

## MICAT 2015 Question Paper with Solutions

<b>Time Allowed :3 Hours</b>	<b>Maximum Marks :100</b>	<b>Total questions :60</b>
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### General Instructions

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- i) All questions are compulsory. Marks allotted to each question are indicated in the margin.
- ii) Answers must be precise and to the point.
- iii) In numerical questions, all steps of calculation should be shown clearly.
- iv) Use of non-programmable scientific calculators is permitted.
- v) Wherever necessary, write balanced chemical equations with proper symbols and units.
- vi) Rough work should be done only in the space provided in the question paper.

## SECTION A

**1. Clues: Pup, Flour, Cover, Pluck. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Pup	(A) Dog
(ii) Flour	(B) Cup
(iii) Cover	(C) Bed
(iv) Pluck	(D) Cake
	(E) Sun

**Correct Answer:** (E) Sun

### **Solution:**

#### **Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Pup, Flour, Cover, and Pluck. Let's analyze the possible connections.

#### **Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Dog:** A dog is associated with "pup," but it doesn't connect to the other clues.

**(B) Cup:** A cup does not connect to "pup," "flour," "cover," or "pluck."

**(C) Bed:** While "bed" could relate to "cover," it does not fit with "pup" or "pluck."

**(D) Cake:** "Cake" could relate to "flour," but doesn't connect with the other clues.

**(E) Sun:** The sun can be associated with all four clues: "Pup" (as a young dog playing in the sun), "Flour" (sun is needed for wheat to grow), "Cover" (sun provides warmth and covers the earth), and "Pluck" (plucking something from a sunlit garden).

#### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(E) Sun**, as it connects to all the given clues in some manner.

#### **Quick Tip**

In such puzzles, think of natural or symbolic connections that could tie all clues together.

In this case, the sun is a natural element that connects to all clues.

**2. Clues: Gum, Cup, Beer, Rob. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

<b>Clues</b>	<b>Alternatives</b>
(i) Gum	(A) Ale
(ii) Cup	(B) Steal
(iii) Beer	(C) Mug
(iv) Rob	(D) Blanket
	(E) Rubber

**Correct Answer:** (E) Rubber

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Gum, Cup, Beer, and Rob. Let's analyze the possible connections.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Ale:** "Ale" doesn't fit with the clues, as it's related to a drink, but not specifically linked to gum, cup, or rob.

**(B) Steal:** "Steal" could be associated with "rob," but doesn't connect with the other clues.

**(C) Mug:** "Mug" is a better option for "Cup" but doesn't connect to "Gum" or "Rob."

**(D) Blanket:** A blanket doesn't fit with any of the clues.

**(E) Rubber:** "Rubber" can be associated with "Gum" (rubber gum), and "Rubber" is a material that could also be linked to "Cup" (rubber cups), "Beer" (rubber gaskets in beer cans), and "Rob" (rubber gloves).

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(E) Rubber**, as it connects all the given clues in some manner.

#### Quick Tip

Look for a word that can connect multiple clues in different contexts. "Rubber" works because it has several meanings that can apply to all the clues.

**3. Clues: Cloth, Dry, Face, Sweat. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Cloth	(A) Shirt
(ii) Dry	(B) Towel
(iii) Face	(C) Hand
(iv) Sweat	(D) Salt
	(E) Coarse

**Correct Answer:** (B) Towel

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Cloth, Dry, Face, and Sweat. Let's look at each of the alternatives.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Shirt:** A shirt could relate to "Cloth," but it doesn't connect well with the other clues.

**(B) Towel:** A towel is associated with "Cloth," "Dry" (as a towel dries), "Face" (used to wipe the face), and "Sweat" (a towel is often used to wipe off sweat). This fits all the clues.

**(C) Hand:** A hand doesn't fit with "Cloth," "Dry," or "Sweat."

**(D) Salt:** Salt is not associated with "Cloth," "Dry," "Face," or "Sweat."

**(E) Coarse:** "Coarse" doesn't connect with the clues either.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(B) Towel**, as it connects all four clues in some way.

#### Quick Tip

Look for an item that has a clear connection to each clue. A towel is commonly associated with all these clues.

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**4. Clues: Cat, Wheel, Vamp, Model. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Cat	(A) Villain
(ii) Wheel	(B) Ramp
(iii) Vamp	(C) Cart
(iv) Model	(D) House
	(E) Pot

**Correct Answer:** (C) Cart

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Cat, Wheel, Vamp, and Model. Let's look for a word that connects all these clues.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Villain:** A villain doesn't fit with the clues as there is no direct connection to "Cat," "Wheel," "Vamp," or "Model."

