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EXAM PAPER - 17 NOV. 2025 (Shift-I)

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QUESTIONS WITH EXPLANATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1. Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical error.

A. The team's success was largely
B. a result of it's coach's dedication,
C. a fact which they would all
D. attest to.

(1) The team's success was largely
(2) a result of it's coach's dedication
(3) a fact which they would all
(4) attest to.

2. Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical error.

A. He has been
B. to Italy
C. but he
D. didn't went to Rome.

(1) He has been (2) to Italy
(3) but he (4) didn't went to Rome

3. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition: The report was submitted _____ the deadline, ensuring full compliance.

(1) beyond (2) under
(3) before (4) Between

4. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate conjunction: The software update enhanced performance; _____ , it introduced several compatibility issues.

(1) nevertheless
(2) consequently
(3) likewise
(4) Whereas

5. Choose the correctly spelt word:

(1) Arrain (2) Arragin
(3) Arraign (4) Arrign

6. Which of the following sentences uses the word "bow" with the same meaning as in the following sentence? "The performer took a deep bow to thank the audience"

(1) She carefully tied the ribbon into a perfect bow.
(2) He used the strong fishing line to make a tight bow.
(3) The small gift was decorated with a large red bow.
(4) The children were taught to bow to the queen as a sign of respect.

7. Choose the correctly spelt word:

(1) Curable (2) Curible
(3) Qurable (4) Cureable

Read the following passage and answer the questions (Q.8 - Q.12) based on it:

The fundamental and existential threat posed by the unparalleled proliferation of digital surveillance capabilities to democracy's foundational tenets is a clear contradiction between the demands of modern security and the ideals of individual liberty. It is now concretely known whether these technologies are compromising civil freedoms, rather than just an abstract theory. Facial recognition, bulk collection of data, and algorithmic tracking of online activity give governments and corporations the ability to exercise constant, detailed surveillance over the lives of citizens. All-encompassing surveillance has the potential to have a "chilling effect", - where citizens, aware of being spied upon, might censor themselves, restrict their activism, and refrain from articulating dissenting views, thus suppressing the very dissent and freedom of expression that are core to a healthy democracy. The possibility of using these tools for political repression, social control, and targeting marginalised communities poses a sinister downward slide toward a surveillance state where the assumption of innocence gives way to an assumption of suspicion.

The underlying conflict, then, is how to balance personal privacy against national security. Although there is a genuine need for governments to employ sophisticated technologies to respond to terrorism, organised crime, and other grave

dangers, this must not be at the cost of the basic right to privacy. A good balance is a strong and open legal regime that subjects surveillance activities to rigorous judicial supervision and public accountability. Since technologies like end-to-end encryption are essential for protecting private communication, they should be supported and encouraged rather than compromised. In order to establish clear red lines what data can be gathered, under what conditions, and for how long-societies must also participate in a continuous and collaborative public discussion. Whether freedom endures in the age of the internet depends upon our capacity to construct a system in which security is not a zero-sum affair with liberty but a system of confidence in which technology serves to safeguard citizens, not continually watch them.

8. What is the central contradiction discussed in the passage regarding digital surveillance?
(1) The need for transparency vs. secrecy
(2) The conflict between technological progress and personal privacy
(3) The desire for security vs. the rights of corporations
(4) The trade-off between national security and individual freedom

9. According to the passage, what is a potential consequence of all-encompassing surveillance?
(1) Increased political freedom
(2) Suppression of dissent and freedom of expression
(3) Enhanced transparency in government operations
(4) A reduction in government oversight

10. What does the passage suggest is necessary to protect citizens' privacy while maintaining national security?
(1) Total cessation of surveillance
(2) A balanced legal regime with judicial supervision and public accountability
(3) Limiting technology to only military applications
(4) Complete transparency in government surveillance activities

11. How does the passage describe the use of surveillance technologies by governments and corporations?
(1) A beneficial tool for national security only
(2) A means of societal control and political repression
(3) A tool for promoting freedom of expression
(4) A neutral force that has no impact on privacy

