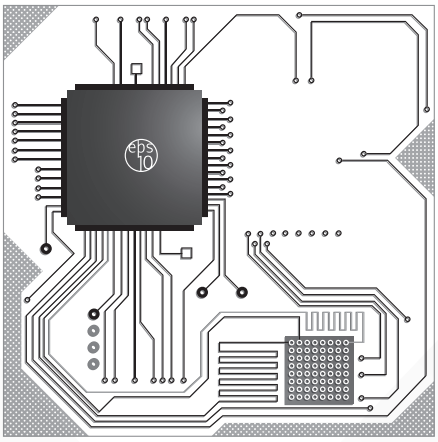
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PREFACE

This book has been meticulously crafted to serve as a comprehensive guide for aspirants preparing for the **GATE Electronics and Communication Engineering examination**. With an ever-increasing competition, success in GATE demands a deep understanding of core concepts, coupled with a focused and strategic approach. This book has been structured to provide an all-encompassing review of essential topics while catering to the unique needs of both beginners and advanced learners.

This book is a comprehensive collection of **solutions to the GATE Electronics and Communication exam questions from the past 30 years, spanning 1996 to 2025**. Designed for aspirants who seek a deep understanding of question patterns and solution techniques, this book is an essential resource for efficient and effective exam preparation.

Organized into **nine chapters**, this collection covers the entire spectrum of the GATE syllabus in Electronics and Communication. **Each chapter is subdivided into units** for clear topic segmentation, **with questions sorted year-wise** to highlight the progression of concepts and formats over time. Additionally, **questions are categorized into Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ), Multiple Select Questions (MSQ), and Numerical Answer Type (NAT) formats**, reflecting the varied question styles found in the exam. Each solution is presented in a detailed, step-by-step format, clarifying not only the approach but also the underlying concepts and problem-solving strategies required to succeed in GATE.

By working through these solutions, students can solidify their grasp of key topics, identify trends in question formats, and refine their time management skills. This book is intended to be a practical tool for achieving a high level of preparation, enabling candidates to approach the GATE exam with confidence and competence.

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T

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This book is a product of teamwork and dedication, and we thank everyone involved in its creation and production. It is our hope that this work will serve as a trusted guide for students as they prepare for the GATE Electronics and Communication exam.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project and supported us in bringing it to life.

About GATE

Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) is a national examination conducted jointly by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and the seven Indian Institutes of Technology (at Bombay, Delhi, Guwahati, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras and Roorkee) on behalf of the National Coordination Board (NCB)-GATE, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India.

Qualifying in GATE is a mandatory requirement for seeking admission and/or financial assistance to: (i) Master's programs and direct Doctoral programs in Engineering/ Technology/ Architecture and (ii) Doctoral programs in relevant branches of Arts and Science, in the institutions supported by the MoE and other Government agencies. Even in some colleges and institutions, which admit students without MoE scholarship/ assistantship, the GATE qualification is mandatory. Further, many Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have been using the GATE score in their recruitment process.

Exam Details:

Mode of Examination	**Computer Based Test**
Paper Code	**EC**
Duration of Exam	**180 minutes**
Total number of Questions	**65**
Total Marks	**100**
Language of Examination	**English**

Exam Pattern:

Sections	**Section I** (General Aptitude)	**Section II** (EC and EM)
Number of Questions	10	55
Marks	5 questions of 1 mark each and 5 questions of 2 marks each	25 questions of 1 mark each and 30 questions of 2 marks each
Negative Marking	For 1-mark MCQ, 1/3 mark will be deducted for a wrong answer. For 2-mark MCQ, 2/3 mark will be deducted for a wrong answer. There will be no negative marking for MSQ & NAT.	
Types of Question	MCQ	MCQ, MSQ, NAT

GATE Year Wise Organising Institute

Organizing Year	Organising Institute
2025	**IIT Roorkee**
2024	**IISc Bengaluru**
2023	**IIT Kanpur**
2022	**IIT Kharagpur**
2021	**IIT Bombay**
2020	**IIT Delhi**
2019	**IIT Madras**
2018	**IIT Guwahati**
2017	**IIT Roorkee**
2016	**IISc Bangalore**
2015	**IIT Kanpur**
2014	**IIT Kharagpur**
2013	**IIT Bombay**
2012	**IIT Delhi**
2011	**IIT Madras**
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Scholarship/ Assistantship for Postgraduate Programs

To avail the financial assistance (scholarship/ assistantship) for a postgraduate program, the candidate must first secure the admission to a program in one of the centrally funded institutes, by a procedure that could vary from institute to institute. Depending upon the norms adopted by a specific institute or department of the institute, candidates may be admitted directly into a program based on their performance in GATE only; or based on their performance in GATE and an admission test and/or interview conducted by the department to which they have applied and/or the candidate's academic record. In the test/ interview-based selection procedure, as per the MoE guidelines, a minimum of 70% weightage will be given to the performance in GATE and the remaining will be given to the candidate's performance in test/ interview and/or academic record. However, the admitting institutes could prescribe a minimum passing mark in the test/ interview.

Candidates are advised to seek the complete details of the admission procedures and the availability of MoE scholarship/assistantship from the corresponding admitting institutions. The criteria for postgraduate admission with scholarship/ assistantship varies from one institute to the other. The management of the post-graduate scholarship/ assistantship is also the responsibility of the admitting institute. Similarly, reservation of the seats for different categories will be as per the policies and norms of the admitting institution and the Government of India rules.

The admitting institute may also specify the number of candidates who will be provided financial assistance (scholarship), if admission is secured. Qualification in GATE is also a minimum requirement to apply for various fellowships awarded by many Government organizations.

Different types of scholarships and sponsorships opportunities also exist for foreign nationals. Details may be obtained from nearby Indian Mission or from the website of Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

Use of GATE Score for Employment

In the past, several Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have used GATE score to shortlist the candidates for employment. A few such organizations are: Airports Authority of India (AAI), Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Coal India Limited (CIL), Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS), Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited (CVPPL), Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), Engineers India Limited (EIL), Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL), National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), NLC India Limited (NLCIL), National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Odisha Power Generation Corporation Limited (OPGC), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), etc.

