

Solved Sample Paper

Time : 45 min.

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The test is of 45 minute duration.
2. The test contains 50 Questions out of which 40 questions need to be attempted.
3. Marking Scheme of the test:
 - a. Correct answer or the most appropriate answer: Five marks (+5)
 - b. Any incorrect option marked will be given minus one mark (-1).
 - c. Unanswered/Marked for Review will be given no mark (0).

Choose the correct answer:

Passage:

The next most important source of indoor air pollution is allergens. House dust mites (HDM) are very small insects not visible to the naked eye and the commonest source of allergy in the house. They are ubiquitous and thrive in a warm and moist atmosphere. They breed very fast and are very difficult to eradicate. Modern houses present ample breeding spaces for them in the form of carpets, curtains, mattresses, pillows, etc.

Exposure to HDM can be prevented by the frequent washing of linen and by encasing the mattresses and pillows in a non-permeable cover. Pets form an important part of life for some of us. But they can add plenty of allergens to our indoor atmosphere. Cats are notorious for doing this. Fine particles from feline fur can remain stuck to the upholstery and carpets for a long time even after the removal of the animal and lead to the worsening of asthma and skin allergies. Fortunately, owing to religious and social customs, cats are not popular pets in India. Dogs, however, are quite popular and can be as troublesome. Pets should be kept out of the bedroom and groomed frequently. To remove the fur particles, one has to use vacuum cleaners as the ordinary broom and mop are not effective.

Moulds, fungi and several other microorganisms thrive in damp condition and can lead to allergies as well as infection. Humidifiers the air-conditioning plants provide an ideal environment for certain types of bacteria and have led to major outbreaks of pneumonia. It is important to regularly clean the coolers, air-conditioners and damp areas of the house such as cupboards, lofts, etc., to minimize this risk.

Toxic gases can also pollute the indoor environment. Biomass fuels (wood, cow dung, dried plants) and coal, if burned inside, can lead to serve contamination by carbon monoxide (CO). The poor quality of stoves and other cooking or heating appliances that cause incomplete combustion of LPG can also lead to the emission of CO or nitrogen dioxide. Formaldehyde (a gas) can be released from adhesives that are used for fixing carpets, upholstery and also in making plywood and particle-board.

Question ID: 16501

Choose the correct answer from options given below and complete the following sentence.

From the passage, we can easily state that home dust mites are very_____.

- (A) Big insects
- (B) Are very small but seen with a naked eye
- (C) Dangerous
- (D) Are very small and cannot be seen by the naked eye

Answer (C)

Sol. Step 1: Read the passage once to remember the central idea and key words of each paragraph.

The answer lies in the first paragraph.

*D is also correct but the sentence would be grammatically wrong as "are very" would be repeated.

Question ID: 16502

After reading the passage, what do you think should be the priority of the local administration like the village panchayats and the city municipalities.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

- (A) Address causes of pollution to protect the local communities
- (B) Work with the US of A on global climate action plan
- (C) Request the Nordic countries to prevent their lumberjacks from cutting trees
- (D) Turn a blind eye towards pollution

Answer (A)

Sol. The answer of this question doesn't lie in the text. We have to use our common sense and the understanding of the passage to answer this.

Question ID: 16503

Choose the correct answer from options given below and complete the following sentence.

Indoor air pollution is critically harmful for us because _____.

- (A) There is No indoor air pollution
- (B) We are never indoor.
- (C) the doors in our houses are useless against intruders
- (D) we spend over 90% of our times in our home or in office

Answer (D)

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Sol. The answer of this question doesn't lie in the text. We have to use our common sense and the understanding of the passage to answer this.

Question ID: 16504

Choose the correct answer from options given below and complete the following sentence.
The passage tells us that Molds, fungi and several other harmful microorganism thrive in_____.

- (A) Well ventilated condominiums
- (B) Well designed chapels
- (C) Well maintained canteen
- (D) Damp and moist condition

Answer (D)

Sol. The answer lies in the first sentence of the third paragraph.

Question ID: 16505

Choose the correct answer from options given below and complete the following sentence.
From the passage we can assume that, indoor air pollution is caused by the toxicity of _____ .

