

General Instructions

- (i) This booklet contains 117 questions, each provided with a complete, step-by-step solution.
- (ii) It comprises 117 single-correct multiple-choice questions.
- (iii) Attempt each question on your own before reviewing the given solution.

151. The was that the cheaper the rate the better it is for the industry.

- (A) hope ... tax
- (B) logic ... interest
- (C) assumption ... consumption
- (D) belief ... depreciation

Correct Answer: (B) logic ... interest

SOLUTION:

Read both slots together. The sentence is stating a principle, so the opening word should name that principle, and the rate mentioned must be one that industry wants low. Interest rates fit perfectly, since cheap credit spurs expansion, and the claim itself is the logic behind the view.

- **logic ... interest** works because it gives a clear reason plus the one rate whose reduction reliably aids industry.
- hope ... tax is off since "hope" states no argument and the pairing is loose.

- assumption ... consumption fails because a consumption rate being cheap is not a benefit to industry.
- belief ... depreciation fails because a lower depreciation rate is not something industry seeks.

The answer is logic and interest.

Quick Tip: Look for the rate whose fall directly lowers the cost of doing business, and a noun that names a piece of reasoning.

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152. Chances are that your income from investments will get .

- (A) additional ... squeezed
- (B) aggregate ... cancelled
- (C) future ... postponed
- (D) unearned ... credited

Correct Answer: (D) unearned ... credited

SOLUTION:

Finance splits income into earned (from work) and unearned (from assets like investments). That single term fills the first blank cleanly. What happens to that income is that it lands in an account, which is expressed as being credited.

- **unearned ... credited** matches the technical term for investment income and the verb for money added to an account.
- additional ... squeezed does not fit because receiving income is not being squeezed.

- aggregate ... cancelled makes no sense since the income is not being wiped out.
- future ... postponed is weak because it conflicts with the sentence expecting the income to arrive.

Correct pair: unearned and credited.

Quick Tip: There is a standard two-word label for income that comes from investments rather than from a job.

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153. The government has to increase its to meet the expenditure.

- (A) budget ... decreasing
- (B) base ... emerging
- (C) credibility ... soaring
- (D) revenue ... galloping

Correct Answer: (D) revenue ... galloping

SOLUTION:

The logic of the sentence is cause and effect: spending is climbing, so the government must pull in more money. The money it pulls in is revenue, and expenditure that rises sharply is described as galloping.

- **revenue ... galloping** pairs the correct source of government funds with the right word for fast-rising costs.
- budget ... decreasing contradicts itself, since decreasing costs need no extra funds.
- base ... emerging is unnatural and vague.

- credibility ... soaring wrongly treats credibility as a fund to be increased.

Answer: revenue and galloping.

Quick Tip: What does a government raise to pay for spending, and which word means expenditure that is rising fast?

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154. Under the act, gains tax is on both long term and short term gains.

- (A) lottery ... charged
- (B) property ... calculated
- (C) bonus ... deducted
- (D) capital ... levied

Correct Answer: (D) capital ... levied

SOLUTION:

Long term and short term are the two heads under which one specific tax falls, and that is capital gains tax. Taxes are not casually charged or deducted here; the formal word for imposing a tax is levied.

- **capital ... levied** gives the precise tax name and the correct legal verb.
- lottery ... charged fails because lottery winnings are not classed as long or short term gains.
- property ... calculated fails because the recognised term is capital gains.
- bonus ... deducted fails because "bonus gains tax" does not exist.

Correct pair: capital and levied.

Quick Tip: There is one well-known tax that is classified into long term and short term; the verb means to impose a tax.

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155. The can also decide whether the interest should be or annual.

- (A) customer ... monthly
- (B) investor ... cumulative
- (C) officer ... seasonal
- (D) bank ... occasional

Correct Answer: (A) customer ... monthly

SOLUTION:

Treat "____ or annual" as a choice between two time periods for receiving interest. Annual means once a year, so its natural partner is monthly, once a month. The one entitled to make that choice is the customer holding the account.

- **customer ... monthly** keeps the two options parallel and puts the decision with the account holder.
- investor ... cumulative breaks the parallel because cumulative is a type, not a frequency.
- officer ... seasonal is wrong on both counts, wrong decider and non-standard term.
- bank ... occasional gives an irregular, ill-matched term.

Answer: customer and monthly.

Quick Tip: The second word must sit in the same set as "annual" as a payout frequency.

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156. Stock markets may yield good , but is far greater.

- (A) returns ... risk
- (B) results ... fluctuation
- (C) profits ... scarcity
- (D) savings ... liability

Correct Answer: (A) returns ... risk

SOLUTION:

"But" signals opposition, so the first blank is the gain and the second is the drawback that is even bigger. In markets, the gain is returns and the drawback is risk, the textbook risk-return relationship.

- **returns ... risk** captures the exact investing principle the sentence points to.
- results ... fluctuation is loose and unbalanced.
- profits ... scarcity mismatches, since scarcity is not the flip side of profit here.
- savings ... liability names neither the true reward nor the true danger of markets.

Correct pair: returns and risk.

Quick Tip: Think of the most famous trade-off in investing: the reward you seek versus the danger you take.

157. The true test of civilization is not the census, not the size of cities nor the crops, but the kind of the country out.

- (A) governance ... brings
- (B) resources ... takes
- (C) man ... turns
- (D) society ... transforms

Correct Answer: (C) man ... turns

SOLUTION:

The sentence rejects population, city size and crops as the test of a civilization and points to something the country produces. The verb needed with "out" is "turns," giving "turns out," and what a nation turns out, in this saying, is the kind of man it raises.

- **man ... turns** fits the idiom "turn out" meaning to produce and restores the intended meaning.
- governance ... brings shifts the sense and does not oppose crops and cities as people would.
- resources ... takes uses a verb that does not carry "produce" and a noun that is just another material measure.
- society ... transforms fails because "transforms out" is not valid English.

Answer: man and turns.

Quick Tip: The idiom "____ out" must mean to produce; recall the famous saying about what really measures a civilization.

158.

People learn something everyday, and a lot of times it's that what they the day before was .

- (A) learnt ... wrong
- (B) knew ... inappropriate
- (C) said ... nonsense
- (D) discussed ... inaccurate

Correct Answer: (A) learnt ... wrong

SOLUTION:

Focus on the logic: everyday learning updates what we believed earlier, which means the earlier belief was false. The verb must echo "learn" and the adjective must mean not true.

- **learnt ... wrong** keeps the sentence consistent, since we correct what we had learnt when we find it was wrong.
- knew ... inappropriate fails because "inappropriate" judges behaviour, not the truth of a fact.
- said ... nonsense shifts to speaking rather than learning, so it drifts from the topic.
- discussed ... inaccurate loses the direct link to "learn" and sounds forced.

learnt ... wrong is the answer.

Quick Tip: The sentence is about learning, then realising the earlier idea was not true.

159.

You can't expect a person to see eye to eye with you when you are on him.

- (A) looking ... down
- (B) putting ... blame
- (C) heaping ... praises
- (D) showering ... accusations

Correct Answer: (A) looking ... down

SOLUTION:

The clue is the idiom "see eye to eye," meaning to be in agreement. The blank should name an attitude that blocks agreement. Contempt does exactly that, and "look down on" is the standard phrase for contempt.

- **looking ... down** works because someone you look down on will not meet you as an equal or agree with you.
- heaping ... praises is the opposite of an obstacle to agreement, so it cannot be right.
- putting ... blame reads awkwardly without "the" and is less idiomatic here.
- showering ... accusations conveys hostility but misses the neat contrast with "eye to eye."

The pair is looking ... down.

Quick Tip: Think of the idiom that means to regard someone as inferior, the opposite of seeing eye to eye.

160.

One must submit to a of private liberty in order that one may enjoy a social order, which makes one's liberty a .

- (A) reduction ... fact
- (B) limitation ... success
- (C) curb ... symbol
- (D) curtailment ... reality

Correct Answer: (D) curtailment ... reality

SOLUTION:

Read the balance in the sentence: you give up some private liberty and in return liberty becomes real for everyone under a social order. So blank one is a restraint and blank two means actual or realised.

- **curtailment ... reality** fits because a curtailment is a restraint, and the payoff is liberty made real.
- reduction ... fact states a bare fact and misses the sense of liberty being enjoyed.
- limitation ... success pairs a good first word with a poor second word, since "a success" does not describe liberty.
- curb ... symbol implies liberty is merely symbolic, which contradicts the point.

Choose curtailment ... reality.

Quick Tip: First blank means a restriction; second blank should mean something actually achieved.

161.

We may think that our thoughts are only for , but unconsciously they other lives, richly or adversely.

- (A) action ... influence
- (B) ourselves ... influence
- (C) meditation ... help
- (D) spirituality ... affect

Correct Answer: (B) ourselves ... influence

SOLUTION:

Look for the opposition the sentence builds: we think our thoughts serve us alone, yet they reach other people for better or worse. Blank one must mean "us," and blank two a verb that works with both "richly" and "adversely."

- **ourselves ... influence** gives the exact contrast, private to us versus their effect on others, and "influence ... richly or adversely" reads naturally.
- action ... influence stumbles on the first blank, since thoughts being "only for action" makes little sense.
- meditation ... help cannot take "adversely," because helping is not adverse.
- spirituality ... affect breaks the self-versus-others frame the sentence sets up.

The pair is ourselves ... influence.

Quick Tip: The first blank should oppose "other lives"; the second must work with both "richly" and "adversely".

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162.

Orator : Speech ::

- (A) cooker : food
- (B) onlooker : look
- (C) singer : song
- (D) error : mistake

Correct Answer: (C) singer : song

SOLUTION:

Identify what links the first pair: the first word names a person, the second names the thing that person delivers. Test each option for that same person-delivers-output link.

- **singer : song** fits because the singer is the performer and the song is what is delivered, mirroring orator and speech.
- cooker : food treats "cooker" as a device, so it is not a person-to-output pair.
- onlooker : look pairs a person with an action noun that is not really produced or delivered.
- error : mistake is simply two words with the same meaning.

The parallel pair is singer : song.

Quick Tip: Ask who makes a speech, then find the person who makes the matching product.

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163.

Ring : Finger ::

- (A) Handcuff : Hand
- (B) Bangle : Arm
- (C) Shoe : Foot
- (D) Belt : Buckle

Correct Answer: (B) Bangle : Arm

SOLUTION:

Focus on the exact link: ring and finger are a piece of jewellery and the slim body part it circles. Find the option that is also jewellery circling a body part.

- **Bangle : Arm** works because a bangle is an ornament that circles the arm or wrist, the same idea as a ring circling a finger.
- Handcuff : Hand swaps ornament for restraint, so the relationship changes.
- Shoe : Foot is footwear that wraps the foot, not an encircling ornament.
- Belt : Buckle pairs an item with its own part, not with a body part.

Choose Bangle : Arm.

Quick Tip: A ring is jewellery that encircles a body part; find the matching ornament and limb.

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164.

Throw : drop ::

- (A) Catch : Hold
- (B) Get : Contain
- (C) Retain : Discard
- (D) Jump : Fall

Correct Answer: (A) Catch : Hold

SOLUTION:

Read throw and drop as a pair that sends an object away from the hand, throw with force and drop with almost none. The match must show the same vigorous-to-gentle shift within one family of action. Catch and hold do this on the receiving end: catching is the energetic grab and holding is the settled keep.

- **Catch : Hold** mirrors the move from an energetic action to a steadier one.
- Get : Contain does not fit the forceful-to-gentle pattern.
- Retain : Discard are antonyms, a different link altogether.
- Jump : Fall contrasts a voluntary act with an involuntary one.

The matching pair is Catch : Hold.

Quick Tip: Match the shift from a forceful action to a gentler one in the same family.

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165.

Pick the pair whose two words share the same relationship as the pair given below.

Learn : Education

- (A) Practice : Skill
- (B) Remember : Amnesia
- (C) Sleep : Insomnia
- (D) Teach : Profession

Correct Answer: (A) Practice : Skill

SOLUTION:

Read the first pair as an effort and the gain it delivers. Learning is the effort, and education is the store of knowledge it leaves you with. The right option must show the same effort to gain flow.