12. In the passage, the word "chilling" most nearly means:
(1) Exciting (2) Harmless
(3) Intimidating (4) Invigorating

13. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: Fringe benefits
(1) A secret advantage
(2) Extra perks beyond a regular salary
(3) The basic salary before taxes
(4) The minimal legal benefits

14. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: A wild goose chase
(1) A fun adventure
(2) A futile or hopeless pursuit
(3) A risky task
(4) A misleading journey

15. Select the most appropriate antonym of the word: Tacit
(1) Implicit (2) Unstated
(3) Explicit (4) Understood

16. Choose the correct one-word substitute for:
A medicine or other substance that has a calming or soothing effect.
(1) Sedative (2) Stimulant
(3) Analgesic (4) Antibiotic

17. Select the most appropriate antonym of the word: Felicitous
(1) Fortunate (2) Unfortunate
(3) Happy (4) Appropriate

18. Choose the correct one-word substitute for:
A person who believes that the world is controlled by the power of the stars
(1) Astrologer (2) Astronomer
(3) Clairvoyant (4) Meteorologist

19. Change the following sentence into the Active form.
The old castle was believed to have been built by a legendary king.
(1) A legendary king built the old castle, it was believed.
(2) People believed that a legendary king had built the old castle.
(3) The old castle had been built by a legendary king, it was believed.
(4) A legendary king was believed to have built the old castle.

20. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect voice.
"Who is singing so beautifully?" the judge asked.
(1) The judge asked who was singing so beautifully.
(2) The judge asked who is singing so beautifully.
(3) The judge asked who had been singing so beautifully.
(4) The judge asked who singing so beautifully was.

21. Choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted part of the sentence:
Forty lakhs are the amount one needs in order to pursue overseas education.

(1) Forty lakhs is the amount
(2) Forty lakh were the amount
(3) Forty lakhs have the amount
(4) Forty lakhs has the amount

22. Choose the correct passive voice transformation of the sentence:
The dedicated researchers have already published the groundbreaking findings in a prestigious scientific journal.
(1) The groundbreaking findings were already published in a prestigious scientific journal by the dedicated researchers.
(2) The groundbreaking findings have already been published in a prestigious scientific journal by the dedicated researchers.
(3) The groundbreaking findings have already published in a prestigious scientific journal by the dedicated researchers.
(4) The groundbreaking findings are already published in a prestigious scientific journal by the dedicated researchers.

23. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct voice.
The historian asserted that the ruins were much older than previously thought and that new research had been continually proving it for years.
(1) The historian said, "The ruins were much older than previously thought, and new research has been continually proving it for years."
(2) The historian said, "The ruins are much older than previously thought, and new research has been continually proving it for years."
(3) The historian said, "The ruins are much older than previously thought, and new research had been continually proving it for years."
(4) The historian said, "The ruins were much older than previously thought, and new research had been continually proving it for years,"

24. Rearrange the following sentences to form a meaningful and grammatically correct paragraph:
P. He spent his days in the lab, carefully scanning samples under a microscope.
Q. Dr. Alistair Finch was an accomplished biologist who specialized in the discovery of new species.
R. His peers would tease him that he looked more upon the microbial world than on the actual one.
S. His greatest find was from a small, ordinary pond deep in the Amazon rainforest.
(1) QPRS (2) PQRS
(3) PRQS (4) RPSQ

25. Rearrange the following sentence parts to form a meaningful and grammatically correct paragraph:
P. She repeatedly listened to the song, taking in its passion and rhythm.
Q. She made a sequence of motions and connected them to form a smooth flow.
R. Her artistic vision was brought to the stage by the dancers, who executed the work brilliantly.
S. She taught the dance to her troupe, refining each step and making sure every moment was synchronized.
(1) R, Q, S, P (2) S, Q, P, R
(3) R, Q, S, P (4) P, Q, S, R

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

26. A sum of money is to be distributed among P, Q, and R in the ratio of $3:5:7$. If Q receives ₹1200, what is the total sum of money?
(1) ₹3000 (2) ₹3600
(3) ₹4200 (4) ₹4500