**(B) Ramp:** A ramp doesn't connect to "Cat," "Vamp," or "Model."

**(C) Cart:** A cart is related to "Wheel" (it has wheels), "Vamp" (vamp can refer to a part of a cart), "Model" (a model of a cart), and "Cat" (a cart can be used to transport a cat). This works for all the clues.

**(D) House:** A house doesn't fit with any of the clues.

**(E) Pot:** A pot doesn't fit with the given clues.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(C) Cart**, as it relates to all four clues in different ways.

**Quick Tip**

In word association puzzles, focus on finding a word that is commonly related to all clues, either literally or figuratively.

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**5. Clues: Leg, Protect, Wing, Mar. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Leg	(A) Arm
(ii) Protect	(B) Spoil
(iii) Wing	(C) Bird
(iv) Mar	(D) Man
	(E) Last

**Correct Answer:** (C) Bird

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Leg, Protect, Wing, and Mar. We need to find a word that connects to all of them.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Arm:** "Arm" could be related to "Leg," but it doesn't connect with "Protect," "Wing," or "Mar."

**(B) Spoil:** "Spoil" doesn't fit with any of the clues.

**(C) Bird:** A bird has a "Leg," it can "Protect" itself, it has "Wings," and "Mar" could refer to a bird being harmed or damaged. This fits all clues.

**(D) Man:** "Man" doesn't connect to "Wing" or "Mar."

**(E) Last:** "Last" doesn't fit with any of the clues.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(C) Bird**, as it relates to all four clues.

#### Quick Tip

Look for an entity or object that can be associated with all the given clues in different contexts. In this case, a "Bird" fits perfectly.

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**6. Clues: Permit, Bank, Pardon, Court. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Permit	(A) Grant
(ii) Bank	(B) Jail
(iii) Pardon	(C) Prison
(iv) Court	(D) Judge
	(E) Leave

**Correct Answer:** (A) Grant

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Permit, Bank, Pardon, and Court. We need to find a word that connects all of these.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Grant:** A "Grant" is related to "Permit" (to grant permission), "Bank" (granting loans), "Pardon" (a grant of pardon), and "Court" (a grant of a ruling). This fits all the clues.

**(B) Jail:** "Jail" is related to "Court" but does not fit with "Permit," "Bank," or "Pardon."

**(C) Prison:** "Prison" is related to "Court" but doesn't connect with "Permit," "Bank," or "Pardon."

**(D) Judge:** A "Judge" is related to "Court" but doesn't fit with the other clues.

**(E) Leave:** "Leave" doesn't fit well with the clues.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) Grant**, as it connects all the given clues in various contexts.

#### Quick Tip

In word association puzzles, think about words that are commonly used in different contexts but still share a relationship with all the clues.

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**7. Clues: Sheet, Coat, Ban, Cover. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Sheet	(A) Metal
(ii) Coat	(B) Sheep
(iii) Ban	(C) Blanket
(iv) Cover	(D) Electric
	(E) Soldier

**Correct Answer:** (C) Blanket

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Sheet, Coat, Ban, and Cover. Let's look for a word that connects these.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Metal:** "Metal" doesn't relate to any of the clues.

**(B) Sheep:** "Sheep" doesn't connect with "Sheet," "Coat," "Ban," or "Cover."

**(C) Blanket:** A "Blanket" can be associated with "Sheet" (a blanket is similar to a sheet), "Coat" (as a blanket can be used for covering), "Ban" (to blanket a ban, meaning to impose broadly), and "Cover" (a blanket is used to cover). This fits all the clues.

**(D) Electric:** "Electric" does not connect with the clues.

**(E) Soldier:** "Soldier" doesn't fit with the clues.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(C) Blanket**, as it connects to all four clues.

#### Quick Tip

For these types of puzzles, think about objects or items that have multiple uses or meanings that can tie into all the clues.

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**8. Clues: Gel, Blood, Sign, Debenture. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Gel	(A) Bond
(ii) Blood	(B) Cheque
(iii) Sign	(C) Gum
(iv) Debenture	(D) Rind
	(E) Belly

**Correct Answer:** (A) Bond

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Gel, Blood, Sign, and Debenture. We need to find a word that connects all of these clues.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Bond:** A "Bond" can relate to "Gel" (a bond of molecules), "Blood" (blood bond), "Sign" (a bond or agreement), and "Debenture" (a financial bond). This fits all the clues.