- **Practice : Skill** fits because repeated practice is the effort that leaves you with a skill, mirroring learn to education.
- Remember : Amnesia fails because amnesia means memory is gone, so it reverses the idea instead of completing it.
- Sleep : Insomnia fails because insomnia is not being able to sleep, another reversal.
- Teach : Profession fails because it pairs an act with an occupation title, not with the benefit the act creates.

Practice : Skill is the pair that keeps the effort and gain sense intact.

Quick Tip: Ask what you gain by performing the first action.

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166.

Pick the pair whose two words share the same relationship as the pair given below.

Convalescence : Recovery

- (A) Operation : Surgery
- (B) Hospital : Hospitalization
- (C) Paralysis : Stroke
- (D) Wound : Inflammation

Correct Answer: (A) Operation : Surgery

SOLUTION:

Treat the base pair as two labels for one thing. Convalescence describes the healing period, and recovery describes that same return to health. Look for the option where both words point to a single idea.

- **Operation : Surgery** works because surgery is exactly what an operation is, so the two words overlap in meaning.
- Hospital : Hospitalization does not work because one is a building and the other is a process, which are different categories.
- Paralysis : Stroke does not work because one is an outcome that a stroke may bring about, a causal chain not a synonym.
- Wound : Inflammation does not work because inflammation is a reaction that a wound triggers, again a cause and result link.

Only Operation : Surgery keeps the same meaning on both sides, so it is correct.

Quick Tip: The two given words mean almost the same thing.

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167.

Pick the pair whose two words share the same relationship as the pair given below.

Desecrate : Holy

- (A) Despoil : Beautiful
- (B) Beautify : Ugly
- (C) Damage : Corporeal
- (D) Improve : Dull

Correct Answer: (A) Despoil : Beautiful

SOLUTION:

Focus on the direction of the action. Desecrate does not respect holiness, it tears it down, so the first word removes the good quality stated by the second. Find the option that follows this destroy the quality pattern. Of the five original options the least fitting, Glamorize : Rich, was dropped, leaving four to judge.

- **Despoil : Beautiful** matches because despoiling robs and wrecks something beautiful, wiping out its beauty the way desecration wipes out sanctity.
- Beautify : Ugly does not match because it moves from ugly toward beauty, building the quality up instead of tearing it down.

- Damage : Corporeal does not match because corporeal simply describes something physical, so there is no clear prized quality being destroyed.
- Improve : Dull does not match because improving a dull thing makes it better, the opposite of ruining it.

Despoil : Beautiful is the only pair where the action destroys the quality, so it is correct.

Quick Tip: The verb ruins the quality that the second word names.

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168.

Pick the pair whose two words share the same relationship as the pair given below.

Virtuoso : Accomplished

- (A) Aesthete : Austere
- (B) Servant : Servile
- (C) Priest : Orthodox
- (D) Philanthropist : Generous

Correct Answer: (D) Philanthropist : Generous

SOLUTION:

Ask what quality is baked into the word virtuoso. You cannot be a virtuoso without being accomplished, so the second word is an essential positive trait of the first. The right option needs that same must have positive trait. The five given choices were trimmed by dropping Hedonist : Pretentious, the one with no genuine trait link.

- **Philanthropist : Generous** fits because giving generously is the core of what a philanthropist does, so generosity is inseparable from the role.
- **Aesthete : Austere** does not fit because a lover of beauty leans toward richness rather than bare austerity.
- **Servant : Servile** does not fit cleanly because servile carries an unflattering grovelling tone that is not a plain defining trait of a servant.
- **Priest : Orthodox** does not fit because being orthodox is optional for a priest, not a defining feature.

Philanthropist : Generous is the pair with a defining positive quality, so it is correct.

Quick Tip: Find the person whose good quality is part of the definition.

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169.

Pick the pair whose two words share the same relationship as the pair given below.

Authoritarian : Strict

- (A) Fastidious : Particular
- (B) Exemplary : Arrogant
- (C) Apprehensive : Eager
- (D) Neutral : Objective

Correct Answer: (A) Fastidious : Particular

SOLUTION:

Notice that strict just restates authoritarian in milder words, so the pair is a trait and its synonym, and both carry a firm, demanding flavour. The answer should be a synonym pair with that same fussy or demanding shade. From the five options, Fallacious : Fraught was cut because the words have no shared meaning.

- **Fastidious : Particular** works because a fastidious person is exactly one who is particular and hard to please over details.
- Exemplary : Arrogant does not work because being a good model has no bearing on arrogance.
- Apprehensive : Eager does not work because fearful and keen pull in opposite directions.
- Neutral : Objective are synonyms too, yet their calm and even handed feel clashes with the strict, controlling mood of the base pair, making it a lesser choice.

Fastidious : Particular carries both the synonym link and the right demanding tone, so it is correct.

Quick Tip: Look for two words that mean nearly the same demanding trait.

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170.

Pick the pair whose two words share the same relationship as the pair given below.

Homogenous : Kind

- (A) Fast : Speed
- (B) Diverse : Route
- (C) Contemporary : Time
- (D) Disparate : Place

Correct Answer: (C) Contemporary : Time

SOLUTION:

Break the base pair down as sameness plus the yardstick for that sameness. Homogenous signals uniformity, and kind is the yardstick on which things are uniform. The right answer needs a same as adjective tied to its own yardstick. Among the five options, Suspicious : Origin was removed because it has no sameness meaning at all.

- **Contemporary : Time** fits because contemporary things share the same time period, so time is the yardstick of their sameness.
- Fast : Speed does not fit because fast marks a high level of speed rather than things being alike in speed.
- Diverse : Route does not fit because diverse means differing, which reverses the idea, and route is an odd pairing.
- Disparate : Place does not fit because disparate stresses difference, once more the opposite of homogenous.

Contemporary : Time keeps the sameness plus dimension pattern, so it is correct.

Quick Tip: Homogenous means same in kind; find same along another dimension.



171.

Pick the pair whose two words share the same relationship as the pair given below.

Conspicuous : Visible

- (A) Irrevocable : Changed
- (B) Elastic : Stretched
- (C) Ignominious : Denounced
- (D) Sensitive : Felt

Correct Answer: (B) Elastic : Stretched

SOLUTION:

Read conspicuous as easily seen, so the adjective flags a thing that lends itself to the second word without effort. The answer must show the same easily done to sense in a passive way. From the five printed options, Sensual : Audible was cut because the two words have no shared logic.

- **Elastic : Stretched** matches because something elastic gives way and is stretched with ease, just as something conspicuous is seen with ease.
- Irrevocable : Changed does not match because it means the exact opposite, that no change is possible.
- Ignominious : Denounced does not match cleanly because denouncing is an outside response to disgrace, not a ready quality of the word itself.
- Sensitive : Felt does not match because sensitive points to a thing that actively feels, breaking the passive being acted upon pattern.

Elastic : Stretched keeps the easily and passively done to sense, so it is correct.

Quick Tip: The adjective means readily done to; match that ready capacity.

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172.

Choose the word which is congruous to the word given in capitals.

CRANKY

- (A) noisy
- (B) brief
- (C) entangled
- (D) eccentric

Correct Answer: (D) eccentric

SOLUTION:

CRANKY carries the idea of being peculiar, moody and out of the ordinary. When you match it against the choices, the word that shares this "strange and unconventional" flavour is "eccentric".

- **eccentric** fits because it labels a person whose habits and temper are odd and hard to predict, the same picture cranky paints.
- noisy misses the mark since it only points to volume of sound.
- brief is about something lasting a short time, a totally different idea.
- entangled suggests being knotted or mixed up in a situation, not a description of character.

The answer is therefore "eccentric".

Quick Tip: Think of the quirky, odd-tempered sense of the word rather than anything about sound.

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173.

Choose the word which is congruous to the word given in capitals.

IMPUTE

- (A) include
- (B) attribute
- (C) ignore
- (D) dispute

Correct Answer: (B) attribute

SOLUTION:

IMPUTE is used when you lay a quality, motive or fault at someone's door, in other words you ascribe it to them. Scanning the options, "attribute" is the word that does the same job.

- **attribute** works because saying you impute a motive to a person is the same as attributing that motive to them.
- include only means to bring something inside a group or set, so it does not fit.
- ignore means to pay no heed, which runs counter to the idea of assigning something.
- dispute means to challenge or contest, a different action altogether.

So the matching word is "attribute".

Quick Tip: The word often appears in the phrase "impute blame to someone". Which option means to assign?

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174.

Choose the word which is congruous to the word given in capitals.

UPDATE

- (A) postpone
- (B) modernize
- (C) lapse
- (D) restore

Correct Answer: (B) modernize

SOLUTION:

When you **UPDATE** a file or a design you refresh it so it reflects the newest information, making it current. Among the options the verb that means to make current is "modernize".

- **modernize** matches because both words describe reworking something so it fits present-day standards.
- postpone deals with pushing an event to a later date, an idea of timing, not currency.
- lapse describes something running out or becoming void, the reverse of keeping it fresh.
- restore means putting something back the way it used to be, a backward move rather than forward.

The right choice is "modernize".

Quick Tip: Updating means making something current. Which option means to bring up to date?

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175.

Choose the word which is congruous to the word given in capitals.

NATTER

- (A) chatter
- (B) scatter
- (C) batter
- (D) tatter

Correct Answer: (A) chatter

SOLUTION:

NATTER is an informal verb for rambling, gossipy small talk. The three rhyming distractors are traps; the only one tied to speaking is "chatter".

- **chatter** is right because it too means to keep talking about trivial matters, matching natter closely.
- scatter is about spreading objects around and never refers to talk.
- batter means to pound something or the mixture used in cooking, so it is off topic.
- tatter is a ragged piece of torn fabric, with no link to conversation.

The answer is "chatter".

Quick Tip: The other three options only rhyme with the word. Which one is actually about idle talk?

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176.

Choose the word which is congruous to the word given in capitals.

PROD

- (A) secure
- (B) endow
- (C) poke
- (D) growl

Correct Answer: (C) poke

SOLUTION:

PROD means to poke or nudge something with a pointed object, and by extension to spur someone into action. The clearest match on the list is "poke".

- **poke** fits because it names the very same short, sharp pushing motion that prod does.
- secure is about fastening or obtaining something safely, a different idea entirely.
- endow means to bestow money or a talent on someone, unconnected to a physical jab.
- growl is a sound of anger or threat and involves no pushing at all.

So the correct word is "poke".

Quick Tip: Picture jabbing someone with a finger to get their attention. Which word describes that action?

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177.

Choose the word which is congruous to the word given in capitals.

PROPONENT

- (A) predecessor
- (B) advocate
- (C) conspirator
- (D) informer

Correct Answer: (B) advocate

SOLUTION:

A PROPONENT stands up for a proposal and pushes it forward, so the person is essentially a backer of an idea. The choice that captures this supportive role is "advocate".

- **advocate** is right because it names someone who pleads for and defends a cause, just as a proponent does.
- predecessor only tells you someone came earlier in a role and says nothing about support.
- conspirator points to secret scheming, the opposite of openly advocating.
- informer describes a person who tips off authorities against others, unrelated to championing a view.

The answer is "advocate".

Quick Tip: A proponent is on the "for" side of a debate. Which word means a supporter?

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178.

Choose the word which is congruous to the word given in capitals.

TAPIS

- (A) strategy
- (B) scheme
- (C) design
- (D) chance

Correct Answer: (C) design

SOLUTION:

TAPIS refers to a tapestry or figured carpet. The thing that makes such a fabric what it is happens to be the patterned artwork woven across it, and the word for that on the list is "design".

- **design** fits because a tapestry is prized for the decorative design running through its weave, so design is the word that answers to tapis.
- strategy belongs to planning and warfare, not to cloth or ornament.
- scheme carries the sense of a calculated plan or plot, unrelated to a woven pattern.

- chance is about randomness and luck, which is the reverse of a carefully made design.

The correct word is "design".

Quick Tip: A tapis is a tapestry or carpet. What is the one feature that defines such woven cloth?

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179.

Choose the word which is congruous (closest in meaning) to the capitalized word.