- (A) Fresh water fish
- (B) Biomass fuels that is conventional fuel in rural areas
- (C) Despondency and gloom
- (D) Incessant rainfall

Answer (B)

Sol. The answer lies in the last paragraph.

Question ID: 16506

Match List-I with List-II

	List-I (Part-A)		List-II (Part-B)
A.	Poor combustion of LPG does	I.	Are a source of biomass fuels
B.	Wood, cow dung, dried plants	II.	Houses can prevent the growth of harmful fungi
C.	Adorable pet dogs can	III.	Cause many allergies
D.	Regular cleaning of our	IV.	Lead to the toxic emission of carbon monoxide

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) A - IV, B - III, C - II, D - I

- (B) A - II, B - III, C - IV, D - I
- (C) A - IV, B - I, C - III, D - II
- (D) A - IV, B - I, C - II, D - III

Answer (C)

Sol. Elimination method can save a lot of time here.

Step 1: Let's try to match fragment A with the fragments in the List II. A matches with IV.

Step 2: Look at the option/options which has/have A matching with IV. A, C and D have that.

Step 3: Let's see if B matches with I or III so that we can eliminate one option from A, C and D. B matches with I. A is eliminated.

Step 4: Let's see if fragment C matches with II or III to reach the final answer. C matches III. D is eliminated.

So, the answer is C.

Passage:

Read the following passage and answer the Questions.

The art of living is learnt easily by those who are positive and optimistic. From humble and simple people to great leaders in History, Science or Literature, we can learn a lot about the art of living by having a peep into their lives. The daily routines of these greats not only reveal their different, may be unique lifestyles but help us learn certain habits and practices they followed. Here are some: read, enjoy and follow in their footsteps as it suits you.

A private workplace always helps. Jane Austen asked that a certain squeaky hinge should never be oiled so that she always had a warming whenever someone was approaching the room where she wrote. William Faulkner, lacking a lock on his study door detached the doorknob and brought it into the room with him. Mark Twain's family knew better than to breach his study door, they would blow a horn to draw him out. Graham Green went even further renting a secret office; only his wife knew the address and the telephone number. After all, every one of us needs a workplace where we can work on our creation uninterruptedly. Equally, we need our private space too.

A daily walk has always been a source of inspiration. For many artists, a regular stroll was essentially a creative inspiration. Charles Dickens famously took three walks every afternoon, and what he observed on them fed

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directly into his writing. Tchaikovsky made do with a two-hour jaunt but wouldn't return a moment early; convinced that doing so would make him ill Ludwig van Beethoven took lengthy strolls after lunch, carrying a pencil and paper with him in case inspiration struck. Nineteenth-century composer Erik Satie did the same on his long hikes from Paris to the working-class suburb where he lived, stopping under street lamps to jot down ideas that came on his journey; it's rumoured that when those lamps were turned off during the war years, his music declined too. Many great people had limited social life too. One of Simone de Beauvoir's close friends puts it this way. "There were no receptions, parties. It was an uncluttered kind of life, simplicity deliberately constructed so that she could do her work." To Pablo, the idea of Sunday was an "at home day."

The routines of these thinkers are difficult. Perhaps it is because they are so unattainable. The very idea that you can organize your time as you wish is out of reach for most of us, so I'll close with a toast to those who worked with difficulties. Like Fracine Prose, who began writing when the school bus picked up her children and stopped when it brought them back; or T.S. Eliot, who found it much easier to write once he had a day job in a bank than he had as a starving poet and even F. Scott Fitzgerald, whose early books were in his strict schedule as a young military officer. Those days were not as interesting as the nights in Paris.

Question ID: 16507

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

Why do many artist and creative minds go for daily walks.

- (A) For inspiration
- (B) To avoid intruders
- (C) To attract journalist
- (D) To paint the city walls

Answer (A)

Sol. Step 1: Read the passage once to remember the central idea and key words of each paragraph.

The answer lies in the first sentence of the first paragraph.

Question ID: 16508

Choose the correct answer from options given below and complete the following sentence.

We may learn many valuable lessons from _____.

- (A) Only great achievers
- (B) Humble and simple people to great leaders
- (C) Men who create history
- (D) Only poets and saints

Answer (B)

Sol. The answer lies in the second sentence of the first paragraph.

Question ID: 16509

Choose the correct answer from options given below

The notion of a "Private workplace" should ideally mean.