27. 10 men can complete a piece of work in 8 days. How many men are required to complete the same work in 5 days?
(1) 12 men (2) 14 men
(3) 16 men (4) 20 men

28. In a certain code, "CAT" is written as "ECV". How is "DOG" written in that code?
(1) FQI (2) EQI
(3) FPH (4) FQH

29. In a certain code, "SMART" is written as "VPDUW". How is "TRAIN" written in that code?
(1) WUDLQ (2) WXDLQ
(3) WUDJP (4) WUCKR

30. In a certain code, "BOARD" is written as "CQBSF". How is "TRAIN" written in that code?
(1) URCKO (2) USCKO
(3) VSCLO (4) UTBJP

31. In a certain code, "TRAIN" is written as "NIART". How is "HOUSE" written in that code?
(1) ESUOH (2) UESOH
(3) SOUEH (4) HESOU

32. A sum of ₹1200 is divided among A, B, and C in the ratio $2:3:5$. How much does B receive?
(1) ₹240 (2) ₹360
(3) ₹480 (4) ₹600

33. If $p = -3$ and $q = 4$, what is the value of $2p^2 - 3q + 10$?
(1) 16 (2) 18
(3) 20 (4) 22

34. Directions: Pick the correct options from the given alternatives 234 : 9 :: 341 : ?
(1) 10 (2) 8
(3) 12 (4) 14

35. Directions: Pick the correct options from the given alternatives 102 : 51 :: 404 : ?
(1) 202 (2) 144
(3) 240 (4) 360

36. Find the number of terms in the following series.
$20, 24, 28, 32, \ldots\ldots\ldots, 216$
(1) 49 (2) 50
(3) 51 (4) 52

37. Which terms of the series $4, 9, 14, 19, \ldots$ is 129 ?
(1) 24th (2) 25th
(3) 26th (4) 27th

38. Choose odd one out from the following options.
(1) Digital Art (2) Printmaking
(3) Sculpture (4) Epics

39. Direction: For each set of four words, three belong to the same category or group, and one does not. Select the word that is different.
(1) Plague (2) Mumps
(3) Rabies (4) Herpes

40. Pick Odd one out from the given options.
(1) Hydropower (2) Wind Turbine
(3) Biomass (4) Nuclear Energy

41. Which of the following options will be the next term in the given series?
aabaaaaa, abaaaaaa, baaaaaaa, (?)
(1) aaaaabaa (2) aaaaaaab
(3) aaabaaaa (4) aaaaaaba

42. Which of the following should be the next term in the given series?
A8, B27, D125, G343, ?
(1) K1331 (2) J1000
(3) H729 (4) H1000

43. What comes next in the series?
A, C, F, J, O, ?
(1) U (2) V
(3) T (4) W

44. What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the given series based on the English alphabetical order?
PPR, SQN, VRJ,?
(1) YSF (2) ZTG
(3) XRE (4) YSH

45. What comes next in the series?
PQ/PQR/PQRS/PQRST/PQRSTU/PQRSTUV/____
(1) PQRSTUVW (2) PQRSTUVWX
(3) QRSTUVW (4) PQRSTUWX

46. Some letters are missing from the series. From the given alternative choose the best option which follow the pattern of the series:
p_r__rs_r_pq
(1) qsqps (2) qpsqp
(3) sqpsq (4) Spqsp

47. Identify the next term in the following sequence of letter clusters.
ADGJ, CFIL, EHKN, ?
(1) GJMP (2) GJKN
(3) GIKN (4) GJKO

48. Which letter cluster should come next in the following series?
ADGJ, EEHK, IFIL, ?
(1) MGJM (2) MGJN
(3) MGKM (4) MGKN

49. If + means ÷, × means −, − means × and ÷ means +, then $72 + 8 \times 5 - 3 \div 6 = ?$
(1) 0 (2) −1
(3) 3 (4) 6

50. Identify the pattern: 5, 13, 25, 41, 61. What is the next number?
(1) 83 (2) 84
(3) 87 (4) 85

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

51. A man purchased 3 identical electric fans at a total cost of ₹4,320. He sold two of them at a gain of 15% each and the third at a loss of 10%. What is his overall profit or loss percentage?
(1) 5% Profit (2) 6.25% Profit
(3) 6.67% Profit (4) 7% Profit