Direct recruitment to Group-A level posts in central government, i.e., Senior Field Officer (Tele), Senior Research Officer (Crypto) and Senior Research Officer (S&T) in Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, is now being carried out on the basis of GATE score. The details of the scheme of recruitment are normally published in National Newspapers/ Employment News/ Rozgar Samachar by the concerned authority.

Some other Government of India Organisations may also utilize GATE 2026 score for their recruitment purpose.

GATE Score

After the evaluation of the answers, the actual (raw) marks obtained by a candidate will be considered for computing the GATE Score. For multi-session test papers, raw marks obtained by the candidates in different sessions will be converted to Normalized marks for that particular subject. Thus, raw marks (for single session test papers) or normalized marks (for multi-session test papers) will be used for computing the GATE Score, based on the qualifying marks.

Calculation of Normalized Marks for Multi-Session Papers

In GATE 2026 examination, some test papers may be conducted in multi-sessions. For such test papers, a suitable normalisation is applied to take into account any variation in the difficulty levels of the question papers across sessions. The normalization is done based on the fundamental assumption that "in all multi-session GATE test papers, the distribution of abilities of candidates is the same across all the sessions". This assumption is justified since the number of candidates appearing in multisession test papers in GATE 2026 will be large and the procedure for allocation of session to candidates is random. Further, it is also ensured that for the same multi-session test paper, the number of candidates allotted in each session is of the same order of magnitude.

Based on the above, and considering various normalization methods, the committee arrived at the following formula for calculating the normalized marks for the multi-session papers.

The normalised marks of the j^{th} candidate in the i^{th} session, denoted by $\widehat{M}_{ij}$ are computed as

$$\widehat{M}_{ij} = \frac{\overline{M}_t^g - M_q^g}{\overline{M}_{ti} - M_{iq}} \left(M_{ij} - M_{iq}\right) + M_q^g$$

where,

M_{ij}, is the actual marks obtained by the j^{th} candidate in the i^{th} session;

$\overline{M}_t^g$ is the average marks of the top 0.1% of the candidates considering all sessions;

M_q^g is the sum of mean and standard deviation marks of the candidates in the paper considering all sessions;

$\overline{M}_{ti}$ is the average marks of the top 0.1% of the candidates in the i^{th} session; and

$\overline{M}_{iq}$ is the sum of the mean marks and standard deviation marks of the i^{th} session.

Calculation of GATE Score for All Test Papers

For all papers for which there is only one session, actual marks obtained by the candidates will be used for calculating the GATE 2026 Score. For papers in multi-sessions, normalized marks will be calculated corresponding to the raw marks obtained by a candidate and the GATE 2026 Score will be calculated based on the normalized marks.

The GATE 2026 score will be computed using the formula given below.

$$GATE\ Score = S_q + (S_t - S_q)\frac{M - M_q}{\overline{M_t} - M_q}$$

Where

M is the marks obtained by the candidate (actual marks for single session papers and normalized marks for multi-session papers);

M_q is the qualifying marks for the General Category candidate in the paper;

$\overline{M_t}$ is the mean of marks of top 0.1% or top 10 (whichever is larger) of the candidates who appeared in the paper (in case of multi-session papers including all sessions);

$S_q = 350$ is the score assigned to M_q ; and

$S_t = 900$ is the score assigned to $\overline{M_t}$

In GATE 2026, the qualifying marks (M_q) for the general category candidate in each subject will be

Cut-off marks for GENERAL category$= max(25, min(40,\ \mu + \sigma))$

where μ denotes the mean of marks of all candidates and a denotes the standard deviation of positive marks of all the candidates who appeared for the test paper. The cut-off marks for the other categories may be calculated as per the standard ratio:

Cut-off for OBC-NCL/EWS categories = (9/10) x GENERAL cut-off

Cut-off for SC/ST/PWD categories = (2/3) x GENERAL cut-off

GATE ECE Past Year Cut-off

Year	GATE Qualifying Marks		
	General	OBC-NCL/EWS	SC/ST/PWD
2025	25	22.5	16.6
2024	25	22.5	16.6
2023	29.9	26.9	19.9
2022	25	22.5	16.6
2021	25	22.5	16.6
2020	28.8	25.9	19.2
2019	26.7	24.0	17.8
2018	25	22.5	16.6
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General Aptitude

SECTION 1

SYLLABUS

VERBAL APTITUDE

BASIC ENGLISH GRAMMAR: TENSES, ARTICLES, ADJECTIVES, PREPOSITIONS, CONJUNCTIONS, VERB-NOUN AGREEMENT, & OTHER PARTS OF SPEECH. BASIC VOCABULARY: WORDS, IDIOMS, & PHRASES IN CONTEXT, READING & COMPREHENSION, NARRATIVE SEQUENCING.

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

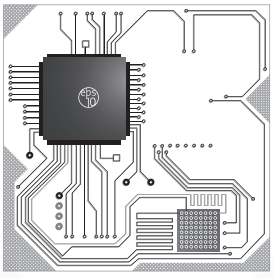
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ANALYTICAL APTITUDE

LOGIC: DEDUCTION & INDUCTION, ANALOGY, NUMERICAL RELATIONS & REASONING.