- (A) A place where we entertain our colleagues homework
- (B) A place of contact where we can work best without either being disturbed by others or feeling distracted
- (C) A selected and isolated office meant for highly confidential work
- (D) No work place can ever be private

Answer (B)

Sol. The answer isn't directly mentioned in the text but it needs to be deduced from the second paragraph.

Question ID: 165010

Choose the correct answer from options given below.

From the passage it may be concluded that the expression "art of living" means.

- (A) Healthy, wholesome, happy way of living
- (B) Life of an artist
- (C) Profession of an artist
- (D) To fill our homes and work places with works of great artistic value

Answer (A)

Sol. The answer is not directly mentioned in the text but needs to be deduced from the whole passage. The passage is full of examples of people who went to great extent to feel happy and content in life and we need to learn the art of living from these people. Hence the answer is A.

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Question ID: 165011

Choose the correct answer from options given below and complete the following sentence.

From the passage it becomes clear that all thinkers and creative minds _____

- (A) Follow an identical routine
- (B) Hide their roaster
- (C) Follow different routines
- (D) Never have any routine

Answer (C)

Sol. The answer lies in the second sentence of the first paragraph.

Question ID: 165012

Match list I with list II

	List I		List II
A.	Art of living emanates	I.	is often an 'at home day'
B.	Mark Twain	II.	From a positive attitude
C.	To work without interruption	III.	Disliked his family breaking the privacy of his study room
D.	Sunday	IV.	We need a private work place

Choose the correct answer from the option given below :

- (A) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV (B) A-I, B-IV, C-II, D-III
- (C) A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I (D) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I

Answer (D)

Sol. Elimination method will greatly save our time here.

Step 1: Let's try to match fragment A with the fragments in List II. A matches with II.

Step 2: Let's see which option/options has/have A matching with II. There is only one: D. We got our answer.

Passage:

Read the following passage and answer the Questions.

People came to him when the patient was on his fast legs. Dr Raman often burst out, 'why couldn't

you have come a day earlier?' The reason was obvious-visiting fee twenty-five rupees. More than that, people liked to shirk the fact that the time had come to call in Dr Raman; for them there was something ominous in the very association. As a result, when the big man came on the scene it was always a quick decision one way or another. There was no scope or time for any kind of wavering or whitewashing. Long years of practice of this kind had bred in the doctor a certain curt truthfulness; for that very reason his opinion was valued; he was not a mere doctor expressing an opinion but a judge pronouncing a verdict The patient's life hung on his words. This never unduly worried Dr Raman. He never believed that agreeable words ever saved lives. He did not think it was any of his business to provide comforting lies when as a matter of course nature would tell them the truth in few hours. However, when he glimpsed the faintest sign of hope, he rolled up his sleeve and stepped into the arena: it might be hours or days, but he never withdrew till he wrested the prize from Yama's hands. Today, standing over a bed, the doctor felt that he himself needed someone to tell him soothing lies. He mopped his brow with his kerchief and sat down in the chair beside the bed. On the bed lay his dearest friend in the world: Gopal. They had known each other for forty years now, starting with their kindergarten days. They could not, of course, meet as much as they wanted, each being wrapped in his own family and profession. Occasionally, on a Sunday, Gopal would walk into the consulting room and wait patiently in a corner till the doctor was free. And then they would dine together, see a picture and talk of each other's life and activities. It was a classic friendship, which endured untouched times, circumstances and activities.

Question ID: 165013

Choose the correct answer from options given below and complete the following sentence.

The patients did not come to Dr. Raman earlier because they

- (A) Were ignorant and carless
- (B) Found the doctor's fee too difficult to be paid
- (C) Used their home remedies to treat themselves
- (D) Did not have proper means of transport

Answer (B)

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Sol. Step 1: Read the passage once to remember the central idea and key words.

The answer lies in the second sentence.

*There is typographical error in the option B. It should be "fee" instead of foe"

Question ID: 1645014

Choose the correct answer from options given below.

'There no scope or time for any kind of warning or whitewashing' means that _____

- (A) The doctor hid the real condition of the patient from the relation
- (B) The doctor did not have time to attend to the patient
- (C) The people who brought the patient were in a hurry
- (D) The doctor could not lie about patient's condition

Answer (D)

Sol. We can deduce this after reading the passage. Also, the same is directly mentioned in the 10th line of the passage.