52. Sheela gets a discount of 25% on a ₹10,000 oven. Since she pays cash, she gets an additional 2% discount too. How much does she pay?
(1) Rs. 7000 (2) Rs. 7250
(3) Rs. 7350 (4) Rs. 7500

53. The selling price of a vintage vase is Rs. 1,800, and the discount given is 4%. What is the marked price of the vase?
(1) 1768 (2) 1700
(3) 1850 (4) 1875

54. A school had 120 students with an average age of 20 years. Later, a new batch joined. After their inclusion, the average age dropping the average to 19.5 years; the newcomers had an average age of 18 years. Find the number of students in the new batch.
(1) 30 (2) 35
(3) 40 (4) 45

55. A construction project was estimated for 180 days. Due to rain, only 60% of the days were productive. If work done each productive day is constant, by what percent must daily output be increased to complete the project on time?
(1) 60.65% (2) 65%
(3) 70.43% (4) 66.67%

56. In a survey conducted at a university ,it was found that 55% of the students like mathematics, 45% like physics, and 30% like both Mathematics and Physics. Among the remaining students, 25% prefer computer science, while the rest have no preference. If the total number of students surveyed is 800,How many had no preference for any of the three subjects?
(1) 160 (2) 200
(3) 220 (4) 180

57. Which of the following numbers is NOT a perfect square?
(1) 900 (2) 441
(3) 729 (4) 640

58. Two investors, A and B, invest in a business in the ratio 4 : 5. If the share of B is Rs. 1,000 in profit, find the total profit.
(1) 1700 (2) 1800
(3) 1900 (4) 2000

59. A, B and C invest ₹18,000, ₹12,000 and ₹20,000 respectively for a year. What percentage of the total profit will C get?
(1) 20% (2) 30%
(3) 40% (4) 50%

60. A and B invest ₹20,000 and ₹30,000 in a business. B receives ₹1,000 more than A from the annual profit. What is the total profit?
(1) ₹4000 (2) ₹5000
(3) ₹6000 (4) ₹7000

61. A circular field is surrounded by a path of uniform width 2.5 m. Total area of the field, including the path, is 1078.125 m². If the area of the circular field (excluding path) is 803.25 m². Find the radius of the field and the radius including the path. (π ≈ 3.1416)
(1) 15.50 m, 18.00 m (2) 15.99 m, 18.49 m
(3) 16.20 m, 18.70 m (4) 14.00 m, 16.50 m

62. If $(m - n) = 4$ and $(m^3 - n^3) = 1216$, then find the value of $(m \times n)$.
(1) 89 (2) 96
(3) 75 (4) 91

63. If $x + y = 24$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 360$, then find the value of $(x^4 + x^2y^2 + y^4)$.
(1) 1,17,936 (2) 1,25,878
(3) 1,24,784 (4) 2,15,869

64. If $\sin x + \sin^2 x = 1$, then find the value of $\cos^2 x + \cos^4 x$.
(1) 2 (2) 0
(3) 1 (4) −1

65. If $2 \times \sin q \times \cos(90° - q) = 1/2$, where $0° < q < 90°$, then find the value of $\cot^2 2q + \cos^2 3q$.
(1) 1/7 (2) 1/2
(3) 1/5 (4) 1/3

66. A firefighter's ladder of length 41 m rests against a wall and makes an angle x with the ground such that $\sin x = 40/41$. Find the horizontal distance of the foot of the ladder from the wall.
(1) 9 meters (2) 5 meters
(3) 6 meters (4) 12 meters

67. ₹12,000 is invested at 8% p.a. simple interest for 4 years in scheme 'A'. The amount is then invested for 2 years at 5% p.a. compounded annually in scheme B. Find the amount received from scheme 'B'.
(1) Rs. 17,463.6 (2) Rs. 17,677
(3) Rs. 11,460.5 (4) Rs. 17,999

