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PART-A

Directions: Each of the following five items in this section consists of a sentence, parts of which have been jumbled. These parts are labelled as P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences, namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to rearrange the jumbled parts to form the most appropriate sentence and mark your response in the Answer Sheet accordingly.

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| 1. the company's innovative strategy | in today's workplace |
| P | S |
| led to significant growth | (a) PQRS |
| Q | (b) PRQS |
| in market share despite competition | (c) QPRS |
| R | (d) PQSR |
| from established players | |
| S | 4. the rapid advancement of technology |
| (a) PQRS | P |
| (b) PRQS | has transformed various industries |
| (c) QPRS | Q |
| (d) QRSP | creating new opportunities |
| | R |
| 2. while traveling abroad | for economic development |
| P | S |
| one should always respect | (a) PQRS |
| Q | (b) PRQS |
| local customs and traditions | (c) QPRS |
| R | (d) PQSR |
| to avoid cultural misunderstandings | |
| S | 5. maintaining a balanced diet |
| (a) PQRS | P |
| (b) PRQS | is vital for |
| (c) QPRS | Q |
| (d) PQSR | overall health and well-being |
| | R |
| 3. effective communication skills | throughout one's life |
| P | S |
| are essential for | (a) PQRS |
| Q | (b) PRQS |
| building strong professional relationships | (c) QPRS |
| R | (d) PQSR |

Directions: Given below are five items, comprising sentences in which one word has been underlined. Choose the response (a), (b), (c) or (d) which is closest to the meaning of the underlined word and mark your response in the Answer Sheet accordingly.

6. The team's collaborative effort resulted in a successful project completion.
 (a) Individual
 (b) Cooperative
 (c) Competitive
 (d) Isolated
7. His meticulous planning ensured the event ran smoothly.
 (a) Careless
 (b) Detailed
 (c) Hasty
 (d) Random
8. The novel's protagonist exhibited extraordinary courage.
 (a) Fear
 (b) Bravery
 (c) Weakness
 (d) Indifference
9. The policy change had a profound impact on the economy.
 (a) Superficial
 (b) Deep
 (c) Minor
 (d) Temporary
10. She demonstrated exceptional proficiency in multiple languages.
 (a) Incompetence
 (b) Skill
 (c) Ignorance
 (d) Mediocrity

Directions : Read the following passage carefully and answer the five questions that follow by selecting your answers based solely on the content of the passage and the opinion of the author only.

Recent archaeological excavations in Madhya Pradesh have uncovered a 2,000-year-old Buddhist stupa near Sanchi, revealing intricate carvings and relics that provide new insights into ancient religious practices. In Haryana, a 5,000-year-old Harappan site at Rakhigarhi has yielded evidence of advanced urban planning, including drainage systems and multi-story buildings. Additionally, discoveries in Odisha of Iron Age tools dating to 1,500 BCE challenge previous timelines of technological development in eastern India. These findings, coupled with underwater explorations off the Gujarat coast uncovering submerged Dwarka structures, underscore the vast scope of India's historical heritage and the imperative for continued research to preserve and interpret these sites for future generations. The author believes such discoveries are crucial for reshaping our understanding of ancient civilizations and promoting heritage tourism.

11. What does the passage indicate about the Buddhist stupa discovery in Madhya Pradesh?
 (a) It is modern in origin
 (b) It dates back 2,000 years and includes carvings and relics
 (c) It is unrelated to religious practices
 (d) It is located in Haryana
12. The Rakhigarhi site in Haryana provides evidence of
 (a) Medieval architecture
 (b) Advanced urban planning with drainage and buildings
 (c) Underwater structures
 (d) Iron Age tools

13. The Iron Age tools found in Odisha date to
 (a) 5,000 BCE
 (b) 1,500 BCE
 (c) 2,000 CE
 (d) 500 BCE

14. The underwater explorations off Gujarat relate to
 (a) Submerged structures of Dwarka
 (b) Buddhist stupas
 (c) Harappan drainage systems
 (d) Modern shipwrecks

15. The author's opinion is that these discoveries
 (a) Are unimportant for history
 (b) Are essential for reshaping understanding and promoting tourism
 (c) Confirm outdated theories
 (d) Should be ignored for modern development

Directions : Each of the five items given below has a phrase given in italics. Choose the one from among the options (a), (b), (c) and (d) that best describes the phrase and mark your response in the Answer Sheet accordingly.