Question ID: 165015

Choose the correct answer from options given below and complete the following sentence.

Dr Raman himself needed to be consoled one day because

- (A) His son was in a critical condition
- (B) He was diagnosed with a life-threatening ailment
- (C) He was tired of treating critical patients
- (D) His childhood friend was on the hospital bed waiting for his attention as a doctor

Answer (D)

Sol. Answer lies between the 15th and 17th line of the passage.

Question ID: 165016

Choose the correct answer from options given below and complete the following sentence.

With changing times, the face of friendship changed because

- (A) Adult life had its own responsibilities and engagements
- (B) The friends had stopped seeing each other
- (C) They had made other friends
- (D) There was social gap between them

Answer (A)

Sol. The answer isn't directly mentioned. But it can be easily deduced from the 19th line of the passage.

Question ID: 165017

Choose the correct answer from options given below.

Gopal was a very understanding friend this statements is proved by which of the following statements.

- (A) He dined with Dr. Raman every Sunday but never helped him in need
- (B) He knew everything about Dr. Raman
- (C) He often waited till the doctor got free and then they spent quality time together
- (D) He would walk in the Consulting mom without permission and create a chaos

Answer (C)

Sol. The answer lies in the 20th line.

Question ID: 165018

Match list I with list II

	List I		List II
A.	Patients came to Dr. Raman	I.	A Judge pronouncing a verdict
B.	Dr. Raman was more like	II.	When they were on their last legs
C.	Gopal had known Dr. Raman	III.	Shared a classic friendship
D.	Dr. Raman and Gopal	IV.	For 40 years now

Choose the correct answer from the option given below :

- (A) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III
- (B) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
- (C) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I
- (D) A-II, B-III, C-I, D-IV

Answer (A)

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Step 2: Let's see which option/options has/have A matching with II. A, B and D have that.

Step 3: Now let's see if fragment B matches with I or III to eliminate more options. B matches with I. So the answer is A.

Question ID: 165019

From the given options, select the word that correctly substitutes the expression-

"A person unable to play his debts"

- (A) Debtor (B) Bankrupt
(C) Creditor (D) Cashier

Answer (B)

Sol. If we do not know the exact substitutive word, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach correct answer.

There is typographical error in the question. It should be "to pay his debts" instead of "to play his debts".

Question ID: 165020

From the given options, select the word that correctly substitutes the expression-

"One who is eighty years old"

- (A) Eightygenarrim (B) Septuagemarim
(C) Octogenarian (D) Superannuation

Answer (C)

Sol. If we do not know the exact substitutive word we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

octogenarian (n.)

"person 80 years old or 80-odd years of age," 1789, with -an + French octogénaire "aged 80," from Latin octogenarius "containing eighty," from octogeni "eighty each," related to octoginta "eighty," from octo "eight" + -genaria "ten times" (Source : www.etymonline.com)

"Octo-" (which means "eight") is a common prefix used in English words like "Octopus".

octopus (n.)

1758, genus name of a type of eight-armed cephalopod mollusks, from Latinized form of Greek oktōpous, literally "eight-foot," from oktō "eight" + pous "foot" (Source : www.etymonline.com)

Question ID: 165021

From the given options, select the word that correctly substitutes the expression-

"Event that serves as an introduction"

- (A) Epilogue (B) Prologue
(C) Post-Script (D) Summary

Answer (B)

Sol. If we do not know the exact substitutive word, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach correct answer.

Question ID: 165022

From the given options, select the word that will correctly substitutes the expression -

"Happening once is a hundred years"

- (A) Bicentennial (B) Centennial
(C) Annual (D) Biennial

Answer (B)

Sol. If we do not know the exact substitutive word, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

"Cent-" is a common lexical element used in English words.

cent (n.)

late 14c., "one hundred," from Latin centum "hundred". (Source: www.etymonline.com)

Check out percent, century etc.