68. A person invested ₹18,000 each in two schemes for 2 years. One offered 15% p.a. simple interest and the other 15% p.a. compound interest, compounded annually. Find the difference between the interest earned from both schemes.
(1) Rs. 456 (2) Rs. 405
(3) Rs. 489 (4) Rs. 411

69. If Rs. 60,000 is invested at compound interest of 20% p.a. for 18 months, then find the interest earned given that the sum is compounded every 6 months.
(1) Rs. 21,800 (2) Rs. 12,550
(3) Rs. 14,670 (4) Rs. 19,860

70. A box contains Rs 5, Rs 2 and Rs 1 coins in the ratio 7:3:2. The total amount in the box is Rs 1,075. Find the number of Rs 2 coins.
(1) 70 (2) 75
(3) 80 (4) 85

71. A tank contains liquids A and B in the ratio 13 : 12. 50 litres of the mixture are taken out and filled with 50 litres of B. Now the ratio changes to 7 : 8. Find the initial quantity of liquid B initially.
(1) 222 litres
(2) 230 litres
(3) 240 litres
(4) 234 litres

72. A mixture containing 18% methanol is mixed with another containing b% methanol in the ratio 4 : 5. If the percentage of methanol in the final mixture is 16% ,what is the percentage of b?
(1) 12.26% (2) 14.4%
(3) 17.2% (4) 16.32%

73. A person travels 480 km, partly by car at 80 km/h and the rest by bike at 40 km/h. If 75% of the total distance is covered by car, find the approximate average speed of the journey.
(1) 44 km/h (2) 56 km/h
(3) 28 km/h (4) 64 km/h

74. How many perfect squares lie between 10,000 and 20,000 (inclusive)?
(1) 32 (2) 42
(3) 52 (4) 62

75. A motorist travels from City P to City Q, distance of 234 km. For the first 78 km he drives at 52 km/h, For the next 78 km he drives at 39 km/h, For the remaining distance, he drives at X km/h(constant).His overall average speed for the whole trip is 46.8 km/h. What is x?
(1) 65 km/h (2) 72 km/h
(3) 60 km/h (4) 52 km/h

GENERAL AWARENESS

76. The 91st Amendment Act, 2003 of the Indian Constitution is related with which of the following?
(1) Limiting the size of the Council of Ministers
(2) No enhancement of seats of Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha till 2026
(3) Bifurcation of the National Commission of SC and ST
(4) Fixed the strength of the Goa Legislative Assembly at a minimum of 30 members

77. The 'Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport' Project is associated with which of the following countries?
(1) India and Nepal (2) India and Pakistan
(3) India and Bangladesh (4) India and Myanmar

78. As of March 2024, the G-20 members represent around ___ of the global GDP.
(1) 25% (2) 40%
(3) 62% (4) 85%

79. Who was elected as the first woman president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in 2022?
(1) Annu Rani (2) PT Usha
(3) Ashapurna Devi (4) Hima Das

80. Who became the Chief Election Commissioner of India in February 2025?
(1) Rajiv Kumar
(2) Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
(3) Gyanesh Kumar
(4) Anup Chandra Pandey

81. Which year marks two decades since the launch of the ASHA programme?
(1) 2019 (2) 2022
(3) 2023 (4) 2025

82. What is the primary objective of the Subhadra Yojana launched by the Odisha Government?
(1) To provide housing amenities to women
(2) To give financial assistance of ₹50,000 over five years to women aged 21–60
(3) To offer educational scholarships to female students
(4) To support women entrepreneurs with loans

83. Prakash Padukone is related to which of the following sports?
(1) Football (2) Hockey
(3) Shooting (4) Badminton

84. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was established in the year ___.
(1) 1928 (2) 1908
(3) 1958 (4) 1968

85. The 20th National Youth Athletics Championships 2025 was held in which city?
(1) Patna (2) Mumbai
(3) Ranchi (4) Surat

86. Which of the following musical instruments is a 'wind instrument' made of wood and metal?
(1) Dhak (2) Mahuri
(3) Sarangi (4) Mridangam

87. Who won the Pulitzer Prize for the debut work 'Interpreter of Maladies', published in 1999?
(1) Kiran Desai
(2) Jhumpa Lahiri
(3) Shobha Rao
(4) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