SPATIAL APTITUDE

TRANSFORMATION OF SHAPES: TRANSLATION, ROTATION, SCALING, MIRRORING, ASSEMBLING, & GROUPING PAPER FOLDING, CUTTING, & PATTERNS IN 2 & 3 DIMENSIONS



NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ASKED IN GATE ELECTRONICS (2010 to 2025)																	
GENERAL APTITUDE		**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
1	**Verbal Aptitude**	4	4	5	5	11	15	11	6	4	4	4	3	2	4	2	3
2	**Quantitative Aptitude**	3	5	4	5	17	8	14	10	5	4	4	6	3	3	5	6
3	**Analytical Aptitude**	3	1	1	-	12	7	4	4	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1
4	**Spatial Aptitude**	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	-

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GENERAL APTITUDE

-: Unit 1.1 Verbal Aptitude:-

Previous Year Exam Questions

[2010: 1 Mark]

1. Which of the following options is the closest in meaning to the word below:
Circuitous
(A) cyclic (B) indirect
(C) confusing (D) crooked

[2010: 1 Mark]

2. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence:
If we manage to _____ our natural resources, we would leave a better planet for our children.
(A) uphold (B) restrain
(C) cherish (D) conserve

[2010: 1 Mark]

3. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence:
His rather casual remarks on politics _____ his lack of seriousness about the subject
(A) masked (B) belied
(C) betrayed (D) suppressed

[2010: 2 Marks]

4. Modern warfare has changed from large scale clashes of armies to suppression of civilian populations. Chemical agents that do their work silently appear to be suited to such warfare; and regretfully, there exist people in military establishments who think that chemical agents are useful tools for their cause.
Which of the following statements best sums up the meaning of the above passage:
(A) Modern warfare has resulted in civil strife.
(B) Chemical agents are useful in modern warfare.
(C) Use of chemical agents in warfare would be undesirable.
(D) People in military establishments like to use chemical agents in war.

[2011: 1 Mark]

5. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence:
It was her view that the country's problems had been_____ by foreign technocrats, so that to invite them to come back would be counter-productive.
(A) identified (B) ascertained
(C) exacerbated (D) analysed

[2011: 1 Mark]

6. Choose the word from the options given below that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the given word:
Frequency
(A) periodicity (B) rarity
(C) gradualness (D) persistency

[2011: 1 Mark]

7. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence:
Under ethical guidelines recently adopted by the Indian Medical Association, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct diseases for which_____ treatments are unsatisfactory.
(A) similar (B) most
(C) uncommon (D) available

[2011: 2 Marks]

8. The horse has played a little known but very important role in the field of medicine. Horses were injected with toxins of diseases until their blood built up immunities. Then a serum was made from their blood. Serums to fight with diphtheria and tetanus were developed this way. It can be inferred from the passage, that horses were
(A) given immunity to diseases
(B) generally quite immune to diseases
(C) given medicines to fight toxins
(D) given diphtheria and tetanus serums

[2012: 1 Mark]

9. Choose the most appropriate alternative from the options given below to complete the following sentence:
If the tired soldier wanted to lie down, he _____ the mattress out on the balcony.
(A) should take (B) shall take
(C) should have taken (D) will have taken

[2012: 1 Mark]

10. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence:
Given the seriousness of the situation that he had to face, his _____was impressive.

(A) beggary (B) nomenclature
(C) jealousy (D) nonchalance

[2012: 1 Mark]

11. Which one of the following options is the closest in meaning to the word given below?
Latitude
(A) Eligibility (B) Freedom
(C) Coercion (D) Meticulousness

[2012: 1 Mark]

12. One of the parts (A, B, C, D) in the sentence given below contains an ERROR. Which one of the following is INCORRECT?
I requested that he should be given the driving test today instead of tomorrow.
(A) requested that (B) should be given
(C) the driving test (D) instead of tomorrow

[2012: 2 Marks]

13. One of the legacies of the Roman legions was discipline. In the legions, military law prevailed and discipline was brutal. Discipline on the battlefield kept units obedient, intact and fighting, even when the odds and conditions were against them.
Which one of the following statements best sums up the meaning of the above passage?
(A) Thorough regimentation was the main reason for the efficiency of the Roman legions even in adverse circumstances.
(B) The legions were treated inhumanly as if the men were animals.
(C) Discipline was the armies' inheritance from their seniors.
(D) The harsh discipline to which the legions were subjected to led to the odds and conditions being against them.

[2013: 1 Mark]

14. Complete the sentence:
Dare _____ mistakes.
(A) commit (B) to commit
(C) committed (D) committing

[2013: 1 Mark]

15. They were requested not to quarrel with others. Which one of the following options is the closest in meaning to the word quarrel?
(A) make out (B) call out
(C) dig out (D) fall out

[2013: 1 Mark]

16. Statement: You can always give me a ring whenever you need. Which one of the following is the best inference from the above statement?
(A) Because I have a nice caller tune.
(B) Because I have a better telephone facility.
(C) Because a friend in need is a friend indeed.
(D) Because you need not pay towards the telephone bills when you give me a ring.

[2013: 1 Mark]

17. Choose the grammatically CORRECT sentence:
(A) Two and two add four.
(B) Two and two become four.
(C) Two and two are four.
(D) Two and two make four.

[2013: 2 Marks]

18. Statement: There were different streams of freedom movements in colonial India carried out by the moderates, liberals, radicals, socialists, and so on.
Which one of the following is the best inference from the above statement?
(A) The emergence of nationalism in colonial India led to our Independence.
(B) Nationalism in India emerged in the context of colonialism.
(C) Nationalism in India is homogeneous.
(D) Nationalism in India is heterogeneous.

[2014: 1 Mark, SET 1]

19. Choose the most appropriate phrase from the options given below to complete the following sentence.
The aircraft_____ take off as soon as its flight plan was filed.
(A) is allowed to (B) will be allowed to
(C) was allowed to (D) has been allowed to

[2014: 1 Mark, SET 1]

20. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence.
Many ancient cultures attributed disease to supernatural causes. However, modern science has largely helped_____ such notions.
(A) impel (B) dispel
(C) propel (D) repel

[2014: 1 Mark, Set 2]

21. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence.
Communication and interpersonal skills are _____ important in their own ways.
(A) each (B) both
(C) all (D) either

[2014: 1 Mark, Set 2]

22. Which of the options given below best completes the following sentence?
She will feel much better if she _____

(A) will get some rest (B) gets some rest
(C) will be getting some rest (D) is getting some rest

[2014: 1 Mark, Set 2]

23. Choose the most appropriate pair of words from the options given below to complete the following sentence.

She could not _____ the thought of ____ the election to her bitter rival.