16. The CEO decided to *take the bull by the horns* and address the crisis directly.

- (a) Avoid the problem
 (b) Confront boldly
 (c) Delay action
 (d) Ignore details

- (b) Having both advantages and disadvantages
 (c) Entirely harmful
 (d) Easy to implement

17. After the argument, they agreed to *bury the hatchet*.

- (a) Continue fighting
 (b) Make peace
 (c) Escalate conflict
 (d) Hide evidence

19. He always *plays his cards right* in business deals.

- (a) Makes mistakes
 (b) Acts wisely
 (c) Cheats others
 (d) Avoids risks

18. The new policy was a *double-edged sword* for the company.

- (a) Completely beneficial

20. The news came as a *bolt from the blue*.

- (a) Expected event
 (b) Complete surprise
 (c) Gradual revelation
 (d) Planned announcement

PART B

21. Which one among the following statements pertaining to recent archaeological discoveries in India is not correct?

- (a) Megalithic structures were discovered by the Archaeological Survey of India near the Malampuzha Dam in Palakkad, Kerala, highlighting ancient burial practices in southern India.
- (b) A historic stepwell, estimated to be 125-150 years old, was unearthed near the Banke Bihari temple in Chandausi, Uttar Pradesh, showcasing Victorian-era water management systems.
- (c) Evidence of a 4,500-year-old civilization linked to the mythical Saraswati river was found in Bahaj village, Deeg district, Rajasthan, including advanced artifacts and settlement remains.
- (d) A 2,600-year-old terracotta pipeline dating back to the Sangam era was uncovered at the Keeladi site in Tamil Nadu, indicating sophisticated ancient engineering.

22. Which one of the following was not an important contributing factor in the rise of Magadha as the most powerful Mahajanapada between the Sixth and the Fourth Centuries BCE?

- (a) Access to fertile agricultural lands in the Ganges valley, supporting large-scale farming and population growth.
- (b) Availability of iron ore deposits, enabling the production of superior weapons and agricultural tools.
- (c) A republican system of governance that promoted democratic decision-making and stability.
- (d) Strategic location controlling major trade routes, facilitating economic prosperity and cultural exchanges.

23. Which one among the following statements about the Kailashanatha temple at Ellora is not correct?

- (a) The temple was carved out of rocks in the Eighth Century CE during the Rashtrakuta dynasty.
- (b) The temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and features elaborate sculptures depicting Shaivite mythology.
- (c) The superstructure of the temple corresponds to the Dravidian style with its multi-tiered vimana.
- (d) The temple contains both Shaiva and Vaishnava sculptures, reflecting religious syncretism.

24. Which one of the following statements about ancient Indian pottery is correct?

- (a) Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW) refers to a type of fine, glossy pottery found at sites dating back to 600 BCE, associated with urban centers in northern India.
- (b) Painted Grey Ware (PGW) is a pottery type prevalent in southern India during the Sangam period, known for its intricate designs.

(c) Ochre Coloured Pottery (OCP) sites are located exclusively in southern India, linked to Chalcolithic cultures.

(d) Black-and-Red Ware (BRW) is never found at Neolithic sites, as it emerged only in the Iron Age.

25. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

(Ancient Text/Term)

(Meaning)

(a) Samarangana Sutradhara: A scientific work on ancient Indian architecture composed by King Bhoja.

(b) Harmika: A balcony-like structure surrounding the top of a stupa in Buddhist architecture.

(c) Vimana: The tower over the sanctum in Dravidian style temples of South India.

(d) Kutagara-shala: A hut with a pointed roof used by traveling mendicants in ancient times.

26. Under the provisions of the Employees' Compensation Act, 1923, from the date of reference, within what prescribed time limit is the Commissioner required to dispose of the matter relating to compensation and intimate the decision to the employee?

- (a) Two months
- (b) Three months
- (c) Six months
- (d) One year

27. What is the minimum number of employees employed by an establishment functioning without the aid of power and registered under the Cooperative Societies Act, 1912, that shall require it to come within the purview of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952?

- (a) Twenty
- (b) Fifty
- (c) One hundred
- (d) One hundred fifty

28. Any question relating to disablement shall be determined by which one of the following authorities under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948?

- (a) The Medical Appeal Tribunal
- (b) The Medical Board
- (c) The Social Security Officer
- (d) The Insurance Medical Practitioner

29. What is the amount of compensation that is to be paid to an employee who is totally and permanently disabled as a result from injury under the provisions of the Employees' Compensation Act, 1923? (Hints: Monthly wages drawn were ₹20,000 and relevant factor is 160)

- (a) ₹19,20,000
- (b) ₹12,80,000
- (c) ₹16,00,000
- (d) ₹9,60,000

30. What is the minimum number of employees required to be working in an establishment, so that the employer, with the authorization of the majority of the employees of the establishment, may apply to the Central Government to authorize the employer to create a separate Provident Fund Account for the employees under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952?

- (a) One hundred
- (b) Three hundred
- (c) Five hundred
- (d) One thousand

31. Following are the Central Federations of Trade Unions of Workers formed in India: 1. All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) 2. Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) 3. United Trade Union Congress (UTUC) 4. Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) 5. Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) 6. Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA). Which one of the following is the correct sequence of their formation from the earliest to the latest?

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- (b) 2, 1, 6, 3, 4, 5
- (c) 1, 2, 6, 3, 5, 4
- (d) 2, 6, 1, 5, 3, 4

32. Which one of the following core conventions adopted by the International Labour Organization (ILO) has not been ratified by India?

- (a) The Forced Labour Convention (No. 29)
- (b) The Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention (No. 87)
- (c) The Equal Remuneration Convention (No.

100)

(d) The Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention (No. 111)

33. Suppose there are five trade unions, namely A, B, C, D and E functioning in an establishment currently employing 1200 workmen. The membership strength of each union is as follows: Union A:150, Union B:400, Union C:120, Union D:300, Union E:90. Based on the strength of membership, which of the above unions can be registered under the Trade Unions Act, 1926?

- (a) All the unions
- (b) Unions A, B, C and D only
- (c) Unions B, C and D only
- (d) Unions B and D only

34. Registration of trade unions of workers under the Trade Unions Act, 1926 is

- (a) Optional
- (b) Compulsory
- (c) Optional for workers working in non-public utility services
- (d) Compulsory for workers working in public utility services

35. The Right of workers to resort to strike is the

- (a) Fundamental Right
- (b) Statutory Right
- (c) Common Law Right
- (d) Equitable Right

36. PQ and RS are chords on a circle centred at O. Suppose A is the point of intersection of PQ and RS. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. If A and O coincide, then the four parts of the circle produced by the chords shall always have equal areas.

2. If A and O do not coincide, then two of the four parts of the circle produced by the chords shall always have equal areas.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

37. P, Q, R, S and T are five friends. The mean of weights of P, Q, R and S is 55 kg, whereas the mean of weights of Q, R, S and T is also 55 kg. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1. The weight of T is 55 kg.
- 2. The weights of P and T are equal.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

38. Eight people are sitting in a row facing North. P and Q are neighbours; both R and S are neighbours of W; T, U and V are arranged accordingly. If there are three people between P and V, how many people are there between P and R?

- (a) 2
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) 6

39. The angles of elevation of the top of a tower from the bottom and top of a 15 metres tall building are 30° and 60° respectively.

Approximately what is the height of the tower in metres (given that $\sqrt{3} = 1.73$)?

- (a) 12.99
- (b) 15.98
- (c) 18.66
- (d) 20.99

40. A multiple-choice question paper has 60 questions. Each question has got four options, namely A, B, C and D. Each correct answer carries 4 marks and each wrong answer carries -1 mark. A candidate decides to tick in the pattern B, C, D, A, B, C, D, A ... and so on starting from Question No. 1, till the end. If option (D) is the correct answer in each question, then what is the total score of the candidate?

- (a) 8
- (b) 10
- (c) 12
- (d) 15

41. An insurance claim received on account of machinery being completely damaged by fire is classified as

- (a) Capital receipt, as it replaces a fixed asset.
- (b) Revenue receipt, as it compensates for operational loss.
- (c) Capital expenditure, as it involves asset replacement costs.
- (d) Revenue expenditure, as it relates to day-to-day business operations.

42. According to Accounting Standard-1 issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, which of the following sets represents the fundamental accounting assumptions that underlie the preparation and presentation of financial statements?

- (a) Going Concern, Accrual Basis, and Consistency in accounting policies.

- (b) Going Concern, Money Measurement Principle, and Conservatism.
- (c) Going Concern, Consistency, and Conservatism in valuation.
- (d) Going Concern, Accounting Period Concept, and Accrual Basis.

43. Which one of the following types of errors in accounting is not revealed by the preparation of a Trial Balance, even though it affects the accuracy of financial statements?

- (a) A credit purchase of goods recorded in the wrong supplier's account, leading to misallocation.
- (b) A transaction recorded in the journal with an understated amount, affecting totals.
- (c) Treating a capital expenditure, such as building extension, as a revenue expense in the profit and loss account.
- (d) An error in posting totals from a subsidiary book, like the sales day book, to the main ledger accounts.

44. Which one of the following statements is correct regarding the nature and purpose of reserves and provisions in accounting?

- (a) Capital reserves are normally created out of free or distributable profits for general business strengthening.
- (b) Dividend equalization reserve is a specific example of a general reserve used for maintaining consistent dividend payouts.
- (c) General reserve can only be utilized for designated specific purposes as per company policy.
- (d) A 'provision' is recognized as a charge against profit, representing a liability or diminution in asset value.

45. Which one of the following accounting errors is not classified as an error of commission, which typically involves incorrect recording or posting?

- (a) Overcasting of the sales book total, leading to inflated revenue figures.
- (b) Credit sales to a customer amounting to ₹5,000 incorrectly credited to their account instead of debited.
- (c) Incorrect balancing of the machinery account, resulting in wrong asset valuation.
- (d) Failure to record cash sales in the cash book, omitting the transaction entirely.

46. In structured programming, which one of the following operators is used to access and connect a structure variable with its individual elements or members?

- (a) Dot operator (.), used for member access in structures.
- (b) Plus operator (+), for arithmetic operations on structures.
- (c) Minus operator (-), for subtraction involving structure pointers.
- (d) Multiply operator (*), for dereferencing structure pointers.

47. Which one of the following programming languages is not primarily designed using a top-down approach, where problems are broken down into smaller sub-problems?

- (a) JAVA, an object-oriented language supporting modular design.
- (b) C, a procedural language emphasizing functions and top-down methodology.
- (c) FORTRAN, an early high-level language focused on scientific computations with structured programming.
- (d) Pascal, specifically designed to encourage good programming practices using top-down design.

48. In HTML markup, which one of the following attributes is essential for creating internal links within the same document, allowing navigation to specific sections?

- (a) Name, used to define anchor points for hyperlinks.
- (b) Align, for positioning elements horizontally.
- (c) Body, the main content container of the HTML document.
- (d) Link, for specifying external stylesheet connections.

49. Which one of the following types of operating systems is specifically engineered to process inputs and deliver outputs within a strictly predetermined time interval, making it suitable for real-time applications like industrial control systems?

- (a) Real time operating system, ensuring timely responses for critical tasks.
- (b) Embedded operating system, integrated into hardware for dedicated functions.
- (c) Multiuser operating system, supporting simultaneous access by multiple users.
- (d) Synchronized operating system, coordinating tasks across networked devices.

50. What is the decimal equivalent of the hexadecimal number 7B4E, calculated by converting each hex digit to its base-10 value and applying powers of 16?

- (a) 31566
- (b) 31567
- (c) 31568
- (d) 31569

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