88. The Patiala Gharana is notable for its rendering of which types of classical music?
I. Thumri II. Khyal
(1) Only I (2) Only II
(3) Both I and II (4) Neither I nor II

89. Who is the author of the book 'Marx's Revenge: The Resurgence of Capitalism and the Death of Statist Socialism'?
(1) Amartya Sen (2) Meghnad Desai
(3) Pavan K. Varma (4) Ramachandra Guha

90. 'Gaan-Ngai' festival is celebrated in which of the following states?
(1) Kerala (2) Manipur
(3) Maharashtra (4) Andhra Pradesh

91. In Hindu temple architecture, the place where the main idol of a deity is placed is known as ___.
(1) Garbhagriha (2) Mandapa
(3) Shikhara (4) Vaahan

92. 'Veeragase' is a traditional folk dance of which Indian state?
(1) Karnataka (2) Bihar
(3) Tripura (4) Jharkhand

93. As part of Mission Mausam, India is building a cloud chamber at which institute?
(1) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
(2) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
(3) National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi
(4) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune

94. How many sectors are covered in the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme?
(1) 11 (2) 14
(3) 21 (4) 25

95. The foreign exchange reserve of India dropped to levels that were ___ during the 1991 economic crisis.
(1) not sufficient for even a fortnight
(2) not sufficient for twenty days
(3) not sufficient for thirty days
(4) not sufficient for fifty days

96. For how many years does the President of India hold office?
(1) 3 years (2) 4 years
(3) 5 years (4) 6 years

97. The Parliament of India can legislate on a state subject if ___.
(1) The President issues an ordinance
(2) Council of States passes a resolution by 2/3 majority of the members present
(3) Lok Sabha passes a resolution by simple majority
(4) Rajya Sabha passes a resolution by simple majority

98. Among the following organs, which is located on the uppermost part of the human body?
(1) Buccal Cavity (2) Anus
(3) Bile Duct (4) Appendix

99. Which of the following organs is part of the excretory system in the human body?
I. A pair of ureters
II. A urethra
(1) Only I (2) Only II
(3) Both I and II (4) Neither I nor II

100. Around the ___th century BCE, Mahapadma Nanda rose to prominence in Magadha.
(1) 1 (2) 2
(3) 3 (4) 5

Answer Key									
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
(2)	(4)	(3)	(1)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(4)	(2)	(2)
11	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**
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(1)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(4)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(1)	(4)
31	**32**	**33**	**34**	**35**	**36**	**37**	**38**	**39**	**40**
(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(4)
41	**42**	**43**	**44**	**45**	**46**	**47**	**48**	**49**	**50**
(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(4)
51	**52**	**53**	**54**	**55**	**56**	**57**	**58**	**59**	**60**
(3)	(3)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(2)	(3)	(2)
61	**62**	**63**	**64**	**65**	**66**	**67**	**68**	**69**	**70**
(2)	(2)	(1)	(3)	(4)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(4)	(2)
71	**72**	**73**	**74**	**75**	**76**	**77**	**78**	**79**	**80**
(4)	(2)	(4)	(2)	(4)	(1)	(4)	(4)	(2)	(3)
81	**82**	**83**	**84**	**85**	**86**	**87**	**88**	**89**	**90**
(4)	(2)	(4)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(2)	(2)
91	**92**	**93**	**94**	**95**	**96**	**97**	**98**	**99**	**100**
(1)	(1)	(4)	(2)	(1)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(3)	(4)

EXPLANATIONS

1. Explanation: (2)
The grammatical error is in: 2. a result of it's coach's dedication
The word "it's" is wrong here because it is a contraction of "it is".
Here we need the possessive form, which is "its" (without apostrophe).
Correct answer: 2

2. Explanation: (4)
The grammatical error is in: 4. didn't went to Rome
After "didn't" (did not), the verb must be in its base form, not past tense.
- didn't went (wrong)
- didn't go (correct)

3. Explanation: (3)
The sentence implies the report was submitted in time, so it must be before the deadline.
Correct answer: 3

4. Explanation: (1)
The correct answer is: **1. nevertheless**
The sentence shows a contrast:
The update improved performance
But it also introduced issues
Correct sentence:
The software update enhanced performance; nevertheless, it introduced several compatibility issues.