Question ID: 165023

From the given options, select the word that is **opposite in meaning** to -

Conceal

- (A) Reveal (B) Describe
(C) Narrate (D) Explain

Answer (A)

Sol. If we do not know the exact word opposite in meaning, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

Question ID: 165024

From the given options, select the word that is **opposite in meaning** to -

Culmination

- (A) Completion (B) Climax
(C) Conclusion (D) Beginning

Answer (D)

Sol. If we do not know the exact word opposite in meaning, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

Except “beginning” all other words are similar in meaning.

Question ID: 165025

From the given options, select the word that is **opposite in meaning** to -

Affluent

- (A) Poor (B) Infamous
(C) Ordinary (D) Backward

Answer (A)

Sol. If we do not know the exact word opposite in meaning, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

“Affluent” is a person who has a lot of money.

Question ID: 165026

From the given options, select the word that is **opposite in meaning** to -

Excruciating

- (A) Mild (B) Noisy
(C) Modern (D) Sophisticated

Answer (A)

Sol. If we do not know the exact word opposite in meaning, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

“Excruciating” means “extremely painful”.

Question ID: 165027

From the given options, choose the one which is **similar in meaning** to -

Aversion

- (A) Aggression (B) Assertion
(C) Dislike (D) Impudence

Answer (C)

Sol. If we do not know the exact word similar in meaning, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

“Impudence” too has similar meaning. It means “the quality of not respecting someone”.

Question ID: 165028

From the given options, choose the one which is **similar in meaning** to-

Diligent

- (A) Intelligent
(B) Energetic
(C) Modest
(D) Industrious

Answer (D)

Sol. If we do not know the exact word similar in meaning, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

“Diligent” is someone who is very careful and hard-working. The word “industrious” has come from “industry” which means “the quality of working hard”.

Question ID: 165029

From the options given below, select the word which **means the same** as –

‘Tie’

- (A) Drawer
(B) Tether
(C) Drive
(D) Type

Answer (B)

Sol. If we do not know the exact word similar in meaning, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach correct answer.

We, who connect to the internet on their PC by connecting it to a phone, are familiar with the term “Bluetooth tethering”. Here “tethering” means “to tie” (not literally, but figuratively) devices in a way that they can share data.

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Question ID: 165030

From the options given below, select the word which is **similar in meaning** to -

- (A) Resident (B) Redundant
(C) Appreciate (D) Simplify

Answer (C)

Sol. If we do not know the exact word similar in meaning, we can read all the options, find out the familiar words and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

Question ID: 165031

From the given options, select the figure of speech (Poetic Device) used in the expression –

Rays of the sunshine danced through the tress

- (A) Simile (B) Pun
(C) Personification (D) Oxymoron

Answer (C)

Sol. Here, ray, which is inanimate, is given human attributes, like, dancing. Hence it is an example of Personification.

Question ID: 165032

From the given options, select the figure of speech (Poetic Device) used in the expression -

Time was passing like a hand waving from a train

- (A) Simile (B) Pun
(C) Oxymoron (D) Metaphor

Answer (A)

Sol. Time has been compared to a hand and this comparison has been clearly stated. Hence, it is an example of Simile.

Question ID: 165033

From the given options, select the figure of speech (Poetic Device) used in the expression –

Faith unfaithful parted the lowers

- (A) Simile (B) Personification
(C) Pun (D) Oxymoron

Answer (D)

Sol. “Faith” and “unfaithful” talk about contrasting qualities, but they have been placed side by side in the sentence. Hence it is an example of Oxymoron.

Question ID: 165034

From the given options, select the figure of speech (Poetic Device) used in the expression -

Far fetched fantasies of a tender mind

- (A) Simile (B) Personification
(C) Alliteration (D) Oxymoron

Answer (C)

Sol. Here three words beginning with the same /f/ sound have been put together for poetic effect. It is an example of Alliteration.

Question ID: 165035

Rearrange the given phrases to make a meaningful sentence

- the researcher collected information on
- to be covered by national drinking water mission
- the number of villages in each state
- which are identified as problem villages

Choose the correct answer from the options given below

- (A) c, b, d, a (B) a, c, d, b
(C) b, c, d, a (D) b, a, d, c

Answer (B)

Sol. Step 1: Let's try to arrange the sentence according to the options. Option A and C are wrong because the predicate fragment “the number of villages in each state” will be placed before the fragment having the subject: “the researcher collected information on”. Option B is wrong because the non-finite clause “to be covered by national drinking water mission” cannot modify the noun phrase “the researcher”. Option B is correct.