TARDY

- (A) opportune
- (B) belated
- (C) slow
- (D) overdue

Correct Answer: (C) slow

SOLUTION:

Tardy means moving or doing things slowly, and by extension falling behind the expected time. The option that matches this basic idea of low speed is slow.

- **slow** fits best because tardy at its heart describes sluggish, unhurried movement or action.
- opportune does not fit, since it means happening at a favourable or right time, almost the reverse idea.

- belated only covers things that come after they should have, so it is a narrower shade than the general sense of slow.
- overdue means unpaid or unarrived past a deadline, once more a specific lateness rather than slowness itself.

The closest match to TARDY is therefore slow.

Quick Tip: Think of the Latin root tardus and what tardy means at its most basic level, not just late.

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180.

Choose the word which is congruous (closest in meaning) to the capitalized word.

TARRY

- (A) scurry
- (B) dawdle
- (C) linger
- (D) loiter

Correct Answer: (C) linger

SOLUTION:

Tarry describes remaining behind, delaying one's departure, or taking one's time before moving on. Among the choices, linger carries that same meaning of staying put and being slow to go.

- **linger** works best because it directly means to stay longer or be reluctant to leave, matching tarry.

- scurry is the reverse idea, since it means to rush along quickly.
- dawdle leans on wasting time or dragging over a job rather than on staying in a place.
- loiter suggests idling about with no aim, a slightly different flavour from simply delaying.

Hence TARRY is closest to linger.

Quick Tip: Tarry is about staying on or being slow to leave a place, not about hurrying.

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181.

Choose the word which is antonymous to the word given in capitals.

INCISIVE

- (A) sharp
- (B) diffuse
- (C) pointed
- (D) acute

Correct Answer: (B) diffuse

SOLUTION:

Something incisive is penetrating and precise, going straight to the heart of a matter. The word that stands against this is diffuse, which points to ideas that ramble and lack a sharp edge.

- **diffuse** is the opposite because it means unfocused, long-winded and spread thin.

- sharp echoes incisive, so it cannot be its antonym.
- pointed also means direct and telling, keeping company with incisive rather than opposing it.
- acute means keen and quick, another near-synonym.

The correct antonym of INCISIVE is therefore diffuse.

Quick Tip: Three options mean sharp or keen; pick the one that means vague and spread out.

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182.

Choose the word which is antonymous to the word given in capitals.

JADED

- (A) worn out
- (B) exhausted
- (C) fresh
- (D) depleted

Correct Answer: (C) fresh

SOLUTION:

A jaded person is weary and bored, having had too much of something to still enjoy it. The choice that stands against this is fresh, which suggests renewed energy and keen interest.

- **fresh** is the opposite because it means unspoiled, lively and not at all worn down.
- worn out simply restates the jaded state of being tired.

- exhausted likewise means completely drained, agreeing with jaded.
- depleted means run down or used up, once again a synonym.

Hence the antonym of JADED is fresh.

Quick Tip: Jaded means tired and dulled; look for the word meaning energetic and new.

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183.

Choose the word which is antonymous to the word given in capitals.

MANIFEST

- (A) obvious
- (B) concealed
- (C) transparent
- (D) showy

Correct Answer: (B) concealed

SOLUTION:

When something is manifest it is out in the open, evident to anyone who looks. The word that opposes this is concealed, which means deliberately hidden or kept from being seen.

- **concealed** is the opposite because it describes what is covered up or out of sight.
- obvious repeats the idea of being easy to notice, so it matches manifest.

- transparent also means clear and open to view, another synonym.
- showy is about a flashy display and does not touch the visible-versus-hidden idea.

The correct antonym of MANIFEST is concealed.

Quick Tip: Manifest means plainly visible; find the word that means hidden.

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184.

Choose the word which is antonymous to the word given in capitals.

REPINE

- (A) rejoice
- (B) repose
- (C) repent
- (D) mourn

Correct Answer: (A) rejoice

SOLUTION:

Repine is to dwell on one's unhappiness and grumble discontentedly. Set against this mood is rejoice, which is to feel and show open gladness.

- **rejoice** is the opposite because it expresses joy and cheer instead of complaint.
- repose means calm rest and has nothing to do with a discontented mood.

- repent is about regret for a fault, a separate idea.
- mourn shares the sad tone of repine, so it lines up with it rather than against it.

Hence the antonym of REPINE is rejoice.

Quick Tip: Repine means to fret and complain in low spirits; pick the word for feeling joy.

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185.

Choose the word which is antonymous to the word given in capitals.

CONTENTION

- (A) argument
- (B) pacification
- (C) debate
- (D) quarrel

Correct Answer: (B) pacification

SOLUTION:

Contention points to conflict, wrangling and angry disagreement. The word that opposes it is pacification, the work of soothing tempers and bringing peace.

- **pacification** is the opposite because it means calming a dispute and restoring harmony.
- argument names the same clash of views as contention, so it agrees with it.

- debate too is a contest of opposing sides, matching contention.
- quarrel is an angry falling-out, again a synonym.

The correct antonym of CONTENTION is pacification.

Quick Tip: Contention is strife and dispute; look for the word that means making peace.

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186.

Choose the word which is antonymous to the word given in capitals.

QUEER

- (A) strange
- (B) familiar
- (C) noisy
- (D) normal

Correct Answer: (D) normal

SOLUTION:

To call something queer is to call it odd, peculiar or unusual. The cleanest opposite is normal, meaning ordinary and in keeping with what is expected. Familiar is tempting, but it means well known and only reverses the unknown shade of strange, while queer mainly signals abnormality, so normal answers it more precisely.

- **normal** is the opposite because it means usual and ordinary, the reverse of peculiar and abnormal.

- familiar falls short since it opposes unknown rather than odd, a narrower match.
- strange simply repeats the meaning of queer.
- noisy is about loudness and is unrelated to the idea.

Hence the best antonym of QUEER is normal.

Quick Tip: Queer means odd or abnormal; the sharpest opposite is the word meaning usual and ordinary, not merely well known.

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187.

Choose the word most nearly antonymous (opposite in meaning) to the capitalized word:

TERRESTRIAL

- (A) economical
- (B) ecclesiastical
- (C) social
- (D) celestial

Correct Answer: (D) celestial

SOLUTION:

The clue is in the root of terrestrial, from terra meaning earth. An antonym must move from the ground up to the sky, and celestial is the word for anything of the heavens.

- **celestial** fits because stars, planets and the sky are celestial, standing in clear contrast to earthbound or terrestrial.

- economical is off track because it describes careful use of money or resources.
- ecclesiastical is off track because it concerns priests and church matters.
- social is off track because it describes life among people in a community.

Earthly versus heavenly gives us terrestrial versus celestial, so celestial is the choice.

Quick Tip: Terrestrial points to the earth; look for the word that points to the sky.

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188.

Choose the word most nearly antonymous (opposite in meaning) to the capitalized word:

SYNTHETIC

- (A) cosmetic
- (B) artificial
- (C) plastic
- (D) natural

Correct Answer: (D) natural

SOLUTION:

Think about how a thing is produced. Synthetic goods are built in factories through chemical reactions, so the opposite must be something that grows or forms in nature without human help.

- **natural** is the answer because wood, cotton and wool are natural, the reverse of lab-made synthetic fibres.
- cosmetic misses because it points to makeup or to a change that is only skin deep.
- artificial misses because it means the same thing as synthetic.
- plastic misses because plastics are a leading example of synthetic material.

Man-made stands against nature-made, so synthetic pairs against natural.

Quick Tip: Synthetic means man-made; find the word for what nature makes on its own.

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189.

Choose the word most nearly antonymous (opposite in meaning) to the capitalized word:

DECIDUOUS

- (A) undecided
- (B) evergreen
- (C) perennial
- (D) annual

Correct Answer: (B) evergreen

SOLUTION:

Picture two kinds of trees in winter. One has dropped every leaf and looks bare, that is deciduous. The other still carries green leaves, and

the label for that is evergreen.

- **evergreen** wins because pines and firs hold their foliage all year, the clear contrast to trees that shed in autumn.
- undecided is a trap built on the spelling of decide and means not made up your mind.
- perennial talks about a plant returning year after year, not about keeping or losing leaves.
- annual describes something happening once a year or a plant that lives a single season.

Bare in winter versus green all year gives deciduous against evergreen.

Quick Tip: Deciduous trees drop their leaves; find the word for trees that stay leafy all year.

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190.

A part of the sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Replace the underlined part with the right choice.

I couldn't control my anger because he came latter than I expected.

- (A) later than I expected
- (B) more late than I expected
- (C) more late than he expected
- (D) latter than he expected

Correct Answer: (A) later than I expected

SOLUTION:

Two problems can hide here, the spelling latter versus later and the wrong comparative more late. Late forms its comparative as later in one word, and later is about time.

- **later than I expected** is the fit because it uses the correct time word and keeps I as the person who had the expectation.
- more late than I expected fails because English does not say more late; the form is later.
- more late than he expected fails on the same count and needlessly changes the pronoun to he.
- latter than he expected fails because latter labels the second of two things, not a delay in arrival.

So the sentence should read he came later than I expected.

Quick Tip: Late becomes later in comparison; latter means the second of two.

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191.

A part of the sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Replace the underlined part with the right choice.

He said that he is angry with us because we did not applaud his speech.

- (A) He said that he has been angry.
- (B) He said that he was angry
- (C) He said that he had been angry.
- (D) He said that he is angry.

Correct Answer: (B) He said that he was angry

SOLUTION:

The rule of sequence of tenses governs this sentence. Once the main verb said sits in the past, the reported idea cannot stay in the present, so is angry has to become was angry.

- **He said that he was angry** works because simple past matches the past reporting verb and keeps the plain meaning that he felt angry at that time.
- He said that he has been angry breaks the rule by using present perfect after a past verb.
- He said that he had been angry over-corrects into past perfect and hints the anger had already ended.
- He said that he is angry leaves the present tense untouched, which is the original error.

Backshifting from is to was gives the correct He said that he was angry.

Quick Tip: A past reporting verb pushes present tense one step back into the past.

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192.

A part of the sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Replace the underlined part with the right choice.

The BCCI has arranged a grand reception for the cricket team who returned home after winning the Sharja tournament.

- (A) who will be returning home after winning
- (B) who returned to home after winning
- (C) who returned home after winning
- (D) who had returned home after winning.

Correct Answer: (C) who returned home after winning

SOLUTION:

Two things decide this item, the correct idiom and the correct tense. Home works as an adverb here, so no preposition is allowed, and the win is a finished past event, so simple past is enough.

- **who returned home after winning** is the fit because it keeps returned home in its idiomatic form and states the completed action plainly.
- who will be returning home after winning shifts to the future, which does not match a reception for a team already back.
- who returned to home after winning inserts an extra to that the idiom does not take.
- who had returned home after winning uses past perfect where none is required.

Since the underlined words are already right, the answer repeats them, who returned home after winning.

Quick Tip: Check the idiom returned home and whether a completed past action needs any tense change.

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193.

A part of the sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Replace the underlined part with the right choice.

Of these two books which is the least costly.

- (A) which one is the least costly
- (B) which is least costly one
- (C) which is less costly
- (D) which one less cost

Correct Answer: (C) which is less costly

SOLUTION:

Count the items being compared. There are two books, and the rule is clear that a comparison of two takes the comparative form. So least costly must become less costly.

- **which is less costly** is right because less costly is the comparative that matches a pair of items.
- which one is the least costly keeps least, the superlative meant for a group of three or more.
- which is least costly one repeats the superlative slip and adds clumsy word order.
- which one less cost drops the verb and uses less cost, which is not correct English.

Comparing two books, we choose the comparative, so which is less costly is the answer.

Quick Tip: Two items call for the comparative degree; the superlative

needs three or more.

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194.

A part of the following sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined part.

He is used to copy in the examination.

- (A) He is accustomed to copy
- (B) He is habituated to copy
- (C) He is used to copying
- (D) No change

Correct Answer: (C) He is used to copying

SOLUTION:

Here "be used to" expresses a settled habit, and that structure always takes a gerund object. The verb "copy" therefore has to appear as "copying".