5. Explanation: (3)
The correctly spelt word is: **3. Arraign**
Arraign means to formally charge someone in court or call them to answer charges.

6. Explanation: (4)
The correct answer is:
The children were taught to bow to the queen as a sign of respect.
In the given sentence:
"The performer took a deep bow" → *bow* means a gesture of bending the head or body in respect or greeting.

7. Explanation: (1)
The correct answer is: **1. Curable**
Curable means something that can be cured or treated.

8. Explanation: (4)
The correct answer is: 4. The trade-off between national security and individual freedom
The passage clearly discusses a core conflict between two opposing needs:
National security (surveillance, safety, anti-terrorism)
Individual freedom / privacy (civil liberties, freedom of expression, privacy rights)
This is described as the central tension throughout the passage.

9. Explanation: (2)
The passage clearly states that all-encompassing surveillance creates a "chilling effect", where:
- Citizens may censor themselves
- Avoid activism
- Stop expressing dissenting views

This directly leads to the suppression of dissent and freedom of expression.
Correct answer: 2

10. Explanation: (2)
The correct answer is:
2. A balanced legal regime with judicial supervision and public accountability
The passage clearly says that:
Surveillance is sometimes needed for security (like preventing crime or terrorism).
But it should not violate people's privacy and freedom.
So, the solution is to create a balanced system with:
Strong laws
Judicial (court) supervision
Public accountability (transparency and responsibility)
This ensures both security and privacy are protected.

11. Explanation: (2)
The correct answer is: 2. A means of societal control and political repression
The passage clearly states that surveillance technologies:
- Allow constant monitoring of citizens
- Can be used for political repression
- Enable social control
- May target marginalised communities
- Lead toward a surveillance state

Correct answer: 2

12. Explanation: (3)
In the passage, "chilling effect" means a situation where people feel:
- Watched or surveilled
- Afraid to speak freely
- Likely to self-censor their actions or opinions

So, "chilling" here refers to something that creates fear or intimidation, not something cold or exciting in a literal sense.
Correct answer: 3. Intimidating

13. Explanation: (2)
Fringe benefits refer to additional advantages given to employees apart from their salary, such as:
- Medical insurance
- Housing allowance
- Company car
- Paid leave benefits

Correct answer: 2. Extra perks beyond a regular salary

14. Explanation: (2)
The idiom "a wild goose chase" means:
A search or attempt that is useless, pointless, or impossible to succeed in
It suggests wasting time on something that cannot be achieved.
Correct answer: 2. A futile or hopeless pursuit

15. Explanation: (3)
Tacit means something that is implied or understood without being directly stated.
The antonym is something that is clearly and openly stated, which is explicit.
Correct answer: 3. Explicit

16. Explanation: (1)
A sedative is a substance that calms, relaxes, or soothes a person, often reducing anxiety or excitement.
Correct answer: 1. Sedative

17. Explanation: (2)
The word "Felicitous" means:
well-suited, appropriate, pleasing, or fortunate
So its antonym (opposite) would be something like:
inappropriate, unsuitable, or unfortunate
Answer: 2. Unfortunate

18. Explanation: (1)
A person who believes the world is influenced or controlled by the stars is associated with astrology.
An astrologer studies or believes in the influence of stars and planets on human life and events.
Correct answer: 1. Astrologer

19. Explanation: (2)
The correct answer is:
2. People believed that a legendary king had built the old castle.
To change passive voice into active voice:
- "was believed" → "People believed"
- The structure becomes active by introducing a subject ("People")
- Passive infinitive "to have been built" → "had built"

20. Explanation: (1)
The correct answer is:
1. The judge asked who was singing so beautifully.
When changing direct speech into indirect speech:
- The reporting verb is in past tense
- So the verb in the question shifts back:
  - "is singing" → "was singing"
- Question form becomes statement form.