(A) bear, loosing (B) bare, loosing
(C) bear, losing (D) bare, losing

[2014: 1 Mark, SET 3]

24. "India is a country of rich heritage and cultural diversity."

Which one of the following facts best supports the claim made in the above sentence?

(A) India is a union of 28 states and 7 union territories.
(B) India has a population of over 1.1 billion.
(C) India is home to 22 official languages and thousands of dialects.
(D) The Indian cricket team draws players from over ten states.

[2014: 1 Mark, SET 3]

25. The value of one U.S. dollar is 65 Indian Rupees today, compared to 60 last year. The Indian Rupee has_____.

(A) depressed (B) depreciated
(C) appreciated (D) stabilized

[2014: 1 Mark, SET 3]

26. 'Advice' is _____.

(A) a verb
(B) a noun
(C) an adjective
(D) both a verb and a noun

[2014: 1 Mark, SET 4]

27. Which of the following options is the closest in meaning to the word underlined in the sentence below?

In a democracy, everybody has the freedom to <u>disagree</u> with the government.

(A) dissent (B) descent
(C) decent (D) decadent

[2014: 1 Mark, SET 4]

28. After the discussion, Tom said to me, 'Please revert!". He expects me to _____.

(A) retract (B) get back to him
(C) move in reverse (D) retreat

[2014: 1 Mark, SET 4]

29. While receiving the award, the scientist said, "I feel vindicated". Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word 'vindicated"?

(A) punished (B) substantiated
(C) appreciated (D) chastened

[2015: 1 Mark, SET 1]

30. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence.

The principal presented the chief guest with a _____, as token of appreciation.

(A) momento (B) memento
(C) momentum (D) moment

[2015: 1 Mark, SET 1]

31. Choose the appropriate word/phrase, out of the four options given below, to complete the following sentence:

Frogs _____.

(A) croak (B) roar
(C) hiss (D) patter

[2015: 1 Mark, SET 1]

32. Choose the word most similar in meaning to the given word:

Educe

(A) Exert (B) Educate
(C) Extract (D) Extend

[2015: 2 Marks, SET 1]

33. The following question presents a sentence, part of which is underlined. Beneath the sentence you find four ways of phrasing the underlined part. Following the requirements of the standard written English, select the answer that produces the most effective sentence.

Tuberculosis, together with its effects, <u>ranks one of the leading causes of death</u> in India.

(A) ranks as one of the leading causes of death
(B) rank as one of the leading causes of death
(C) has the rank of one of the leading causes of death
(D) are one of the leading causes of death

[2015: 2 Marks, SET 1]

34. Read the following paragraph and choose the correct statement.

Climate change has reduced human security and threatened human well being. An ignored reality of human progress is that human security largely depends upon environmental security. But on the contrary, human progress seems contradictory to environmental security. To keep up both at the required level is a challenge to be addressed by one and all. One of the ways to curb the climate change may be suitable scientific innovations, while the other may be the Gandhian perspective on small scale progress with focus on sustainability.

(A) Human progress and security are positively associated with environmental security.
(B) Human progress is contradictory to environmental security.
(C) Human security is contradictory to environmental security.
(D) Human progress depends upon environmental security.

[2015: 1 Mark, SET 2]

35. Choose the appropriate word/phrase, out of the four options given below, to complete the following sentence:
Dhoni, as well as the other team,_____ members of Indian team present on the occasion.
(A) were (B) was
(C) has (D) have

[2015: 1 Mark, SET 2]

36. Choose the word most similar in meaning to the given word:
Awkward
(A) Inept (B) Graceful
(C) Suitable (D) Dreadful

[2015: 1 Mark, SET 2]

37. What is the adverb for the given word below?
Misogynous
(A) Misogynousness (B) Misogynity
(C) Misogynously (D) Misogynous

[2015: 2 Marks, SET 2]

38. In the following sentence certain parts are underlined and marked P, Q, and R. One of the parts may contain certain error or may not be acceptable in standard written communication. Select the part containing an error. Choose D as your answer if there is no error.
The student corrected <u>all the errors (P)</u> that <u>the instructor marked</u> (Q) on the <u>answer book (R)</u>.
(A) P (B) Q
(C) R (D) No Error

[2015: 2 Marks, SET 2]

39. Lamenting the gradual sidelining of the arts in school curricula, a group of prominent artists wrote to the Chief Minister last year, asking him to allocate more funds to support arts education in schools. However, no such increase has been announced in this year's Budget. The artists expressed their deep anguish at their request not being approved, but many of them remain optimistic about funding in the future.
Which of the statement(s) below is/are logically valid and can be inferred from the above statements?
(i) The artists expected funding for the arts to increase this year.
(ii) The Chief Minister was receptive to the idea of increasing funding for the arts.
(iii) The Chief Minister is a prominent artist.
(iv) Schools are giving less importance to arts education nowadays.
Codes:
(A) (iii) and (iv) (B) (i) and (iv)
(C) (i), (ii) and (iv) (D) (i) and (iii)

[2015: 1 Mark, SET 3]

40. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence.
If the athlete had wanted to come first in the race, he _____ several hours every day.
(A) should practise
(B) should have practised
(C) practised
(D) should be practising

[2015: 1 Mark, SET 3]

41. Choose the most suitable one word substitute for the following expression:
Connotation of a road or way
(A) Pertinacious (B) Viaticum
(C) Clandestine (D) Ravenous

[2015: 1 Mark, SET 3]

42. Choose the correct verb to fill in the blank below:
Let us _____
(A) introvert (B) alternate
(C) atheist (D) altruist

[2015: 2 Marks, SET 3]

43. Ram and Shyam shared a secret and promised to each other that it would remain between them. Ram expressed himself in one of the following ways as given in the choices below. Identify the correct way as per standard English.
(A) It would remain between you and me.
(B) It would remain between I and you.
(C) It would remain between you and I.
(D) It would remain with me.