- **He is used to copying** fits the rule "subject + be + used to + verb-ing".
- He is accustomed to copy fails because "accustomed to" demands "copying".
- He is habituated to copy fails for the same grammar reason; "habituated to" needs "copying".
- No change keeps the wrong bare infinitive "copy".

Hence the right sentence reads "He is used to copying in the examination."

Quick Tip: After "be used to" (meaning accustomed to), use the -ing form of the verb, not the plain infinitive.

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195.

A part of the following sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined part.

This rule is of the most universal application.

- (A) most universal application
- (B) the more universal application
- (C) Universal application
- (D) the universal application

Correct Answer: (C) Universal application

SOLUTION:

Words like "universal", "complete" and "perfect" already carry a maximum meaning, so grading them with "more" or "most" is redundant and wrong. The idiom is simply "of universal application".

- **Universal application** keeps the absolute adjective plain, which is what the idiom requires.
- most universal application forces a superlative onto a non-gradable word.
- the more universal application does the same with a comparative.
- the universal application adds an unnecessary article to the set phrase.

So the sentence should be "This rule is of universal application."

Quick Tip: Some adjectives, like "universal", are absolute and cannot be modified by "more" or "most".

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196.

A part of the following sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined part.

For John as well as for Rico sake I did this.

- (A) For John as well as for Rico
- (B) For John's as well as for Rico's sake
- (C) In John as well as for Rico's sake
- (D) For John and Rico's sake

Correct Answer: (B) For John's as well as for Rico's sake

SOLUTION:

The idiom is "for someone's sake", so a possessive must attach to each owner. With the "as well as" pairing, both John and Rico have to carry the apostrophe-s before the shared "sake".

- **For John's as well as for Rico's sake** supplies both required possessives.
- For John as well as for Rico removes "sake" and gives no possession.
- In John as well as for Rico's sake misuses "In" and leaves "John" bare.
- For John and Rico's sake does not keep John in the possessive form the parallel construction needs.

The right sentence reads "For John's as well as for Rico's sake I did this."

Quick Tip: When two separate names each own the same noun, both usually need the possessive apostrophe.

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197.

A part of the following sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined part.

Besides Betty and I who else was present?

- (A) Beside Betty and I
- (B) Beside Betty and me
- (C) Besides Betty and me
- (D) Beside me and Betty

Correct Answer: (C) Besides Betty and me

SOLUTION:

Two points decide this: the meaning "in addition to" calls for "besides", and a pronoun sitting as the object of that preposition must be "me".

- **Besides Betty and me** keeps the right word "besides" and the right object pronoun.
- Beside Betty and I uses the "next to" word and the subject pronoun "I".
- Beside Betty and me still carries the wrong "beside".

- Beside me and Betty repeats the "beside" error and reorders the names needlessly.

Correctly, it is "Besides Betty and me, who else was present?"

Quick Tip: "Besides" means "in addition to"; "beside" means "next to". After a preposition use the object pronoun "me".

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198.

A part of the following sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined part.

If I am a king I would give this order.

- (A) If I was a king
- (B) If I were a king
- (C) If I being a king
- (D) If I are a king

Correct Answer: (B) If I were a king

SOLUTION:

"Would give" in the result clause marks this as an imaginary situation, and the second conditional uses "were" with any subject, including "I".

- **If I were a king** supplies the correct subjunctive form for an unreal condition.
- If I was a king uses the plain past, which does not fit the hypothetical pattern.
- If I being a king lacks a finite verb and is ungrammatical.

- If I are a king breaks basic subject-verb agreement.

So the sentence should read "If I were a king I would give this order."

Quick Tip: For an unreal "if" clause paired with "would", use the subjunctive "were".

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199.

A part of the following sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined part.

I prefer tea than coffee.

- (A) tea to coffee
- (B) tea and coffee
- (C) the tea and the coffee
- (D) both tea and coffee

Correct Answer: (A) tea to coffee

SOLUTION:

When "prefer" sets one option above another, English links them with "to", so the fixed form is "prefer tea to coffee".

- **tea to coffee** follows the "prefer X to Y" rule exactly.
- tea and coffee drops the comparison entirely.
- the tea and the coffee adds articles and still loses the comparison.
- both tea and coffee means equal liking, which contradicts "prefer".

Correctly it is "I prefer tea to coffee."

Quick Tip: The verb "prefer" is followed by "to", never "than".

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200.

A part of the following sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined part.

A body of volunteers have been organized.

- (A) A body of volunteer are
- (B) A body of volunteer has been
- (C) A body of volunteers were
- (D) The volunteers are

Correct Answer: (B) A body of volunteer has been

SOLUTION:

Ignore the words between the subject and verb: the grammatical subject is "a body", a singular collective noun, which must pair with a singular verb such as "has been".

- **A body of volunteer has been** gives the singular verb that agrees with "a body".
- A body of volunteer are uses a plural verb wrongly.
- A body of volunteers were also uses a plural verb against the singular head.
- The volunteers are rewrites the subject and shifts the meaning.

The correct form is "A body of volunteers has been organized."

Quick Tip: The subject is the singular "a body", so it needs a singular verb.

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201.

A part of the following sentence is underlined which may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces the underlined part.

Whatever his intention may be he should consider than properly.

- (A) he would considers them properly
- (B) he should consider it properly
- (C) he should considers them properly
- (D) he considers them properly

Correct Answer: (B) he should consider it properly

SOLUTION:

Two fixes are needed: supply a proper object for "consider", which should be the singular "it" pointing to "intention", and keep the base verb after the modal "should".

- **he should consider it properly** pairs "should" with the base "consider" and uses the singular "it".
- he would considers them properly wrongly inflects the verb after a modal and pluralizes the object.
- he should considers them properly keeps the wrong "considers" and "them".
- he considers them properly loses the modal and uses "them".

Hence the sentence reads "Whatever his intention may be he should consider it properly."

Quick Tip: A modal like "should" takes the base verb, and the pronoun must match the singular "intention".

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202.

The part of the sentence underlined below may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces the underlined part with the grammatically correct choice.

You are a great deal more sociable than him.

- (A) more sociable than he is
- (B) more sociable than him
- (C) more social than he
- (D) No change

Correct Answer: (A) more sociable than he is

SOLUTION:

A comparison with 'than' is really a shortened clause. Restore the hidden verb and the pronoun before it must be a subject pronoun: 'than he is'.

- **more sociable than he is** is correct because expanding the comparison gives 'than he is sociable', where 'he' is the subject and the sentence reads correctly.
- more sociable than him fails because the object pronoun 'him' cannot head the compared clause.

- more social than he fails on word choice, since 'social' does not mean friendly the way 'sociable' does, and it also sounds incomplete.
- No change simply repeats the faulty 'than him'.

So 'more sociable than he is' is the accurate form.

Quick Tip: After 'than' in a comparison, think about whether the pronoun is doing the job of a subject or an object.

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203.

The part of the sentence underlined below may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces the underlined part with the grammatically correct choice.

He had not scarcely entered when I shouted.

- (A) scarcely entered when
- (B) scarcely entered than
- (C) not hardly entered when
- (D) scarcely enters

Correct Answer: (A) scarcely entered when

SOLUTION:

Words like 'scarcely' and 'hardly' are negatives on their own. Putting 'not' with them doubles the negation, which is a grammar error. The idiom is 'scarcely ... when'.

- **scarcely entered when** is correct because it removes the redundant 'not' and uses the matching connector 'when'.
- scarcely entered than mismatches the connector; 'than' belongs to 'no sooner ... than'.
- not hardly entered when keeps a double negative and is unacceptable.
- scarcely enters wrongly shifts the tense to the present.

'Scarcely entered when' is the sentence you want.

Quick Tip: 'Scarcely' is already negative, and it has a fixed partner word that follows it.

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204.

The part of the sentence underlined below may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces the underlined part with the grammatically correct choice.

He is nothing else than a dishonest fellow.

- (A) nothing else lest a dishonest
- (B) nothing else than a dishonest
- (C) nothing else except a dishonest
- (D) nothing but dishonest

Correct Answer: (D) nothing but dishonest

SOLUTION:

To say someone is 'only' something, English uses 'nothing but'. The other phrasings twist the idiom or add words that do not belong.

- **nothing but dishonest** is correct because 'nothing but' is the standard way to express 'merely', producing 'nothing but a dishonest fellow'.
- nothing else lest a dishonest misuses 'lest', which signals fear or precaution.
- nothing else than a dishonest is an unidiomatic, stiff construction.
- nothing else except a dishonest piles up 'else' and 'except' needlessly.

So 'nothing but' is the fix.

Quick Tip: There is a two-word idiom meaning 'only' or 'merely' that fits neatly before 'a dishonest fellow'.

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205.

The part of the sentence underlined below may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces the underlined part with the grammatically correct choice.

Despite his age his skill at tennis is good.

- (A) Despite of his age his tennis
- (B) Despite his age his skill of tennis
- (C) Despite his age his skill in tennis
- (D) No change

Correct Answer: (D) No change

SOLUTION:

The idiom for being good at a game is 'skill at', and 'despite' stands alone without 'of'. Both of those are already right in the original.

- **No change** is correct because 'skill at tennis' and the bare 'despite' are both standard.
- Despite of his age his tennis adds the wrong 'of' after 'despite'.
- Despite his age his skill of tennis picks the wrong preposition 'of'.
- Despite his age his skill in tennis swaps in 'in', but 'at' is the usual choice for a sport.

Nothing needs fixing, so 'No change' wins.

Quick Tip: Check the preposition that normally goes with 'skill' when talking about a sport, and remember 'despite' never takes 'of'.

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206.

The part of the sentence underlined below may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces the underlined part with the grammatically correct choice.

I cannot avoid to go there.

- (A) avoid going
- (B) avoid in going
- (C) avoid of going
- (D) No change

Correct Answer: (A) avoid going

SOLUTION:

After 'avoid' English uses a gerund, so 'to go' has to become 'going'. The versions with 'in' or 'of' add prepositions that 'avoid' does not take.

- **avoid going** is correct because 'avoid' + gerund is the rule.
- avoid in going wrongly inserts 'in'.
- avoid of going wrongly inserts 'of'.
- No change keeps the faulty infinitive 'to go'.

'Avoid going' is the accurate phrasing.

Quick Tip: Certain verbs like 'avoid', 'enjoy' and 'finish' are always followed by the -ing form, not 'to'.

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207.

The part of the sentence underlined below may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces the underlined part with the grammatically correct choice.

Only a coward will give in.

- (A) give out
- (B) give for
- (C) give away
- (D) No change

Correct Answer: (D) No change

SOLUTION:

'Give in' is the phrasal verb for yielding or giving up in a struggle, and that is the idea the sentence needs. The alternatives all shift the meaning.

- **No change** is correct because 'give in' means to surrender, matching a coward's behaviour.
- give out means to hand out or run out, not to yield.
- give for is not an established phrasal verb in this context.
- give away means to donate or to disclose, which does not fit.

The original 'give in' is right, so keep it unchanged.

Quick Tip: Think about which phrasal verb means 'to surrender' - that is the behaviour linked to a coward.

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208.

The part of the sentence underlined below may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces the underlined part with the grammatically correct choice.

Between he and I, this is a secret.

- (A) Between he and me
- (B) Between me and he
- (C) Between him and me
- (D) Between him and I

Correct Answer: (C) Between him and me

SOLUTION:

After a preposition like 'between', pronouns take their object forms. That means 'he' becomes 'him' and 'I' becomes 'me'.

- **Between him and me** is correct because both pronouns are objects of 'between'.
- Between he and me keeps the subject form 'he'.
- Between me and he still leaves 'he' in the wrong case.
- Between him and I wrongly keeps the subject form 'I'.

The accurate version is 'between him and me'.

Quick Tip: 'Between' is a preposition; decide whether the pronouns after it should be subject or object forms.

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209.

The part of the sentence underlined below may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces the underlined part with the grammatically correct choice.

My car is different and superior to yours.

- (A) different from and superior to yours
- (B) different and superior than yours
- (C) different from and superior than yours
- (D) different and superior to yours

Correct Answer: (A) different from and superior to yours

SOLUTION:

Each adjective here has a set preposition. 'Different' is followed by 'from' and 'superior' by 'to', so both must appear when the two adjectives share the comparison.

- **different from and superior to yours** is correct because it gives each adjective its proper preposition.
- different and superior than yours uses 'than', which fits neither word.
- different from and superior than yours fixes 'different' but wrongly pairs 'superior' with 'than'.
- different and superior to yours leaves 'different' without its 'from'.

So 'different from and superior to yours' is the right choice.

Quick Tip: Recall the fixed prepositions: one adjective pairs with 'from' and the other pairs with 'to', and neither takes 'than'.

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210. The part of the sentence that is underlined may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces it correctly (or 'No change').

Your conduct does not admit any excuse.

- (A) accept any excuse
- (B) admit of any excuse
- (C) admit in any excuse
- (D) admit excuse

Correct Answer: (B) admit of any excuse

SOLUTION:

The verb 'admit' has a special sense meaning 'to allow room for' or 'to permit', and in that sense it is always followed by 'of'. The sentence says the conduct permits no excuse, so 'admit of any excuse' is required.

- **admit of any excuse** is correct because the idiom 'admit of' carries the meaning 'allow the possibility of'.
- accept any excuse shifts the sense from 'permit' to 'receive' and is not the grammar point being tested.
- admit in any excuse is not valid English; 'admit in' is not used this way.
- admit excuse omits both the preposition and the determiner, leaving a broken phrase.

Hence the right choice is 'admit of any excuse'.

Quick Tip: Think about which preposition 'admit' takes when it means 'leave room for'.

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211. The part of the sentence that is underlined may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces it correctly (or 'No change').

The child closely resembles to his mother.

- (A) resembles his mother
- (B) resemble mother
- (C) resemble with his mother
- (D) resembles to mother

Correct Answer: (A) resembles his mother

SOLUTION:

'Resemble' is used directly with its object, so no preposition follows it. Since 'the child' is singular, the verb must be 'resembles', and 'his mother' keeps the possessive.

- **resembles his mother** is correct because it uses the verb transitively with correct agreement.
- resemble mother loses subject-verb agreement and the possessive determiner.
- resemble with his mother inserts a preposition that 'resemble' never uses.
- resembles to mother keeps the wrong 'to' and drops 'his'.

So 'resembles his mother' is the answer.

Quick Tip: Does 'resemble' need a preposition, and does the verb agree with 'the child'?

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212. The part of the sentence that is underlined may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces it correctly (or 'No change').

Gandhi sided with the honest.

- (A) sided the honest
- (B) sided with the honest
- (C) sided by the honest
- (D) No change

Correct Answer: (D) No change

SOLUTION:

To 'side with' someone means to take their part or support them, and that is exactly how the sentence reads. Nothing in the underlined portion is faulty, so no replacement is needed.

- **No change** is correct because the idiom 'side with' is already applied properly.
- sided the honest drops the required 'with'.
- sided by the honest uses a preposition that does not carry the 'support' meaning.
- Rewording the already-correct phrase would only introduce an error.

Therefore the best choice is 'No change'.

Quick Tip: Is the phrasal verb 'side with' already used correctly here?

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213. The part of the sentence that is underlined may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces it correctly (or 'No change').

She is wearing the new hat.

- (A) new hat
- (B) a new hat
- (C) a hat new
- (D) in new hat

Correct Answer: (B) a new hat

SOLUTION:

When a singular countable object is introduced without prior reference, English uses 'a' rather than 'the'. The adjective 'new' sits before 'hat', giving 'a new hat'.

- **a new hat** is correct because it supplies the indefinite article and correct adjective-noun order.
- new hat leaves the countable noun without any article.
- a hat new places the adjective after the noun, which English does not allow here.
- in new hat wrongly turns the object into a prepositional phrase and still omits the article.

So 'a new hat' is the right replacement.

Quick Tip: Which article suits a hat mentioned for the first time, and where does the adjective go?

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214. The part of the sentence that is underlined may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces it correctly (or 'No change').

Swetha has eaten few bad fish.

- (A) bad fish
- (B) some bad fish
- (C) little bad fish
- (D) more bad fish

Correct Answer: (B) some bad fish

SOLUTION:

Here the writer just wants to say an unspecified quantity of bad fish was eaten. 'Some' is the standard quantifier for that in a positive sentence, while 'few' would wrongly stress scarcity.

- **some bad fish** is correct because it plainly marks an indefinite quantity.
- bad fish removes the quantifier and leaves the meaning hanging.
- little bad fish misapplies an uncountable-noun quantifier to a countable noun.
- more bad fish invokes a comparison that has no basis in the sentence.

Thus 'some bad fish' is the answer.

Quick Tip: Which quantifier states an indefinite amount in a plain positive sentence?

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215. The part of the sentence that is underlined may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces it correctly (or 'No change').

I prefer apples than oranges.

- (A) apples or oranges
- (B) apples and oranges
- (C) apples to oranges
- (D) apples of oranges

Correct Answer: (C) apples to oranges

SOLUTION:

With 'prefer', English pairs the two options using 'to', never 'than'. The structure is 'prefer one thing to another'.

- **apples to oranges** is correct because the idiom 'prefer X to Y' governs this comparison.
- apples or oranges only presents alternatives, not a preference.
- apples and oranges links the fruits without ranking them.
- apples of oranges produces a meaningless phrase.

Hence 'apples to oranges' is the answer.

Quick Tip: Which preposition follows 'prefer' when comparing two things?

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216. The part of the sentence that is underlined may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces it correctly (or 'No change').

Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in the Alps.

- (A) a higher mountain in the Alps
- (B) a highest mountain on a Alps
- (C) the highest mount of the Alps
- (D) No change

Correct Answer: (D) No change

SOLUTION:

Superlatives take 'the' with the '-est' adjective, and the range is introduced by 'in the Alps'. The underlined phrase already follows this pattern, so nothing needs changing.

- **No change** is correct because 'the highest mountain in the Alps' is a well-formed superlative.
- a higher mountain in the Alps swaps in a comparative that cannot mean 'the highest'.
- a highest mountain on a Alps mangles the article and preposition.
- the highest mount of the Alps replaces 'mountain' with the awkward 'mount' and a weaker preposition.

So the answer is 'No change'.

Quick Tip: Is the superlative 'the highest mountain in the Alps' already correct?

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217. The part of the sentence that is underlined may contain an error. Choose the option that replaces it correctly (or 'No change').

The state pays pension of old people.

- (A) pensions to old people
- (B) pensions at old people
- (C) pensions for the old
- (D) pensions to people

Correct Answer: (A) pensions to old people

SOLUTION:

The verb 'pay' directs money toward a receiver using 'to'. The state gives pensions to the old people, so 'pensions to old people' fits both the grammar and the meaning.

- **pensions to old people** is correct because 'pay ... to' names the recipient and 'old people' is retained.
- pensions at old people uses a preposition that does not work with 'pay'.
- pensions for the old is acceptable in isolation but shifts from the recipient-focused 'to' the item is testing and drops the plain 'old people'.
- pensions to people removes 'old' and blurs who receives the pension.

Therefore 'pensions to old people' is the answer.

Quick Tip: Which preposition follows 'pay' to mark the recipient?

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218.

The underlined part of the sentence may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces it.

I was speaking with him just now.

- (A) on him just now
- (B) to him just now
- (C) for him just now
- (D) him just now

Correct Answer: (B) to him just now

SOLUTION:

English pairs the verb 'speak' with 'to' when you mean you talked to a person face to face. That makes 'speaking to him just now' the clean,

correct phrase.

- **to him just now** fits because 'speak to' is the normal collocation for addressing someone.
- on him just now fails since 'speak on' introduces a subject or theme, e.g. 'speak on climate change'.
- for him just now fails because 'speak for' means to act as someone's spokesperson.
- him just now fails because a verb of communication like 'speak' needs the linking preposition here.

So option 'to him just now' is the right choice.

Quick Tip: Which preposition follows 'speak' when you address a person directly?

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219.

The underlined part of the sentence may contain an error. Choose the option that best replaces it.

Somebody turned to the radio.

- (A) somebody turned for
- (B) somebody turned in
- (C) somebody turned off
- (D) somebody turned of

Correct Answer: (C) somebody turned off

SOLUTION:

Appliances such as a radio go with 'turn on' and 'turn off'. Among the four options only 'turned off' pairs naturally with 'the radio' to give a complete sentence.

- **somebody turned off** works because it means the person stopped the radio, a normal use of the phrasal verb.
- somebody turned for makes no sense with a device.
- somebody turned in shifts the meaning to retiring for the night or submitting something.
- somebody turned of is just a misspelling, since the particle should be 'off'.

Hence 'somebody turned off' is the answer.

Quick Tip: Which phrasal verb do we use to stop a radio or a light from working?

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220.

Given below are sentences which when arranged logically form a coherent passage. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence.

- A. Just identify the various areas of your life and the two or three important
- B. If you don't yet have a personal mission statement, it is a good place to begin.
- C. Roles and goals give structure and organized direction to your personal mission.
- D. This gives you an overall perspective of your life and a sense of direction.

- (A) CBAD
- (B) BACD
- (C) DCAB
- (D) ADBC

Correct Answer: (A) CBAD

SOLUTION:

Read the sentences for how each one hands off to the next. C sets up roles and goals, B points the reader to a starting move, A spells out that move, and D reports the benefit, so the chain is C to B to A to D.

- **CBAD** works because it goes from framework (C) to starting point (B) to concrete step (A) to result (D), and D's 'This' correctly refers to A's instruction.
- BACD misplaces B ahead of the topic sentence C.
- DCAB ends on the instruction, leaving D's 'This' with nothing to refer to.
- ADBC opens on an incomplete clause, which cannot begin a coherent passage.

So CBAD is the right order.

Quick Tip: Find the general topic sentence first, and note that 'This' in D must point back to an instruction.

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221.

Given below are sentences which when arranged logically form a coherent passage. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence.

A. They are often popular with others, they are usually right in front of us.

B. Urgent matters are usually visible.

C. And often they are pleasant, easy, fun to do, but so often they are unimportant.

D. They press on us; they insist on action.

(A) BDAC

(B) CABD

(C) ABDC

(D) DCBA

Correct Answer: (A) BDAC

SOLUTION:

Three of the four sentences begin with the pronoun 'They', so the noun they stand for must come first. That noun, 'urgent matters', appears in B, which has to lead the paragraph.

- **BDAC** works because B defines urgent matters, then D, A, and C pile on their qualities, finishing with C's contrast that they are usually unimportant.
- CABD starts on a wrap-up sentence marked by 'And' and 'but'.
- ABDC opens with an unresolved 'They'.
- DCBA scatters the introduction B into the middle, breaking the pronoun links.

Hence the order is BDAC.

Quick Tip: Which sentence actually names the subject that every 'They' refers to?

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222.

Given below are sentences which when arranged logically form a coherent passage. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence.

- A. Law is based on an adversarial concept.
- B. It provides survival, but it doesn't create synergy.
- C. At best it results in compromise.
- D. Certainly we need law or else society will deteriorate.

- (A) BDAC
- (B) CBAD
- (C) DBCA
- (D) ACBD

Correct Answer: (D) ACBD

SOLUTION:

Spot the pronoun trail. Sentences B, C, and D all rely on 'it', so the sentence that first states the noun 'Law', which is A, has to come first.

- **ACBD** works because A defines law, C and B then judge its limits (compromise, survival without synergy), and D grants that it is nonetheless needed.
- BDAC opens on 'It' with no subject.
- CBAD also starts on a stranded 'it'.
- DBCA leads with a concession that logically belongs after the critique.

So ACBD is the answer.

Quick Tip: Which single sentence names the subject in full, while the rest lean on the pronoun 'it'?

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Given below are sentences which when arranged logically form a coherent passage. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence.

- A. You have to build the skill of empathic listening on a base of character that inspires openness and trust.
- B. So if you want to be really effective in the habit of interpersonal communication, you cannot do it with technique alone.
- C. And you have to build the Emotional Bank Accounts that create a commerce between hearts.
- D. Unless you are influenced by my uniqueness, I'm not going to be influenced by your advice.

- (A) ACBD
- (B) DBAC
- (C) CADB
- (D) BDAC

Correct Answer: (B) DBAC

SOLUTION:

Use the connective words as anchors. D lays down the principle, B's 'So' turns it into a conclusion, and the paired 'You have to build' (A) and 'And you have to build' (C) must stay together in that order.

- **DBAC** works because it runs principle (D) to consequence (B) to the two requirements (A then C), keeping A and C adjacent.
- ACBD drops the reader into a requirement with no set-up.
- CADB reverses the natural A-before-C pairing signalled by 'And'.
- BDAC starts on 'So', which needs D's principle ahead of it.

Therefore DBAC is the right order.

Quick Tip: The word 'So' signals a consequence, and 'And you have to build' must trail the first 'You have to build'.

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224.

Given below are sentences which when arranged logically form a coherent passage. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence.

- A. They don't realize that the very strength of the relationship is in having another point of view.
- B. Insecure people think that all reality should be amenable to their paradigms.
- C. Sameness is not oneness; uniformity is not unity.
- D. They have a high need to clone others, to mould them over into their own thinking.

- (A) DACB
- (B) CDBA
- (C) ACBD
- (D) BDAC

Correct Answer: (D) BDAC

SOLUTION:

The pronoun 'They' in sentences D and A needs an antecedent, and only B supplies it with 'Insecure people'. So B leads, and the closing aphorism C, which does not depend on any pronoun, fits best at the end.

- **BDAC** works because it runs from the subject (B) to their behaviour (D) to their blind spot (A) to the summing-up line (C).
- DACB starts on a stranded 'They'.
- CDBA opens on the general maxim that should conclude the passage.
- ACBD leaves A's 'They' without a referent.

Hence the order is BDAC.

Quick Tip: Locate the sentence that names 'insecure people' before any 'They' can refer back to it.

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225.

Rearrange the following four sentences (A, B, C and D) in the correct order to form a meaningful paragraph, then choose the correct sequence from the options given below.

A. And how much does that reflection influence their lives?

B. The more we can see people in terms of their unseen potential, the more we can use our imagination rather than our memory.

C. What do we reflect to others about ourselves?

D. We have so much we can invest in the Emotional Bank Accounts of other people.

(A) CADB

(B) BACD

(C) ACBD

(D) DBCA

Correct Answer: (A) CADB

SOLUTION:

Start by spotting the sentence links. Two of the four sentences are questions (A and C), and a good paragraph usually poses its questions together before answering them. C raises the general point of what we reflect to others, and A immediately narrows it with "how much does that reflection influence their lives?" The demonstrative "that" in A can only refer to the reflecting named in C, which fixes the order as C then A. The remaining two sentences are declarative: D talks about how much we can invest in others, and B builds on that by tying our view of people's potential to using imagination over memory, so D leads into B.

- **CADB** is correct because the question pair C-A opens the paragraph and the statement pair D-B closes it in a logical build-up.
- BACD is wrong since B assumes an already-established discussion of people's potential and cannot be the first sentence.
- ACBD is wrong because placing A before C removes the antecedent that "that reflection" depends on.
- DBCA is wrong because finishing on the two questions leaves the ideas unresolved.

Hence the sequence CADB, option a, is the answer.

Quick Tip: Find the two sentences that are questions and keep them together at the start; note how "that reflection" in A refers back to the reflecting mentioned in C.

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226.

Choose the word or phrase that is equivalent in meaning to the given phrase:

Airs and graces

- (A) vanity
- (B) fairies
- (C) servicing
- (D) prayers

Correct Answer: (A) vanity

SOLUTION:

"Airs and graces" is used for pretentious, affected behaviour, the kind shown by a person who acts grand and looks down on others to seem superior. The core idea is an inflated sense of one's own importance, and the word that names that trait is "vanity".

- **vanity** is correct because it means excessive pride in oneself and a craving to appear impressive, which is precisely what someone with airs and graces displays.
- fairies is wrong; it is a mythical creature and has nothing to do with pretentious conduct.
- servicing is wrong; it refers to attending to or repairing machines and is off the meaning entirely.
- prayers is wrong because it misreads "grace" as religious grace rather than an affected air of elegance.

The best match is therefore vanity, option a.

Quick Tip: Think about someone who puts on refined manners to seem more important than they are; what single failing does that show?

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227.

Choose the word or phrase that is equivalent in meaning to the given phrase:

Under a cloud

- (A) in the shade
- (B) wet
- (C) suspected of wrong doing
- (D) hopeful

Correct Answer: (C) suspected of wrong doing

SOLUTION:

The idiom "under a cloud" describes a person who has fallen into disgrace or is regarded with distrust because of something they are thought to have done. The image is of a dark cloud of suspicion following them around, so the meaning is entirely about being doubted, not about real clouds or shade.

- **suspected of wrong doing** is correct because it captures the sense of being distrusted and thought guilty of misconduct.
- in the shade is wrong as it reads the cloud literally as shelter from the sun.
- wet is wrong because it wrongly connects the cloud to rainfall instead of to disgrace.
- hopeful is wrong since the phrase carries a bleak, negative feeling that is the reverse of hopefulness.

So the correct meaning is suspected of wrong doing, option c.

Quick Tip: The "cloud" here is figurative, not weather. What shadow hangs over a person others no longer trust?



228.

Choose the word or phrase that is equivalent in meaning to the given phrase:

Fight tooth and nail

- (A) bite and scratch your enemy
- (B) make a determined effort
- (C) inflict equal damage
- (D) pull out enemy's teeth and nails

Correct Answer: (B) make a determined effort

SOLUTION:

When someone fights tooth and nail, they battle with total commitment, throwing all their effort and resolve into the struggle. The teeth and nails simply stand for using every possible means; the phrase describes how hard a person tries, not a physical clawing.

- **make a determined effort** is correct because it matches the sense of striving with maximum energy and persistence.
- bite and scratch your enemy is wrong; it reads the idiom word for word rather than as an expression of determination.
- inflict equal damage is wrong because the phrase says nothing about damage being equal on both sides.
- pull out enemy's teeth and nails is wrong as it describes a literal act that has no link to the real meaning.

The answer is therefore make a determined effort, option b.

Quick Tip: "Tooth and nail" is figurative for intensity. Which option

describes the effort rather than literal biting?

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229.

Choose the word or phrase that is equivalent in meaning to the given phrase:

Eat out of somebody's hand

- (A) take advantage of generosity
- (B) depend on charity
- (C) hurt a benefactor
- (D) trust somebody and be willing to obey

Correct Answer: (D) trust somebody and be willing to obey

SOLUTION:

To "eat out of somebody's hand" pictures a creature so tame it takes food straight from a person's palm. Used of people, it means being completely won over and ready to do whatever that person asks, showing full trust and easy obedience toward them.

- **trust somebody and be willing to obey** is correct because it names both parts of the idiom: the trust and the readiness to comply.
- take advantage of generosity is wrong since it casts the person as the exploiter, the reverse of being submissive.
- depend on charity is wrong because the idiom is about obedience, not about living off others' handouts.
- hurt a benefactor is wrong as it suggests harm, whereas the phrase suggests willing compliance.

The correct choice is trust somebody and be willing to obey, option d.

Quick Tip: Picture a tame animal feeding from a hand. What does that say about how the person feels toward the one who controls them?

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230.

Three of the following four items are alike in a certain way and can be grouped together. Which item cannot be grouped with the other three?

- (A) photograph
- (B) painting
- (C) statue
- (D) cartoon

Correct Answer: (C) statue

SOLUTION:

Look for what links most of the items. Photograph, painting and cartoon are each a picture rendered on a flat surface, so all three are two-dimensional. The statue does not fit that pattern because it is a carved or moulded three-dimensional object with real depth and volume.

- **statue** is correct because it is the only 3-D form; the rest are flat 2-D images.
- photograph is wrong as the answer since it stays within the 2-D group.
- painting is wrong as the answer because it is a flat surface image like the others.

- cartoon is wrong as the answer because it is a drawn 2-D picture and fits the group.

The odd item is therefore statue, option c.

Quick Tip: Sort them by shape: which three are flat surfaces and which one is a solid you can walk around?

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231. Three of the following four are alike in a certain 'way'. Which one is not like the other three?

- (A) diary
- (B) calendar
- (C) planner
- (D) purse

Correct Answer: (D) purse

SOLUTION:

Group the four items by what they do. A diary, a calendar and a planner each help a person manage time by showing or recording dates and plans. A purse simply holds cash and cards, so it has a different purpose.

- **purse** is correct because carrying money is unrelated to organising dates.
- diary is wrong because writing down day to day entries is a time keeping activity.
- calendar is wrong because it is built around dates and months.
- planner is wrong because it schedules future tasks by date.

The item that does not deal with dates is the purse, so that is the odd one.

Quick Tip: Sort them by purpose: three of them help you manage dates and time.

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232. Three of the following four are alike in a certain 'way'. Which one is not like the other three?

- (A) preacher
- (B) professor
- (C) lecturer
- (D) teacher

Correct Answer: (A) preacher

SOLUTION:

Look at where each person works and what they teach. Professors, lecturers and teachers all work in educational institutions and pass on academic knowledge. A preacher works in a religious setting and speaks about faith.

- **preacher** is correct because religious preaching sits apart from classroom teaching.
- professor is wrong because it is an academic post at a university.
- lecturer is wrong because delivering lectures is academic teaching.
- teacher is wrong because school teaching is clearly academic.

Only the preacher belongs to a non academic field, so it is the odd one.

Quick Tip: Three of them work in classrooms; one works from a pulpit.

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233. Which of the following four pairs shows the same relationship between its two elements as between 'jewellery : wealth'?

- (A) Spectacles : Learning
- (B) Turban : Piety
- (C) Stethoscope : Sailing
- (D) Boomerang : Royalty

Correct Answer: (A) Spectacles : Learning

SOLUTION:

Read the given pair as an object and the quality it represents. Jewellery represents wealth. Test each option for the same object to quality link. Spectacles are widely associated with study and knowledge, so they represent learning.

- **Spectacles : Learning** is correct because the object stands for the quality, exactly like jewellery for wealth.
- Turban : Piety is wrong because the connection between a turban and piety is not a fixed symbol relationship.
- Stethoscope : Sailing is wrong because the stethoscope points to a doctor, not to sailing.
- Boomerang : Royalty is wrong because there is no sensible link between the two.

Spectacles for learning matches jewellery for wealth, so that pair is the answer.

Quick Tip: Jewellery is a visible symbol of wealth; find the object that is a symbol of the paired quality.

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234. Sorrow : Tears :: Fatigue : ?

- (A) Blood
- (B) Lymph
- (C) Perspiration
- (D) Catarrh

Correct Answer: (C) Perspiration

SOLUTION:

Match the state to the secretion it causes. Sorrow to tears is a state producing a fluid. Apply the same logic to fatigue. Hard physical effort and tiredness cause the body to sweat, so the paired fluid is perspiration.

- **Perspiration** is correct because sweat is the natural fluid produced when the body is tired from exertion.
- Blood is wrong because it flows from wounds, not from being tired.
- Lymph is wrong because it is part of the immune system and not released by fatigue.
- Catarrh is wrong because it is nasal mucus from illness.

The fluid that goes with fatigue in the same way tears go with sorrow is perspiration.

Quick Tip: Each state releases a fluid; what does a tired, exerted body give off?

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235. Pilot is related to aircraft in the same way as chauffeur is related to

- (A) Kitchenette
- (B) Restaurant
- (C) Car
- (D) Cargo

Correct Answer: (C) Car

SOLUTION:

The link is operator to the vehicle he controls. A pilot controls an aircraft. A chauffeur is a hired driver, and the vehicle he controls is a motor car.

- **Car** is correct because it is the vehicle a chauffeur is paid to drive.
- Kitchenette is wrong because it is a cooking space, not a vehicle.
- Restaurant is wrong because it is a place to dine, unrelated to driving.
- Cargo is wrong because it is the load carried, not the vehicle.