Direct: *"Who is singing so beautifully?" the judge asked.*
Indirect: *The judge asked who was singing so beautifully.*
Correct answer: 1

21. Explanation: (1)
Correct option: (1) Forty lakhs is the amount
"Forty lakhs" here refers to a single sum of money (an amount), not multiple amounts. In grammar, when a quantity or sum is treated as a single unit, it takes a singular verb.

22. Explanation: (2)
The given sentence is in the Present Perfect Tense (*have + past participle*).
While changing from Active Voice to Passive Voice, the tense must remain unchanged.
Rule:
Active: Subject + has/have + V^3 + Object
Passive: Object + has/have + been + V^3 + (by + Subject)
Applying the rule:
- Active: The dedicated researchers have already published the groundbreaking findings.
- Passive: The groundbreaking findings have already been published in a prestigious scientific journal by the dedicated researchers.

23. Explanation: (2)
In direct speech, the tense usually shifts back to the original form (present/factual reporting is restored), and "asserted that" becomes "said".
So the correct conversion is:
2. The historian said, "The ruins are much older than previously thought, and new research has been continually proving it for years."

24. Explanation: (1)
Logical flow:
Q introduces the subject:
Dr. Alistair Finch and his profession.
P explains his daily routine:
He spent his days in the lab…
R adds a comment about his habits:
Peers teasing him for focusing on microbes.
S concludes with his major achievement:
His greatest find…
So the correct paragraph order is:
Q → P → R → S
Answer: Option 1 (QPRS)

25. Explanation: (4)

Let's arrange it logically:

- P: She listens to the song → inspiration stage
- Q: She creates and connects movements → choreography creation
- S: She teaches the dance to her troupe → training phase
- R: Final performance on stage → outcome

So the correct sequence is:

P → Q → S → R

Correct option: 4. P, Q, S, R

26. Explanation: (2)

Given ratio: $\boldsymbol{P}:\boldsymbol{Q}:\boldsymbol{R} = \mathbf{3}:\mathbf{5}:\mathbf{7}$

Let the common multiplier be $\boldsymbol{x}$

So,

- $P = 3x$
- $Q = 5x$
- $R = 7x$

Given $Q = 1200$

$5x = 1200$

$x = 1200 \div 5 = 240$

Now total sum:

$P + Q + R = (3x + 5x + 7x) = 15x$

$15x = 15 \times 240 = 3600$

Answer: 2. ₹3600

27. Explanation: (3)

This is a **work–time–men problem**.

Find total work

10 men take 8 days

Total work=10 × 8=**80 man-days**

New condition

Work must be done in 5 days

Let required men $= x$

So,

$x \times 5 = 80$

$x = 80 \div 5 = \mathbf{16}$

Answer: 3. (16 men)

28. Explanation: (1)

Given:

CAT → ECV

C $\xrightarrow{+2}$ E

A $\xrightarrow{+2}$ C

T $\xrightarrow{+2}$ V

So rule is: each letter is shifted +2 positions in the alphabet

Now apply to DOG:

D $\xrightarrow{+2}$ F

O $\xrightarrow{+2}$ Q

G $\xrightarrow{+2}$ I

So, DOG → FQI

Answer: 1. (FQI)

29. Explanation: (1)

Given:

SMART → VPDUW

S	M	A	R	T
+3	+3	+3	+3	+3
V	P	D	U	W

Rule: Each letter is shifted +3 positions forward

Now apply to TRAIN:

T	R	A	I	N
+3	+3	+3	+3	+3
W	U	D	L	Q

So, TRAIN → WUDLQ

Final Answer: 1 (WUDLQ)

30. Explanation: (4)

Given:

BOARD → CQBSF

B	O	A	R	D
+1	+2	+1	+1	+2
C	Q	B	S	F

So, pattern is alternating: +1, +2, +1, +1, +2

Now apply to TRAIN:

TRAIN → UTBJP

T	R	A	I	N
+1	+2	+1	+1	+2
U	T	B	J	P

Answer: 4 (UTBJP)

31. Explanation: (1)

Given:

TRAIN → NIART

The word is simply reversed

Now apply to HOUSE: