bank. The government may hold informal consultations with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) and market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

139) Answer: E

As per the argument, Max is clearly an incompetent detective as he has solved a smaller percentage of the cases assigned to him

in the last 3 years, i.e., only 1 out of 25. This argument can be weakened by adding an explanation for the low proportion of cases solved by Max and thus, challenging the premise. Option (e) says that since the police chief regards Max as the most capable detective, he assigns him only the most difficult cases, ones that others have failed to solve, and thus, adds the required explanation.

140) Answer: B

Self-explanatory. Hence conclusion b follows.

141) Answer: D

The given statement is saying that the court asked the related Organization (PESO) to review the clinical composition of fireworks, particularly with respect to reducing aluminium content. In this statement it is nowhere mentioned that the court asked the schools colleges to take up public awareness campaigns informing the public about the harmful effects of firecrackers. Also, the statement did not mention that the firecrackers are causing pollution during Diwali and an entire industry. Therefore, both the statements are not implicit.

142) Answer: C

Only action 3rd is the right course of action because other courses are not feasible.

143) Answer: B

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Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect. The increase in demand of steel from other countries is bound to enhance business and hence profitability of steel companies in India.

144) Answer: E

The question is whether genetically-modified crops should be encouraged in India. The 'Yes' argument is strong because it gives several advantage of using genetically-modified crops. Use of this technology in agriculture will solve our problem of food shortage and it is possible to cultivate staple food with its help. The 'No' argument is also strong because since this technology was invented in the recent past, it has not stood through the test of time. We are still not aware of its effects on the environment. It is possible that it may have adverse effects on the environment and it may not be biologically safe to use them in our diet. Since both the arguments are directly related to the question, they are strong.

145) Answer: E

Both argument I and II are strong.

146) Answer: B

In view of the previous incident, the Central Railway has decided to block foot over bridges for short time spans during the monsoon if they get overcrowded to avoid such incidents. Option

II talks about the same problem as to if there are too many people in a particular place it might lead to a stampede. Other options are vague and in no sense make relevance with the given statement.

Thus, the most appropriate answer is option b and rest of the options can be eliminated.

147) Answer: B

The conclusion of the statement is that Michelangelo must have completed the painting between 1403 and 1405. The basis for that claim is that the painting depicts a coin that did not exist before 1403 and that it contains a pigment that Michelangelo ceased using in 1405. We are asked to find an assumption that completes the logic of this statement.

Choice A is incorrect. We do not need to assume that no stocks of the pigment existed after 1405. The statement is concerned only with the year in which Michelangelo stopped using the pigment.

Choice B is correct. In order to conclude that the painting must have been completed before 1405 on the basis of the pigment, we must assume that he did not begin the painting before 1405 using the old pigment and complete the painting after 1405 with the new pigment.

Choice C is incorrect. The fact that the general public knew of the coin in 1405 is irrelevant to the statement.

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Choice D is incorrect. The fact that the panel cannot be tested for age does not relate to either the coin or the pigment, the two bases for the statement.

Choice E is incorrect. Whether Michelangelo's painting style changed during this period does not relate to either the coin or the pigment.

148) Answer: B

A). The timing of the industry's transition is irrelevant due to the qualifier in the conclusion: "when the industry completes its transition to the new cork."

B). This statement properly identifies a weakness in the conclusion.

C). The time taken to produce a cork does not impact matters of pollution.

D). At first glance, this answer has some appeal. However, the conclusion relates to pollution in a landfill—not fumes omitted into the air during production.

149) Answer: B

It is obvious that due to the cause in statement 2, the effect in statement 1 occurs.

150) Answer: A

It is obvious that due to the cause in statement 1, the effect in statement 2 occurs.

151) Answer: C

It is obvious that Statement 1 and statement 2 are independent effects of independent causes.

152) Answer: C

Answer choice (C) is fully supported because the Statement provides information about both the number and percentage of obese children. As stated earlier, if the stimulus provides information about both the numbers and percentages in a situation, then you can select any supported answer choice that contains either numbers or percentages. Note the emphasis on the word "supported."

153) Answer: C

The rim color is unique like the registration number for each motorcycle.

154) Answer: C

Argument I: As students can be ready for jobs by getting the required skills after an internship, this argument is strong.

Argument II: This statement points out the positive effects of internship on students. So, this is a strong argument.

Argument III: This is not a strong argument. Just because of the reason the per capita income of the country is increased, it cannot be made compulsory.

155) Answer: B

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Since there was an exclusion of Indian students from a relaxation of visa rules – that was extended to 10 other countries, including China and the Maldives, India had decided to pull out of a Memorandum of Understanding on their turn of illegal migrants.

156) Answer: B

The car was not a taxi.

157) Answer: A

Argument I: This is a strong argument as it points out the negative effect of some harsh content on children.

Argument II: We cannot make a decision based on its success or failure in another location. So, this is not a strong argument.

Argument III: We cannot stop regulating the industry because of the reason there is a lot of content available already on the internet. So, this is not a strong argument.

158) Answer: D

Assumption I: It is implicit because the decision to impose rigid fines for the traffic rules violation would make people careful while coming on the roads with their vehicles.

Assumption II: This may be included in the amendment bill, but it could not be an assumption.

Assumption III: It is not implicit, as nothing about the previous governments or their measures is mentioned in the statement.

159) Answer: D

The given statement is talking about the wastage of surface water and nothing being done to conserve this water. So, to deal with this situation, government has to take measures like taking actions to reduce leakages, sensitising public to conserve water and supplying recycled water for non- drinking purposes. Therefore, statements 2, 4 and 6 are the possible courses of action to be taken. All other sentences are not talking about the measures to tackle the situation.

160) Answer: E**161) Answer: E**

The given statement is talking about the amendment of the Direct Tax Bill which helps in solving the disputed tax cases. Therefore, both the statements are implicit as both the statements are talking about the benefits of the bill.

162) Answer: E

Both argument I and II are strong.

163) Answer: D

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The State Representatives' statement for banning smoking is based upon scientific research and the presence of a correlation between second-hand smoke and life expectancy. However, it could be strengthened if data existed to show that other regions that enacted tough anti-smoking reform experienced longer life spans. In other words, although we know there is a relationship between second-hand smoke and life expectancy, we do not know that enacting tough anti-smoking reform will influence second-hand smoke levels and thereby influence life expectancy.

A). The legislators' statement is about protecting people from second-hand smoke, not about taking one action versus another (i.e., the legislators are not comparing sources of toxin, but rather attempting to prevent one source from entering the air).

B). This answer fails to make a connection between the proposed law and extending life expectancy.

C). This answer provides no direct evidence to strengthen the link between removing second-hand smoke via legislation and lengthening lifespan.

D). The evidence that passing a similar law reduced cancer rates supports the legislators' case that banning smoking in many places will promote "length of lifespan" (i.e., with people dying of cancer less, they live longer)

164) Answer: A

Option A is totally unrelated, and even if the exclusionary principle was exempted, even so, it would not help the police in any case, since this does not help in solving the crime at all, no matter what principle you use.

165) Answer: E

Both course of action I and II follow. The situation can be tackled by periodic cuts in supply, and urging people to conserve water. So, both the courses follow.

166) Answer: B

Only argument II is strong

167) Answer: B

The given statement is talking about the Armed forces act which is to help the army in tackling the disturbed areas of the Northeast India. Therefore, only statement II is implicit as it is explaining about how this law is beneficial on the basis of the power given to the armed forces. Statement I is not implicit as it is talking about the misuse of the powers and violating human rights. In the given statement, it is no-where described the powers of the armed forces by which it can be misused.

168) Answer: A

B does not have any effect on the conclusion. If the wood is in short supply, that difficulty will

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remain as it is whether we use the wood directly or indirectly. C actually strengthens the conclusion of the author, since the plastic is actually increasing the cost of production. Now we narrow down to A and D. As far as D is concerned, that only reduces part of the cost, and mentions no additional benefit. A gives a much greater functional advantage, which now makes sense for involving the extra step. Thus, author's conclusion that involving an extra step is idiotic gets seriously weakened.

169) Answer: B

Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect. Clearly, the university's decision came as a sequel to the complaint received by it from the college teachers against use of mobile phones in the college premises.

170) Answer: E

In the above question we have to find which statement that does not support the given statement.

For I-This statement is in-line with the given statement as it describes about the naming and features of this smallest satellite.

For II-This is also in-line with the given statement because it states about launching of this smallest satellite where NASA provided a launch vehicle to the satellite.

For III-This is also in-line with the given statement as it mentioned in the given statement

that with the launch of this 3-D printed satellite; India has created a global record which clearly means that this is the first time 3-D printed technology has been used in space.

171) Answer: C

Only I and II. Because Zao Wou-Ki was an Asian artist to ever sell the most expensive oil painting. So, I and II together do not support the statement. Hence option c is the answer.