A chauffeur is to a car what a pilot is to an aircraft, so car is the answer.

Quick Tip: A pilot operates an aircraft; what vehicle does a chauffeur operate?

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239. Which of the following will be the correct way of writing 'CLANDESTINE' if the third, middle and ninth letters of the word are written in lower case and all other letters written in upper case?

- (A) CIANDESTiNe
- (B) CLaNdeSTINE
- (C) CLaNDeSTiNE
- (D) CLaNDeSTInE

Correct Answer: (C) CLaNDeSTiNE

SOLUTION:

Number the letters of CLANDESTINE from 1 to 11: C₁ L₂ A₃ N₄ D₅ E₆ S₇ T₈ I₉ N₁₀ E₁₁. Since the word has eleven letters, the middle letter is number 6, which is E. The letters to lower case are position 3 (A), position 6 (E) and position 9 (I). Convert only those three and capitalise the rest to get CLaNDeSTiNE.

- **CLaNDeSTiNE** is correct because the small letters fall exactly on the 3rd, 6th and 9th positions.
- CLaNdeSTINE is wrong because its lower case letters sit at the 3rd, 5th and 6th positions.
- CLaNDeSTInE is wrong because it turns the 10th letter small instead of the 9th.
- CIANDESTiNe is wrong because its pattern of capitals and small letters does not fit the rule.

The pattern that fits is CLaNDeSTiNE.

Quick Tip: Count 11 letters; the middle is the 6th. Lower case only positions 3, 6 and 9.

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240. Which of the following collections of letters will look the same in a mirror?

- (A) TYOMOYW
- (B) WINTOMT
- (C) MIWOWIM
- (D) HOSYWTH

Correct Answer: (C) MIWOWIM

SOLUTION:

Two conditions must hold for a word to survive a mirror: each letter must be symmetric about a vertical line, and the sequence must be a palindrome since the reflection reverses left and right. Check MIWOWIM: the letters M, I, W and O are all vertically symmetric, and reading it backwards gives MIWOWIM again.

- **MIWOWIM** is correct because it passes both the symmetric letter test and the palindrome test.
- TYOMOYW is wrong because it is not the same when reversed even though its letters are symmetric.
- WINTOMT is wrong because N loses its shape when reflected.
- HOSYWTH is wrong because S does not read the same in a mirror.

MIWOWIM is the collection that looks unchanged in a mirror.

Quick Tip: Each letter must be vertically symmetric and the whole string must read the same backwards.

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241.

The Bush Administration may be unsure about Saddam Hussein, but it has already decided how to go after alleged evildoers in Big Business - with guns blazing. "If you're a CEO and you think you can fudge the books in order to make yourself look better, we're going to find you, we're going to arrest you and we're going to hold you to account," President Bush said last week in Charleston, South Carolina.

It didn't take long for the FBI to make good on that promise. A week after hauling in Adelphia Communication's frail, white-haired founder, John Rigas, and two of his sons as if they were armed and dangerous, FBI agents gave former WorldCom executives Scott Sullivan and David Myers the same star treatment, parading the handcuffed quarry in an early-morning prep walk and prompting Sullivan's lawyer to complain about "the unfair taint of the current political climate."

"We didn't have anything to do with it," a senior administration official says of the high-profile collars. "But of course they're a big help. It means the system is working, and that helps with [investor] confidence." If so, that wasn't reflected in the stock market, which swooned on Thursday and Friday.

Arrests and indictments don't necessarily result in convictions - think back to the Wall Street scandals of the 1980s. But for now, with mid-term congressional elections looming and control of the House and Senate at issue, that's almost beside the point. Nor is the spectacle over. The House Energy and Commerce Committee in particular is contemplating more hearings later this year, with an invitation list that might include everyone from Global Crossing to Imclone, a committee source told TIME. And as Democratic opponents seize on the White House's cozy links to corporate America - and especially to Harken Energy and Halliburton - the Bush administration seems to believe that the best defense is a full-scale offensive.

Though by far the most visible, the WorldCom duo wasn't the only prey: telecom firm Qwest, already under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Department of Justice (DOJ), is close to restating the past three years of earnings by more than \$1 billion; apparel maker Warnaco is now in the SEC's cross hairs; and prosecutors were driving a hard bargain in plea negotiations with Imclone's ex-CEO Samuel Waksal, insisting that he accept at least seven years in prison on insider-trading charges and declining to spare his family members from prosecution.

According to the passage, the American government is going to

- (A) make Saddam Hussain's future think about his uncertain future.
- (B) make sure Saddam Hussain's future remains uncertain.
- (C) follow the example of alleged evil doers everywhere.
- (D) punish corporate crime expeditiously and decisively.

Correct Answer: (D) punish corporate crime expeditiously and decisively.

SOLUTION:

The passage frames the government's plan in its first two sentences. Business wrongdoers are the target, and the language is aggressive: "guns blazing," plus a pledge to "find," "arrest" and "hold to account." This points to prompt and firm punishment of corporate offenders.

- **Punish corporate crime expeditiously and decisively** matches the tone of a quick, no-nonsense clampdown on cheating executives.
- The two Saddam options misread the text; Saddam appears only as a foil to show how certain the Administration is about Big Business.

- Following evildoers everywhere reverses the meaning, since the aim is to catch them, not copy them.

The correct choice is therefore (d), punishing corporate crime expeditiously and decisively.

Quick Tip: Look at the very first sentence and Bush's quoted warning about CEOs.

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President Bush has warned corrupt businessmen that his officials will

I. track down criminals

II. detain them

III. verify transactions

(A) I only

(B) III only

(C) I and II only

(D) I, II and III

Correct Answer: (C) I and II only

SOLUTION:

Read the President's threat carefully: officials will "find," "arrest," and "hold to account" dishonest CEOs. Finding is the same as tracking a criminal down, and arresting is the same as detaining. Checking or verifying transactions is not part of what he says.

- **I and II only** captures exactly the tracking-down and detaining that the quote promises.

- Choosing I alone ignores the arrest; choosing III alone picks an action that is not stated at all.
- Choosing all three wrongly assumes transaction-verification was mentioned, which it was not.

Hence the correct option is (c).

Quick Tip: Match each promised action to Bush's exact verbs: find, arrest, hold to account.

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Which of the following statements best conveys the overall idea of the passage?

- (A) Too many businessmen are being too hastily prosecuted.
- (B) Like Saddam Hussain, Big Business is in trouble.
- (C) Electronic accounting systems have proved their inadequacy.
- (D) Western business ethics have never been exemplary.

Correct Answer: (B) Like Saddam Hussain, Big Business is in trouble.

SOLUTION:

Every paragraph reinforces one point: corporate America is under heavy fire. Executives are being paraded in handcuffs, several firms are being investigated, and hearings are planned. The opening line deliberately places Big Business alongside Saddam as something the Administration is going after.

- **Like Saddam Hussain, Big Business is in trouble** is the tidy summary that echoes that first-line comparison and the string of prosecutions.
- The prosecution being too hasty is a viewpoint the passage does not endorse.

- Accounting technology and a blanket claim about Western ethics are side issues or overreaches not supported by the text.

So the best statement of the overall idea is (b).

Quick Tip: Ask what single thread links Adelphia, WorldCom, Qwest, Warnaco and Imclone.

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The FBI has fulfilled the president's warning by doing all of the following except

- (A) hauling in of John Rigas and his two sons.
- (B) arrest of World Com executives.
- (C) Public display of men in handcuffs.
- (D) Confiscating their movable and immovable properties.

Correct Answer: (D) Confiscating their movable and immovable properties.

SOLUTION:

Check each action against the text. Rigas and his sons were hauled in, the WorldCom pair got the same treatment (arrest), and both were marched in handcuffs before cameras. Seizing houses or belongings appears nowhere in the passage.

- **Confiscating their movable and immovable properties** is the odd one out because no confiscation is described.
- The other three - the Rigas arrests, the WorldCom arrests, and the handcuffed parade - are all directly reported.

The exception is therefore (d).

Quick Tip: Three options are actions stated in paragraph two; find the one that is not there.



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The stock market swooned on Thursday and Friday despite

- (A) senior officials having high profiles collars.
- (B) Thursday and Friday being auspicious days.
- (C) Claims that the system works in creating investor confidence.
- (D) Big help forthcoming from big business sources.

Correct Answer: (C) Claims that the system works in creating investor confidence.

SOLUTION:

An administration official insists the arrests prove the system is working and lift investor confidence. The writer then notes this optimism was not borne out, since shares fell on Thursday and Friday. The fall came in spite of that confidence claim.

- **Claims that the system works in creating investor confidence** is exactly what the market failed to reflect.
- The high-profile collars are the arrests themselves, not a separate factor the market defied.
- Nothing marks the two days as lucky, and "big help" refers to the arrests, not to business funding.

The answer is (c).

Quick Tip: Read the official's claim about confidence and the sentence that follows it.

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The wall street scandals of 1980s show that

- (A) midterm congressional elections delay arrests.
- (B) House and Senate members have immunity.
- (C) Getting conviction is the hardest part of prosecution.
- (D) Even spectacles can be incriminating evidence.

Correct Answer: (C) Getting conviction is the hardest part of prosecution.

SOLUTION:

The reference to the 1980s comes right after the claim that arrests and indictments "don't necessarily result in convictions." The writer uses those older scandals as a reminder that turning charges into an actual conviction is the tough, uncertain step.

- **Getting conviction is the hardest part of prosecution** restates that exact point.
- Delayed arrests, legislator immunity, and spectacles-as-evidence are not conclusions the passage draws from the 1980s.

Hence the answer is (c).

Quick Tip: Focus on the sentence that mentions the 1980s scandals and convictions.



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The passage states that the House Energy and Commerce Committee

- (A) is preparing a list of invitations to a party.
- (B) plans postponements due to hearing problems.
- (C) has started investigating Global Crossing and In Clone.
- (D) regards TIME as a reliable source of information.

Correct Answer: (C) has started investigating Global Crossing and In Clone.

SOLUTION:

According to the text, the committee is planning further hearings and drawing up an invitation list running "from Global Crossing to Imclone." Summoning those companies to hearings is effectively the start of an investigation into them.

- **Has started investigating Global Crossing and In Clone** reflects that hearing-and-invitation activity.
- The list is for hearings, not a party; the committee is adding hearings, not postponing them; and TIME is only the reporting source, not a committee-approved authority.

The correct choice is (c).

Quick Tip: The invitation list names companies - what is that list actually for?



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In order to deal with the situation the present American government wants to

- (A) offer copy hospitality in the White House.
- (B) seize Democratic Party members if they oppose.
- (C) hire Harken Energy and Hallibuton to placate them.
- (D) adopt an active rather than a passive form of law enforcement.

Correct Answer: (D) adopt an active rather than a passive form of law enforcement.

SOLUTION:

Faced with Democratic attacks over its corporate connections, the Administration decides that "the best defense is a full-scale offensive." Going on the offensive is the same as acting aggressively and proactively instead of staying passive.

- **Adopt an active rather than a passive form of law enforcement** captures that offensive posture.
- Hospitality, arresting Democrats, and hiring Harken or Halliburton are all invented or reversed ideas not supported by the text.

The answer is (d).

Quick Tip: Interpret "the best defense is a full-scale offensive."

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More than a billion dollars as discrepancy in their accounts relates to

- (A) World Com
- (B) Quest
- (C) Warnaco
- (D) ImClone

Correct Answer: (B) Quest

SOLUTION:

Scan the final paragraph for the billion-dollar figure. It appears with Qwest, which is "close to restating the past three years of earnings by more than \$1 billion." That restatement is the account discrepancy in question.

- **Quest** (Qwest) is the firm tied to the more-than-a-billion restatement.
- WorldCom, Warnaco and ImClone are each linked to other matters - arrests, an SEC probe, and an insider-trading plea - not to this specific figure.

The answer is (b).

Quick Tip: Find which company is said to be restating earnings by more than \$1 billion.

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In this passage, full-scale means

- (A) the same size
- (B) complete and thorough
- (C) metric system
- (D) imperial system

Correct Answer: (B) complete and thorough

SOLUTION:

Context decides the sense of "full-scale." It modifies "offensive," so it means an all-out, comprehensive campaign - complete and thorough. It is not talking about a model's size or any measuring system.

- **Complete and thorough** fits an all-out offensive perfectly.
- "The same size" borrows a different meaning of the phrase that does not suit an offensive, while "metric" and "imperial" are traps built on the word "scale."

The answer is (b).

Quick Tip: Read "full-scale offensive" and choose the meaning that fits an all-out campaign.



251.

By A MOTHER'S STANDARDS, ANDREA De Cruz didn't need to lose weight. But show business imposes strict requirements on appearance, and when the dial on the Singaporean TV actress's bathroom scales spun to more than 48 kilos, de Cruz started taking a Chinese diet pill named Slim 10 that she purchased from a colleague. Two months later, de Cruz, 28, was near death unconscious in a hospital in Singapore. Doctors at first were baffled. But they came to suspect that an ingredient in the diet drug had ravaged her liver, which had all but shut down.

De Cruz's life was saved by an emergency transplant after her fiancé, actor Pierre Png, donated half his own liver. She now takes immunosuppressant, which keep her body from rejecting the transplant but leave her weak and vulnerable to further illness. She's wary of planning her wedding to Png, more than a year away, fearing she may not survive that long. "I feel I'm still living a nightmare," she says. She is, at any rate, still living. In June, fellow Singaporean Selvarani Raja, a 43-year-old logistics manager at Singapore Technologies, died from liver failure. She had started taking the same diet supplement, Slim 10, in April.

With body consciousness increasingly becoming an obsession, Asians are overgrazing the smorgasbord of weight-loss products and "miracle" diet aids, ranging from "fat reducing" pressurized boots to expensive massage regimens. Nobody knows how many are buying untested products of dubious efficacy—certainly consumers number in the hundreds of thousands, if not millions. Some, however, are proving to be deadly. Over the past two years, seven women in Japan, Singapore and China have died due to the toxicity of the substances they ingested in the hope of shedding offending kilograms. From differing ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds and ranging in age from 16 to 60, the women had one thing in common: like De Cruz, they were all taking Chinese-made diet pills containing a variant of fenfluramine, an appetite suppressant that has

been banned in the U.S. since 1997 for damaging heart valves. Doctors and health officials in Asia now believe the newer compound, called N-nitroso fenfluramine, can cause liver failure.

The deaths- as well as more than 600 illnesses linked in Japan to Chinese diet pills - have alerted health authorities to a hazard they have been almost powerless to stop. Similar drugs were implicated in deaths in China last year, with scores more falling ill in Korea and Hong Kong, Japan last month banned 24 types of Chinese diet drugs - many containing N-nitrosofenfluramine - and rushed through new laws placing the burden on importers to prove product safety or face a fine of up to \$26,000. Just last week, health officials in China published a ban on 13 diet products, seven of which were found to contain fenfluramine.

According to the passage, the show business

- (A) makes employees appear on time for work
- (B) fixes watch dials of TV actresses, especially in Singapore
- (C) disapproves of actresses who weigh more than 48 kilos
- (D) provides diet pills through the agency of colleagues

Correct Answer: (C) disapproves of actresses who weigh more than 48 kilos

SOLUTION:

Right at the start the writer notes that appearance is heavily policed in show business, and the trigger for de Cruz's crash diet was her weight rising past 48 kilos. That signals an industry that penalises actresses for extra weight.

- **disapproves of actresses who weigh more than 48 kilos**
fits because the strict appearance standard is what turned a

normal weight into a career problem once the 48-kilo line was crossed.

- The "on time for work" choice fails since nothing about schedules or punctuality appears.
- The "fixes watch dials" choice misreads "dial," which belongs to her weighing scales.
- The "provides diet pills" choice is off because the colleague, not show business, supplied the pill.

So option (c) is the answer.

Quick Tip: Look at the first two sentences about appearance and the 48-kilo mark.

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Andrea de Cruz became seriously ill after

- (A) her bathroom scale showed increase of weight
- (B) a diet pill damaged her health
- (C) the spinning of the dial disoriented her
- (D) quarreling with a colleague named slim

Correct Answer: (B) a diet pill damaged her health

SOLUTION:

Her collapse followed two months of taking Slim 10, and the doctors concluded that a component of the drug had wrecked her liver. The pill is the clear cause.

- **a diet pill damaged her health** matches the line that an ingredient in the diet drug ravaged her liver until it nearly shut down.
- The weight-on-the-scale choice confuses the trigger for dieting with the cause of illness.

- The disoriented-by-the-dial choice invents an effect the passage never gives the dial.
- The quarrel choice misreads Slim 10 as a colleague's name.

Therefore option (b) is correct.

Quick Tip: Find the cause the doctors suspected for her liver failure.

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The doctors who treated Andrea

- (A) baffled her with questions from the beginning
- (B) had only vague suspicions which they did not reveal
- (C) surmised that her liver was damaged by a diet drug
- (D) ordered her to stop work, and to take rest

Correct Answer: (C) surmised that her liver was damaged by a diet drug

SOLUTION:

Although the medical team was puzzled to begin with, they moved to a definite theory: that a diet-drug ingredient had destroyed her liver. That is a reasoned guess, or surmise.

- **surmised that her liver was damaged by a diet drug** captures the doctors coming round to that specific suspicion.
- The "baffled her with questions" option flips the subject, since the doctors were the ones baffled.

- The "vague suspicions they did not reveal" option is wrong because their view was pointed and not described as secret.
- The "stop work and rest" option contradicts her critical, unconscious state.

Hence option (c) is the answer.

Quick Tip: Note who was baffled and what conclusion the doctors reached.

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Andrea's life was saved by Pierre Png, who

- (A) offered to buy a liver for transplant surgery
- (B) financed her operation by selling half his own liver
- (C) saved her life by performing surgery himself
- (D) agreed to have half his liver transplanted to her

Correct Answer: (D) agreed to have half his liver transplanted to her

SOLUTION:

Her survival came from an emergency transplant using half of her fiance Pierre Png's liver, which he donated. Donating that half is the same as consenting to have it transplanted into her.

- **agreed to have half his liver transplanted to her** is the plain meaning of Png donating half his own liver.
- The buying-a-liver option is wrong because no purchase happens; he gives his own tissue.

- The selling-half-his-liver option wrongly turns a donation into a sale.
- The performing-surgery-himself option is wrong since he is an actor, not the surgeon.

Hence option (d) is correct.

Quick Tip: Focus on the word donated in the line about the transplant.



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Immunosuppressant have the effect of

- (A) preventing the rejection of transplanted organ
- (B) weakening the function of transplanted organ
- (C) making her weakness disappear temporarily
- (D) strengthening her immunity to diseases

Correct Answer: (A) preventing the rejection of transplanted organ

SOLUTION:

According to the text, the immunosuppressant drugs stop her body from turning against the transplanted liver, though they also leave her frail. Their core purpose is to block rejection.

- **preventing the rejection of transplanted organ** is the exact function the passage gives them.
- The weakening-the-organ option is wrong; the drugs guard the organ rather than harm it.

- The removing-her-weakness option contradicts the line that says they leave her weak.
- The strengthening-immunity option reverses their real action, since they suppress immunity.

Therefore option (a) is correct.

Quick Tip: Read what the drugs keep her body from doing to the transplant.

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The wedding of Andrea De Cruz to Pierre Png

- (A) took place a year before
- (B) was postponed by a year
- (C) cannot last for more than a year
- (D) will hopefully take place in a year

Correct Answer: (D) will hopefully take place in a year

SOLUTION:

The text places the wedding "more than a year away" and shows her nervously hoping to live long enough to see it. That makes it a future event she is looking forward to.

- **will hopefully take place in a year** fits the description of a wedding roughly a year ahead that she hopes to reach.
- The took-place-a-year-before option is wrong because the event is still to come.

- The postponed-by-a-year option is wrong; no earlier date was moved, it is simply distant.
- The cannot-last-more-than-a-year option twists her fear of dying into a limit on the marriage.

Hence option (d) is the answer.

Quick Tip: Check the phrase more than a year away in the second paragraph.

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The fate of Selvarani Raja was to

- (A) work for 43 years as logistics manager
- (B) manage the medical unit of Singapore Technologies
- (C) die in June from liver failure
- (D) go bankrupt from drug addiction

Correct Answer: (C) die in June from liver failure

SOLUTION:

The article says Selvarani Raja, who had begun taking Slim 10 in April, died of liver failure in June. That death is the fate the question asks about.

- **die in June from liver failure** restates the passage exactly.
- The 43-years-of-work option confuses her age of 43 with years of service.
- The medical-unit option misreads her role, which was logistics.

- The bankruptcy-from-addiction option invents a cause the text never gives.

Hence option (c) is correct.

Quick Tip: Look at the sentence naming Selvarani Raja and what happened in June.

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In this passage, the word *regimens* means

- (A) methods of health improvement
- (B) military formations
- (C) bureaucratic rules
- (D) royal privileges

Correct Answer: (A) methods of health improvement

SOLUTION:

Set beside diet pills and fat-reducing boots, "massage regimens" clearly means organised health or body-care routines. A regimen is a prescribed plan for improving one's condition.

- **methods of health improvement** matches the sense of a structured wellness routine.
- The military-formations option confuses regimens with regiments.
- The bureaucratic-rules option ignores the health-product context.

- The royal-privileges option has no link to the passage at all.

Therefore option (a) is correct.

Quick Tip: Read the phrase expensive massage regimens and its list of diet aids.

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In the passage, the word toxicity means

- (A) sweetness
- (B) expense
- (C) quality of being poisonous
- (D) degree of intoxication

Correct Answer: (C) quality of being poisonous

SOLUTION:

The passage says the women died because of the toxicity of what they consumed. A substance that causes death is poisonous, so toxicity is that poisonous property.

- **quality of being poisonous** is the meaning demanded by a context of fatal substances.
- The sweetness option makes no sense for a lethal drug.
- The expense option swaps harm for cost.

- The degree-of-intoxication option describes a person's drunken state, not a chemical's poison level.

Hence option (c) is the answer.

Quick Tip: The women died due to the toxicity of what they swallowed. What kind of quality is that?

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Diet drugs have caused death in

I. China

II. Korea

III. Hong Kong

- (A) I only
- (B) III only
- (C) I and II only
- (D) II and III only

Correct Answer: (A) I only

SOLUTION:

Read the line carefully: deaths are pinned to China last year, while Korea and Hong Kong only had "scores more falling ill." Falling ill is not dying, so of the three options only China had deaths.

- **I only** is right because China is the single place in the list linked to deaths.

- The III only option wrongly picks Hong Kong, which had illness, not deaths.
- The I and II only option adds Korea, which is again a case of illness.
- The II and III only option drops China and keeps the two illness-only places.

Hence option (a), I only, is correct.

Quick Tip: Separate the country where people died from the ones where people only fell ill.

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The view was magical. Sitting by the window, aboard EK 542, the scene below seemed surreal. It was as if the entire constellation of stars had descended down in flashy, shimmering garb, on their special night out. They were at their twinkling best, refusing to let the city sleep. But, why would anyone want to do that anyway?

After all, it was the season of the Dubai Shopping Festival ...

With an inexplicable excitement surging within me, I could tell that this was what I had anticipated when I decided to treat myself to a vacation, away from the mundane chores of everyday life.

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SOLUTION:

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Look at how the writer physically moves from one bank of the Creek to the Diera side. She names the small boat she boards for that short trip.

- **the abra** is right, drawn from "The simple wooden boat, the abra... to go to the other side of the city, the Diera side," a 10-minute crossing.
- The dhow is only a trade vessel her boatman describes, not the ferry.

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SOLUTION:

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- (B) the author won a zillion coupons in raffle
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- (D) the brilliant display of lights on water

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- (C) Global Village
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SOLUTION:

The Day 4 reflection on the Dubai World Cup pins down where the richest horse race runs. The writer names the course directly.

- **Nad Al Sheba** comes from "the world's richest horse race held at Nad Al Sheba," tied to the Dubai World Cup tickets.
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