[2015: 2 Marks, SET 3]

44. In the following question, the first and the last sentence of the passage are in order and numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into 4 parts and numbered as 2, 3, 4, and 5. These 4 parts are not arranged in proper order. Read the sentences and arrange them in a logical sequence to make a passage and choose the correct sequence from the given options.

1. On Diwali, the family rises early in the morning.
2. The whole family, including the young and the old enjoy doing this.
3. Children let off fireworks later in the night with their friends.
4. At sunset, the lamps are lit and the family performs various rituals.
5. Father, mother, and children visit relatives and exchange gifts and sweets.
6. Houses look so pretty with lighted lamps all around.

(A) 2,5,3,4 (B) 5,2,4,3
(C) 3,5,4,2 (D) 4,5,2,3

[2016: 1 Mark, SET 1]

45. Which of the following is CORRECT with respect to grammar and usage?
Mount Everest is_____.
(A) the highest peak in the world
(B) highest peak in the world
(C) one of highest peak in the world
(D) one of the highest peak in the world

[2016: 1 Mark, SET 1]

46. The policeman asked the victim of a theft, "What did you_____?''
(A) loose (B) lose
(C) loss (D) louse

[2016: 1 Mark, SET 1]

47. Despite the new medicine's _____ in treating diabetes, it is not _____ widely.
(A) effectiveness --- prescribed
(B) availability --- used
(C) prescription --- available
(D) acceptance --- proscribed

[2016: 2 Marks, SET 1]

48. In a world filled with uncertainty, he was glad to have many good friends. He has always assisted them in times of need and was confident that they would reciprocate. However, the events of the last week proved him wrong.
Which of the following inference(s) is/are logically valid and can be inferred from the above passage?
(i) His friends were always asking him to help them.
(ii) He felt that when in need of help, his friends would let him down.
(iii) He was sure that his friends would help him when in need.
(iv) His friends did not help him last week.
(A) (i) and (ii) (B) (iii) and (iv)
(C) (iii) only (D) (iv) only

[2016: 1 Mark, SET 2]

49. Based on the given statements, select the appropriate option with respect to grammar and usage Statements
(i) The height of Mr. X is 6 feet.
(ii) The height of Mr. Y is 5 feet.
(A) Mr. X is longer than Mr. Y.
(B) Mr. X is more elongated than Mr. Y.
(C) Mr. X is taller than Mr. Y.
(D) Mr. X is lengthier than Mr. Y.

[2016: 1 Mark, SET 2]

50. The students_____ the teacher on teachers' day for twenty years of dedicated teaching.
(A) facilitated (B) felicitated
(C) fantasized (D) facilitated

[2016: 1 Mark, SET 2]

51. After India's cricket world cup victory in 1985, Shrotria who was playing both tennis and cricket till then, decided to concentrate only on cricket. And the rest is history.
What does the underlined phrase mean in this context?
(A) history will rest in peace
(B) rest is recorded in history books
(C) rest is well known
(D) rest is archaic

[2016: 2 Marks, SET 2]

52. Social science disciplines were in existence in an amorphous form until the colonial period when they were institutionalized. In varying degrees, they were intended to further the colonial interest. In the time of globalization and the economic rise of postcolonial countries like India, conventional ways of knowledge production have become obsolete.
Which of the following can be logically inferred from the above statements?
(i) Social science disciplines have become obsolete.
(ii) Social science disciplines had a pre-colonial origin.
(iii) Social science disciplines always promote colonialism.
(iv) Social science must maintain disciplinary boundaries.
(A) (ii) only (B) (i) and (iii) only
(C) (ii) and (iv) only (D) (iii) and (iv) only

[2016: 1 Mark, SET 3]

53. An apple costs Rs. 10. An onion costs Rs. 8.
Select the most suitable sentence with respect to grammar and usage.
(A) The price of an apple is greater than an onion.
(B) The price of an apple is more than onion.

(C) The price of an apple is greater than that of an onion.
(D) Apples are more costlier than onions.

[2016: 1 Mark, SET 3]

54. The Buddha said, "Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burnt."
Select the word below which is closest in meaning to the word underlined above.
(A) burning (B) igniting
(C) clutching (D) flinging

[2016: 2 Marks, SET 3]

55. The overwhelming number of people infected with rabies in India has been flagged by the World Health Organization as a source of concern. It is estimated that inoculating 70% of pets and stray dogs against rabies can lead to a significant reduction in the number of people infected with rabies.
Which of the following can be logically inferred from the above sentences?
(A) The number of people in India infected with rabies is high.
(B) The number of people in other parts of the world who are infected with rabies is low.
(C) Rabies can be eradicated in India by vaccinating 70% of stray dogs.
(D) Stray dogs are the main source of rabies worldwide.

[2017: 1 Mark, SET 1]

56. She has a sharp tongue and it can occasionally tun_____
(A) hurtful (B) left
(C) methodical (D) vital

[2017: 1 Mark, SET 1]

57. I_____ made arrangements had I_____ informed earlier.
(A) could have been (B) would have, being
(C) had, have (D) had been, been

[2017: 2 Marks, SET 1]

58. "If you are looking for a history of India, or for an account of the rise and fall of the British Raj, or for the reason of the cleaving of the subcontinent into two mutually antagonistic parts and the effects this mutilation will have in the respective sections, and ultimately on Asia, you will not find it in these pages; for though I have spent a lifetime in the country. I lived too near the seat of events, and was too intimately associated with the actors, to get the perspective needed for the impartial recording of these matters".
Here, the word 'antagonistic" is closest in meaning to
(A) impartial (B) argumentative
(C) separated (D) hostile

[2017: 1 Mark, SET 2]

59. The ninth and the tenth of this month are Monday and Tuesday _____
(A) figuratively (B) retrospectively
(C) respectively (D) rightfully

[2017: 1 Mark, SET 2]

60. It is _____ to read this year's textbook _____ the last year's.
(A) easier, than (B) most easy, than
(C) easier, from (D) easiest, from

[2017: 2 Marks, SET 2]

61. "If you are looking for a history of India, or for an account of the rise and fall of the British Raj, or for the reason of the cleaving of the subcontinent into two mutually antagonistic parts and the effects this mutilation will have in the respective sections, and ultimately on Asia, you will not find it in these pages: for though I have spent a lifetime in the country. I lived too near the seat of events, and was too intimately associated with the actors, to get the perspective needed for the impartial recording of these matters."
Which of the following statements best reflects the author's opinion?
(A) An intimate association does not allow for the necessary perspective.
(B) Matters are recorded with an impartial perspective.
(C) An intimate association offers an impartial perspective.
(D) Actors are typically associated with the impartial recording of matters.

[2018: 1 Mark]

62. "By giving him the last _____ of the cake, you will ensure lasting _____ in our house today." The words that best fill the blanks in the above sentence are
(A) peas, piece (B) piece, peace
(C) peace, piece (D) peace, peas

[2018: 1 Mark]

63. "Even though there is a vast scope for its _____, tourism has remained a/an _____ area." The words that best fill the blanks in the above sentence are
(A) improvement, neglected
(B) rejection, approved
(C) fame, glum
(D) interest, disinterested

[2018: 2 Marks]

64. The Cricket Board has long recognized John's potential as a leader of the team. However, his on-field temper has always been a matter of concern for them since his junior days. While this aggression has filled stadia with die-hard fans, it has taken a toll on his own batting. Until recently, it appeared that he found it difficult to convert his aggression into big scores. Over the past three seasons though, that picture of John has been replaced by a cerebral, calculative and successful batsman-captain. After many years, it appears that the team has finally found a complete captain.

Which of the following statements can be logically inferred from the above paragraph?

(i) Even as a junior cricketer, John was considered a good captain.
(ii) Finding a complete captain is a challenge.
(iii) Fans and the Cricket Board have differing views on what they want in a captain.
(iv) Over the past three seasons John has accumulated big scores.

(A) (i), (ii) and (iii) only (B) (iii) and (iv) only
(C) (ii) and (iv) only (D) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)

[2018: 2 Marks]

65. A coastal region with unparalleled beauty is home to many species of animals. It is dotted with coral reefs and unspoilt white sandy beaches. It has remained inaccessible to tourists due to poor connectivity and lack of accommodation. A company has spotted the opportunity and is planning to develop a luxury resort with helicopter service to the nearest major city airport. Environmentalists are upset that this would lead to the region becoming crowded and polluted like any other major beach resorts. Which one of the following statements can be logically inferred from the information given in the above paragraph?

(A) The culture and tradition of the local people will be influenced by the tourists.
(B) The region will become crowded and polluted due to tourism.
(C) The coral reefs are on the decline and could soon vanish.
(D) Helicopter connectivity would lead to an increase in tourists coming to the region.

[2019: 1 Mark]

66. The strategies that the company_____ to sell its products_____ house-to-house marketing.

(A) use, includes (B) uses, include
(C) used, includes (D) uses, including

[2019: 1 Mark]

67. The boat arrived_____ dawn.

(A) in (B) at
(C) on (D) under

[2019: 1 Mark]

68. When he did not come home, she _____ him lying dead on the roadside somewhere.

(A) Notice (B) Looked
(C) Concluded (D) Pictured

[2019: 2 Marks]

69. "Indian history was written by British historians extremely well documented and researched, but not always impartial. History had to serve its purpose: Everything was made subservient to the glory of the Union Jack. Latter-day Indian scholars presented a contrary picture."

From the text above, we can infer that:

Indian history written by British historians_____.

(A) was well documented and not researched but was always biased
(B) was not well documented and researched and was always biased
(C) was well documented and researched but was sometimes biased
(D) was not well documented and researched and was sometimes biased

[2020: 1 Mark]

70. The untimely loss of life is a cause of serious global concern as thousands of people get killed_____ accidents every year while many other die _____ disease, cancer, etc. diseases like cardio vascular

(A) in, of (B) from, of
(C) during, from (D) from, from

[2020: 1 Mark]

71. He was not only accused of theft _____ of conspiracy.

(A) rather (B) but also
(C) but even (D) rather than

[2020: 1 Mark]

72. The Canadian constitution requires that equal importance be given to English and French. Last year, Air Canada lost a lawsuit, and had to pay a six-figure fine to a French-speaking couple after they filed complaints about formal in-flight announcements in English lasting 15 seconds, as opposed to informal 5

second messages in French. The **French-speaking couple were upset at _____.**

(A) The in-flight announcements being made in English.
(B) The English announcements being clearer than the French ones.
(C) The English announcements being longer than the French ones.
(D) Equal importance being given to English and French.

[2020: 2 Marks]

73. The global financial crisis in 2008 is considered to be the most serious world-wide financial crisis, which started with the sub-prime lending crisis in USA in 2007. The sub-prime lending crisis led to the banking crisis in 2008 with the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008. The sub-prime lending refers to the provision of loans to those borrowers who may have difficulties in repaying loans, and it arises because of excess liquidity following the East Asian crisis. Which one of the following sequences shows the correct precedence as per the given passage?

(A) East Asian crisis→ subprime lending crisis →banking crisis→ global financial crisis.
(B) Subprime lending crisis→ global financial crisis→ banking crisis→ East Asian crisis.
(C) Banking crisis→ subprime lending crisis→ global financial crisis → East Asian crisis.
(D) Global financial crisis → East Asian crisis → banking crisis → subprime lending crisis.

[2021: 1 Mark]

74. Nostalgia is to anticipation as_____ is to_____ Which one of the following options maintains a similar logical relation in the above sentence?

(A) Present, past (B) Future, past
(C) Past, future (D) Future, present

[2021: 1 Mark]

75. Consider the following sentences:

(i) I woke up from sleep.
(ii) I woked up from sleep.
(iii) I was woken up from sleep.
(iv) I was wokened up from sleep.