The researcher collected information on the number of villages in each state which are identified as problem villages to be covered by national drinking water mission.

The first underlined part has the independent clause of the sentence where “on the number of villages in each state” correctly forms a prepositional phrase. This prepositional phrase is followed by a post-modifier clause in the second underlined part. In the second part “as problem...mission” is a prepositional phrase working as an adverbial in the sentence. In that phrase the non-finite clause “to be covered...mission” is modifying the noun “problem villages”.

Question ID: 165036

Rearrange the given phrases to make a meaningful sentence

- a. for children in the age group of six to fourteen
- b. has announced that elementary education
- c. in a significant decision the government
- d. would be made a fundamental right

Choose the correct answer from the options given below

- (A) a, d, b, c
- (B) d, a, b, c
- (C) a, b, d, c
- (D) c, b, a, d

Answer (D)

Sol. Step 1: Let's arrange the sentence according to the options. Option A is wrong because children cannot be made fundamental right. Option B is wrong because a statement cannot start with an auxiliary verb "would". Option C is wrong as it makes "children" the subject of the verb phrase "has announced" (error of subject-verb agreement). The correct option is D.

In a significant decision the government has announced that elementary education for children in the age group of six to fourteen would be made a fundamental right.

The first underlined part is the independent clause of the sentence containing the subject "the government". The second underlined part has a subordinate clause which is acting like an object of "announced". "for children...fourteen" is a prepositional phrase acting like a post-modifier for the noun phrase "elementary education". "would be...right" is the verb phrase connected to the subject "elementary education".

Question ID: 165037

Rearrange the given phrases to make a meaningful sentence

- a. civilization in the real sense of term
- b. but in the deliberate
- c. consists not in the multiplication
- d. and voluntary reduction of wants

Choose the correct answer from the options given

- (A) a, b, c, d
- (B) b, a, c, d
- (C) a, c, b, d
- (D) c, d, b, a

Answer (C)

Sol. Step 1: Let's arrange the sentence according to the options. Option A is wrong because if we put fragment A before fragment B there will be no contrasting information to use "but" correctly. Option B is wrong because beginning the sentence with "but" makes no sense. Option C is wrong because the subject of the verb "consists" is missing. The correct option is C.

Civilization in the real sense of term consists not in the multiplication but in the deliberate and voluntary reduction of wants.

The sentence has one clause defining what civilization means with the usage of a correlative conjunction "not...but".

Question ID: 165038

Rearrange the given phrases to make a meaningful sentence

- a. for making very candid announcements
- b. although he is reputed
- c. his statements today
- d. were very ambiguous

Choose the correct answer from the options given

- (A) a, d, b, c
- (B) c, d, b, a
- (C) c, a, b, d
- (D) c, b, d, a

Answer (B)

Sol. Step 1: Let's arrange the sentence according to the options. Option A is wrong because "for...announcements" is a non-finite clause and if we put it before the sentence fragment D it will be unclear what the subject of "were" is. Option C is wrong because why the fact of him being reputed is in conflict (the conjunction "although" brings the sense of conflict here) with the fact of his statement being ambiguous is unclear. Option D is wrong because the non-finite clause "for making...announcements" is the justification of his reputation and this clause cannot be separated from "although he is reputed". Option B is correct.

His statements today were very ambiguous although he is reputed for making very candid announcements.

The first underlined part is the independent clause of the sentence. "Very ambiguous" is the subject complement for "his statements". The second underlined part is a subordinate clause beginning with a subordinating conjunction "although" expressing the conflicting fact that the person is otherwise famous for making "candid announcements".

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Question ID: 165039

From the given options, choose the one that rightly explains the expression –

“To throw dust in one’s eyes”

- (A) To show fearsome
- (B) To harm someone physically
- (C) To blind someone
- (D) To deceive someone

Answer (D)

Sol. If we do not know the exact answer, we can read all the options, find out the words we know and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

He threw dust in our eyes by pretending to be a jeweller and then disappeared with the diamonds.
(Collins dictionary)

Question ID: 165040

From the given options, choose the one that rightly explains the expression-

“To call a spade a spade”

- (A) Speak directly and frankly
- (B) Speak rudely and disrespectfully
- (C) Speak softly
- (D) Speak diplomatically

Answer (A)

Sol. If we do not know the exact answer, we can read all the options, find out the words we know and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

To call a spade a spade, he's a crook. (Collins dictionary)

Question ID: 165041

From the given options, choose the one that rightly explains the given expression-

‘To shed crocodile tears’

- (A) To weep profusely
- (B) To grieve and feel low
- (C) To grieve insincerely
- (D) To weep for crocodiles

Answer (C)

Sol. If we do not know the exact answer, we can read all the options, find out the words we know and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

When someone sheds crocodile tears s/he pretends to be sad.