172) Answer: C

Option (a) does not present any logic to weaken the statement. Option (b) is incorrect because it does not give any reason why it will be a draconian measure. Option (c) weakens the statement. Option (d) doesn't weaken the statement.

173) Answer: E

Action 1 and 2 will directly improve the working condition of Railways to stop accident, action 3 is not directly related with improving Railway traffic condition but will encourage other signalman to be more watchful and their duties which in turn will reduce the probability of accident.

174) Answer: C

Both the statements I and II are independent causes. An increase in the cases of atrocities on women and the police being unable to nab

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the culprits involved in the same are independent happenings in themselves.

175) Answer: B

The features of other HCE-enabled apps will not make the failure of all HCE-enabled apps and the Contactless payment in which you just have to tap your credit card or debit card has been on the rise due to the convenience it provides and it will be most welcomed. So, only argument II is strong.

176) Answer: B

There is a likelihood that tobacco consumers will shift to cigarette smoking if cigarette prices were to reduce.

This is the exact assumption for the given statement

177) Answer: C

This answer shows that a party that is even more extreme on the two issues in question is popular. Consequently, it cannot “simply” be the unpopular party’s stance on these two issues that causes the poor public image. Note as well that “unilateral attacks to defend the homeland” include preemptive attacks.

178) Answer: E

All the actions give a right course of action following problem caused by the incessant rain for the past several days.

179) Answer: E

Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

The problems discussed in both the statements are clearly the results of heavy downpour in the area.

180) Answer: B

Selection process committee introduces the CET to for all selection process requirements in upcoming years. It makes the specific syllabus and pattern for the department are changed and all are need to prepare one syllabus for all department exams.

181) Answer: C

Character in a play says need not reflect the author’s own feelings.

This is the exact assumption for the given statement.

182) Answer: C

The investors should be informed about the validity period and list of schemes covered under this validity period should be communicated so that the investors could be benefited for this facility.

183) Answer: E

Both the statements are talking about the effects of sex determination at hospitals i.e. testing the

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gender of the foetus before birth. Due to sex determination, people tend to abort the child if the gender is not favourable to them. Therefore, both the statements are effects of some common cause.

184) Answer: C

Most trucks that are currently running in highway have a capacity of more than 8 tons.

This is the exact assumption for the given statement.

185) Answer: E

Both course of action I and II follows. Clearly, such a finding demands a probe into the matter along with sealing of the premises for further checks to avoid any mishap. Thus, both the courses of action I and II follow.

186) Answer: A

The exact reason for the inability of the civic body to fill potholes isn't known. So, one cannot conclude if there is a corruption in the civic body. Argument II is not strong But, the presence of potholes would make the drive on the road uncomfortable. So, argument I is strong

187) Answer: D

It's clear from the statement that, both I and II are implicit.

188) Answer: A

We had to weaken the conclusion that said that there will be a global increase in the consumption of coffee. Option A does that by saying while immunity boost is ok, renal damage still remains a serious threat. B and C strengthen the author while D gives a poor reason to weaken the author.

189) Answer: D

The assumption that is needed therefore, is to show that movies and other electronic media somehow lead to a lessening of participation in civic organizations, political parties, and other groups outside the family. This is the connection made in answer choice (D), hence it is the correct answer.

190) Answer: D

Statement 1 is talking about the effects of eating fast food and statement 2 is talking about not drinking enough water. Therefore, both the statements are effects of independent causes.

191) Answer: A

Only argument I is strong.

192) Answer: A

Present day students are far less able than their counterparts a decade ago.

This is the exact assumption for the given statement.

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193) Answer: C

Only 3rd course of action provides a feasible and effective way to combat the problem, impediment in the way of speedy and proper rehabilitation should be removed.

194) Answer: C

Course of action 2nd and 3rd are feasible and effective to combat the problem.

195) Answer: C

Statement 1 is talking about the cause of water pollution and statement 2 is talking about the cause of water scarcity. Therefore both the statements are independent causes.

196) Answer: B

Without the computer knowledge it is difficult for future so the government schedule to teach

computer knowledge in the rural and urban areas.

197) Answer: C

It's clear from the statement that, only I and III are implicit.

198) Answer: D

Option (D) perfectly concludes the author's argument.

199) Answer: A

Only course of action I follows. Clearly, a suspicion first needs to be confirmed and only when it is confirmed, should an action be taken. So, only course I follows.

200) Answer: A

It's clear from the statement that, only assumption I is implicit.

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