Which of the above sentences are grammatically CORRECT?

(A) (i) and (ii) (B) (i) and (iii)
(C) (ii) and (iii) (D) (i) and (iv)

[2021: 2 Marks]

76. Computers are ubiquitous. They are used to improve efficiency in almost all fields from agriculture to space exploration. Artificial intelligence (AI) is currently a hot topic. AI enables computers to learn, given enough training data. For humans, sitting in front of a computer for long hours can lead to health issues.

Which of the following can be deduced from the above passage?

(i) Nowadays, computers are present in almost all places.
(ii) Computers cannot be used for solving problems in engineering.
(iii) For humans, there are both positive and negative effects of using computers.
(iv) Artificial intelligence can be done without data.

(A) (ii) and (iii) (B) (ii) and (iv)
(C) (i), (iii) and (iv) (D) (i) and (iii)

[2022: 1 Mark]

77. Mr. X speaks _____ Japanese _____ Chinese.

(A) Neither/or (B) either/nor
(C) neither/nor (D) also / but

[2022: 2 Marks]

78. Mosquitoes pose a threat to human health. Controlling mosquitoes using chemicals may have undesired consequences. In Florida, authorities have used genetically modified mosquitoes to control the overall mosquito population. It remains to be seen if this novel approach has unforeseen consequences. Which one of the following is the correct logical inference based on the information in the above passage?

(A) Using chemicals to kill mosquitoes is better than using genetically modified mosquitoes because genetic engineering is dangerous
(B) Using genetically modified mosquitoes is better than using chemicals to kill mosquitoes because they do not have any side effects
(C) Both using genetically modified mosquitoes and chemicals have undesired consequences and can be dangerous
(D) Using chemicals to kill mosquitoes may have undesired consequences but it is not clear if using genetically modified mosquitoes has any negative consequence.

[2023: 1 Mark]

79. "I cannot support this proposal. My _____ will not permit it."

(A) conscious
(B) consensus
(C) conscience
(D) consent

[2023: 2 Marks]

80. Forestland is a planet inhabited by different kinds of creatures. Among other creatures, it is populated by animals all of whom are ferocious. There are also creatures that have claws, and some that do not. All creatures that have claws are ferocious. Based only on the information provided above, which one of the following options can be logically inferred with certainty?

(A) All creatures with claws are animals.
(B) Some creatures with claws are non-ferocious.
(C) Some non-ferocious creatures have claws.
(D) Some ferocious creatures are creatures with claws.

[2023: 2 Marks]

81. Which one of the following options can be inferred from the given passage alone?

When I was a kid, I was partial to stories about other worlds and interplanetary travel. I used to imagine that I could just gaze off into space and be whisked to another planet. [Excerpt from The Truth about Stories by T. King]

(A) It is a child's description of what he or she likes.
(B) It is an adult's memory of what he or she liked as a child.
(C) The child in the passage read stories about interplanetary travel only in parts.
(D) It teaches us that stories are good for children.

[2023: 2 Marks]

82. Out of 1000 individuals in a town, 100 unidentified individuals are covid positive. Due to lack of adequate covid-testing kits, the health authorities of the town devised a strategy to identify these covid-positive individuals. The strategy is to:

(i) Collect saliva samples from all 1000 individuals and randomly group them into sets of 5.
(ii) Mix the samples within each set and test the mixed sample for covid.
(iii) If the test done in (ii) gives a negative result, then declare all the 5 individuals to be covid negative.
(iv) If the test done in (ii) gives a positive result, then all the 5 individuals are separately tested for covid.

Given this strategy, no more than _____ testing kits will be required to identify all the 100 covid positive individuals irrespective of how they are grouped.

(A) 700 (B) 600
(C) 800 (D) 1000

[2024: 1 Mark]

83. If → denotes increasing order of intensity, then the meaning of the words [charm→ enamor→ bewitch] is analogous to [bored →_____ → weary].

Which one of the given options is appropriate to fill the blank?

(A) jaded (B) baffled
(C) dead (D) worsted

[2024: 2 Marks]

84. Sequence the following sentences (P, Q, R, S) in a coherent passage:

P: Shifu's student exclaimed, "Why do you run since the bull is an illusion?"
Q: Shifu said, "Surely my running away from the bull is also an illusion."
R: Shifu once proclaimed that all life is illusion.
S: One day, when a bull gave him chase, Shifu began running for his life.

(A) SPRQ (B) SRPQ
(C) RSPQ (D) RPQS

[2025: 1 Mark]

85. Here are two analogous groups, Group-I and Group-II, that list words in their decreasing order of intensity. Identify the missing word in Group-II.

Group-I: Abuse → Insult → Ridicule
Group-II: _____ → Praise → Appreciate

(A) Extol (B) Prize
(C) Appropriate (D) Espouse

[2025: 1 Mark]

86. Had I learnt acting as a child, I _____ a famous film star.

Select the most appropriate option to complete the above sentence.

(A) will be (B) can be
(C) am going to be (D) could have been

[2025: 2 Mark]

87. Identify the option that has the most appropriate sequence such that a coherent paragraph is formed:

P. Over time, such adaptations lead to significant evolutionary changes with the potential to shape the development of new species.
Q. In natural world, organisms constantly adapt to their environments in response to challenges and opportunities.
R. This process of adaptation is driven by the principle of natural selection, where favorable traits increase an organism's chances of survival and reproduction.
S. As environments change, organisms that can adapt their behavior, structure and physiology to such changes are more likely to survive.