Diksha said, “Don’t shed crocodile tears, Shamik. You are insulting my ailing mother.”

Question ID: 165042

From the given options, choose the one that rightly explains the given expression-

‘Take one for a ride’

- (A) To force someone for a ride
- (B) To take someone for a desire
- (C) To try to trick someone
- (D) To offer a lift to someone

Answer (C)

Sol. If we do not know the exact answer, we can read all the options, find out the words we know and eliminate the wrong ones to reach the correct answer.

Pratyush realised that he had been taken for a ride a long time after he had lost a lot of money.

Question ID: 165043

From the given options, select the rightly spelt word

- (A) Commution
- (B) Comotion
- (C) Commotion
- (D) Kommotion

Answer (C)

Sol. Often writing the word helps us recall the spelling.

“Commotion” means “a sudden short period of noise, confusion or excited movement”. (CALD)

His arrival caused a lot of commotion in the office.

Question ID: 165044

From the given options, select the rightly spelt word.

- (A) Funerary
- (B) Funrery
- (C) Funarery
- (D) Funerary

Answer (A)

Sol. Often writing the word helps us recall the spelling.

“Funerary” is the adjective of “Funeral” which means “the ceremonial act done when a person dies”.

Jishan’s uncle has died and he needs money for his funerary expenditure.

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Question ID: 165045

From the given options, select the rightly spelt word.

- (A) Arckeology (B) Archiology
(C) Archaeology (D) Aerchaology

Answer (C)

Sol. Often writing the word helps us recall the spelling.

“Archaeology” is written as “archeology” in US.

Archaeology is the study of human past using the material remains.

Question ID: 165046

From the given options, select the rightly spelt word.

- (A) Rasseraction (B) Resurrection
(C) Reereksion (D) Ressurektion

Answer (B)

Sol. Often writing the word helps us recall the spelling.

In the Christian religion, the Resurrection is Jesus Christ's return to life on the third day after his death.

Question ID: 165047

From the given pair of words, select the one that carries the same relations as-

Lazy : Listless

- (A) Affection : Aversion (B) Dusk : Dawn
(C) Foolish : Fatuous (D) Brainy : Barmy

Answer (C)

Sol. Lazy is someone who doesn't want to work.

“Listless” has similar meaning. So, these words are synonymous. In the options, except C, the words are antonymous.

Question ID: 165048

From the given pair of words, select the one that carries the same relations as-

Suitable : Inept

(A) Misfortune : Mishap

(B) Profane : Pure

(C) Construct : Create

(D) Trouble : Torment

Answer (B)

Sol. Inept is someone who is not skilful. Hence, “inept” and “suitable” have no similarity in meaning. “Profane” is that kind of language which one uses to disrespect someone. “Pure” is not at all similar in meaning. In A, C and D the words have similar meanings.

Question ID: 165049

From the given pair of words, select the one that carries the same relations as-

Shriek : Whisper

(A) Cautions : Negligent

(B) Prohibit : Forbid

(C) Refined : Elegant

(D) Transient : Temporary

Answer (A)

Sol. “Shriek” (means “to shout”) and “whisper” are almost opposite in meaning. In option A the words too have dissimilar meanings. In B, C and D the words have similar meanings.

Question ID: 165050

From the given pair of words, select the one that carries the same relations as-

Protagonist : Antagonist

(A) Primitive : Ancient

(B) Eagerness : Insensitivity

(C) Follower : Disciple

(D) Deficient : Scarce

Answer (B)

Sol. Protagonist is someone who supports an idea and antagonist is someone who strongly opposes an idea. Hence the words are antonymous. The word pair in B has similar relation. In A, C and D the words are synonymous.