(A) P→ Q→ R→ S (B) Q→ S→R→ P
(C) R→ S→ Q→ P (D) S→ P→R→ Q

ANSWER KEY									
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
A	D	C	C	C	B	D	B	C	D
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B	B	A	B	D	C	D	D	C	B
21	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**
B	B	C	C	B	B	A	B	B	B
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C	A	C	C	A	A	A	D	C	A
61	**62**	**63**	**64**	**65**	**66**	**67**	**68**	**69**	**70**
A	B	A	C	D	B	B	D	C	A
71	**72**	**73**	**74**	**75**	**76**	**77**	**78**	**79**	**80**
B	C	A	C	B	D	C	D	C	D
81	**82**	**83**	**84**	**85**	**86**	**87**			
B	A	A	C	A	D	B			

EXPLANATION

1. Explanation: (B) Circuitous means round about or not direct. Indirect is closest in meaning to this circuitous.

2. Explanation: (D) The correct statement is: If we manage to **conserve** our natural resources, we would leave a better planet for our children.

3. Explanation: (C) Betrayed means to reveal something unintentionally or accidentally that fits well with the given context.
Hence option (C) is correct.

4. Explanation: (C) The statement that best sums up the meaning of the passage is:
(C) Use of chemical agents in warfare would be undesirable.
The passage discusses the shift in modern warfare towards targeting civilian populations and mentions the regrettable fact that some people see chemical agents as useful in this context. The passage implies that the use of chemical agents is problematic and undesirable.

5. Explanation: (C) The clues in the question are: for eigen technocrats did something negatively to the problems- so it is counter-productive to invite them, All other options are non-negative. The best choice is exacerbated which means aggravated or worsened.
Hence option (C) is correct.

6. Explanation: (B) The best antonym here is rarity which means shortly or scarcity.
Therefore option (B) is correct.

7. Explanation: (D) The context seeks to take a deviation only when the existing /present /current / alternative treatments are unsatisfactory. so the word for the blank should be a close synonym of existing / present / current / alternative. Available is the closest of all
Therefore option (D) is correct.

8. Explanation: (B) From the passage it cannot be inferred that horses are given immunity as in (A) ,Since the aim is to develop medicine and in turn immunize humans.
(B) is correct since it is given that horses develop immunity after some time. Refer 'until their blood built up immunities.''
Even (C) is invalid since medicine is not built till immunity is developed in the horses.
(D) is incorrect since specific example are cited to illustrate and this cannot capture the essence.
Therefore option (B) is correct.

9. Explanation: (C) Correct statement is: If the tired soldier wanted to lie down, he **should have taken** the mattress out on the balcony.

10. Explanation: (D) Correct statement is: Given the seriousness of the situation that he had to face, his **nonchalance** was impressive.

11. Explanation: (B) In this context, "latitude" refers to the freedom to act or make decisions within a certain range or scope, rather than the geographic term related to location.

12. Explanation: (B) The incorrect part of the sentence is: should be given
The correct sentence would be:
I requested that he be given the driving test today instead of tomorrow.

13. Explanation: (A) The statement that best sums up the meaning of the passage is:
(A) Thorough regimentation was the main reason for the efficiency of the Roman legions even in adverse circumstances.
The passage emphasizes the importance of strict discipline in keeping the Roman legions functioning efficiently, even when the odds and conditions were unfavorable.

14. **Explanation: (B)** The complete sentence would be: "Dare to commit mistakes."
This follows the grammatical structure where "dare" is used with the infinitive "to commit."

15. **Explanation: (D)** The closest in meaning to the word "quarrel" is: fall out
"Fall out" means to have a disagreement or argument with someone, which is similar to the meaning of "quarrel."

16. **Explanation: (C)** The best inference from the statement is:
(C) Because a friend in need is a friend indeed.
The phrase "give me a ring whenever you need" suggests offering help or support to someone when they need it, which aligns with the idea of friendship and support, captured by the proverb "a friend in need is a friend indeed."

17. **Explanation: (D)** The grammatically correct sentence is:
(D) Two and two make four.
This is the correct way to express that two plus two equals four in standard English.

18. **Explanation: (D)** The best inference from the statement is: (D) Nationalism in India is heterogeneous.
The statement mentions that there were different streams of freedom movements led by various groups such as moderates, liberals, radicals, and socialists. This suggests that Indian nationalism was diverse and multifaceted, reflecting a heterogeneous nature.

19. **Explanation: (C)** The most appropriate phrase to complete the sentence is: was allowed to
The complete sentence would be:
"The aircraft was allowed to take off as soon as its flight plan was filed."
This option uses the correct past tense to match the action of the flight plan being filed and the aircraft being permitted to take off.

20. **Explanation: (B)** The most appropriate word to complete the sentence is: dispel
The complete sentence would be:
"Many ancient cultures attributed disease to supernatural causes. However, modern science has largely helped **dispel** such notions."
"Dispel" means to make a belief or idea disappear, which fits well in this context.

21. **Explanation: (B)** The most appropriate word to complete the sentence is: both
The complete sentence would be:
"Communication and interpersonal skills are **both** important in their own ways."
Using "both" emphasizes that each skill is significant in its own manner.

22. **Explanation: (B)** The option that best completes the sentence is: gets some rest
The complete sentence would be:
"She will feel much better if she **gets some rest**."
This construction correctly uses the simple present tense "gets" in a conditional sentence.

23. **Explanation: (C)** The most appropriate pair of words to complete the sentence is: bear, losing
The complete sentence would be:
"She could not **bear** the thought of **losing** the election to her bitter rival."
Here, "bear" means to tolerate, and "losing" is the correct form of the verb.

24. **Explanation: (C)** The fact that best supports the claim "India is a country of rich heritage and cultural diversity" is:
India is home to 22 official languages and thousands of dialects.
This statement directly highlights the cultural diversity in India through its linguistic variety, illustrating the richness of its heritage.

25. **Explanation: (B)** The correct answer is: (B) depreciated
When the value of the Indian Rupee decreases in comparison to the U.S. dollar (from 60 to 65 Rupees for one dollar), it means that the Rupee has depreciated.

26. **Explanation: (B)** The correct answer is noun.
"Advice" is a noun that refers to guidance or recommendations offered regarding a decision or action.

27. **Explanation: (A)** The closest meaning to the underlined word "disagree" is: dissent
"Dissent" means to hold or express an opinion that differs from the majority or the established authority, which aligns with "disagreeing" with the government.