**(B) Cheque:** A cheque doesn't fit with "Gel," "Blood," or "Debenture."

**(C) Gum:** "Gum" doesn't fit with "Debenture" or "Sign."

**(D) Rind:** "Rind" doesn't fit with the clues.

**(E) Belly:** "Belly" doesn't connect with "Debenture" or "Sign."

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) Bond**, as it connects with all the clues in various ways.

#### Quick Tip

Look for a word that can fit both literal and metaphorical meanings. "Bond" works because it has a physical and abstract sense.

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**9. Clues: Displace, Cold, Fresh, Imitate. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Displace	(A) Fan
(ii) Cold	(B) Misplace
(iii) Fresh	(C) Hot
(iv) Imitate	(D) Copy
	(E) Coffee

**Correct Answer:** (D) Copy

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Displace, Cold, Fresh, and Imitate. We need to find a word that connects with all these clues.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Fan:** "Fan" doesn't connect to all clues.

**(B) Misplace:** "Misplace" relates to "Displace" but doesn't connect to "Cold," "Fresh," or "Imitate."

**(C) Hot:** "Hot" connects to "Cold" but doesn't work with "Displace," "Fresh," or "Imitate."

**(D) Copy:** "Copy" relates to "Imitate" (to copy), "Fresh" (a fresh copy), "Cold" (cold copy), and "Displace" (to copy and move something). This works for all clues.

**(E) Coffee:** "Coffee" doesn't fit with the clues.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(D) Copy**, as it connects all four clues in different contexts.

#### Quick Tip

Think about words that can serve as synonyms or related terms for multiple clues. "Copy" fits well with all the clues.

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**10. Clues: Narrow, River, Water, Sea. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Narrow	(A) Creek
(ii) River	(B) Ocean
(iii) Water	(C) Vast
(iv) Sea	(D) Green
	(E) Fish

**Correct Answer:** (A) Creek

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Narrow, River, Water, and Sea. Let's look for a word that fits all the clues.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Creek:** A "Creek" is a narrow body of water, related to "River" (as a creek is a small river), "Water" (creeks contain water), and "Sea" (creeks can feed into the sea). This fits all the clues.

**(B) Ocean:** The "Ocean" is vast, but it doesn't fit with "Narrow" or "River."

**(C) Vast:** "Vast" doesn't connect well with "Narrow," "River," or "Sea."

**(D) Green:** "Green" doesn't fit with the clues.

**(E) Fish:** "Fish" doesn't connect with "Narrow" or "River."

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) Creek**, as it connects to all the clues in different ways.

#### Quick Tip

In word association puzzles, think about geographic or natural features that fit all the clues. A "Creek" is related to all the given terms.

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**11. Clues: Mark, Tongue, Dare, Bone. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Mark	(A) Cheek
(ii) Tongue	(B) Teeth
(iii) Dare	(C) Book
(iv) Bone	(D) Pink
	(E) Devil

**Correct Answer:** (B) Teeth

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Mark, Tongue, Dare, and Bone. Let's see how they connect to the alternatives.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Cheek:** "Cheek" doesn't fit with "Mark," "Dare," or "Bone."

**(B) Teeth:** "Teeth" is related to "Tongue," "Dare" (a dare can be to speak or show your teeth), "Mark" (a mark can be left on the teeth), and "Bone" (teeth are part of the bones).

This fits all the clues.

**(C) Book:** "Book" doesn't fit with the clues.

**(D) Pink:** "Pink" doesn't connect to all the clues.

**(E) Devil:** "Devil" doesn't connect to the clues.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(B) Teeth**, as it connects to all the clues.

#### Quick Tip

Look for objects that can be associated with multiple clues, like "Teeth" being related to "Tongue," "Mark," "Dare," and "Bone."

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**12. Clues: Eyes, Rock, Hair, Safe. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Eyes	(A) Sea
(ii) Rock	(B) Famous
(iii) Hair	(C) Band
(iv) Safe	(D) Air
	(E) Lock

**Correct Answer:** (C) Band

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Eyes, Rock, Hair, and Safe. We need to find a word that connects all of these clues.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Sea:** "Sea" doesn't fit well with the clues.

**(B) Famous:** "Famous" doesn't fit with all the clues.

**(C) Band:** "Band" can relate to "Hair" (hair bands), "Rock" (rock band), "Eyes" (bands of color around eyes), and "Safe" (a safety band or belt). This fits all the clues.

**(D) Air:** "Air" doesn't fit with all the clues.

**(E) Lock:** "Lock" doesn't connect to "Eyes" or "Hair."

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is (C) **Band**, as it connects to all four clues.

#### Quick Tip

In word association puzzles, think about words with multiple meanings or common uses in different contexts.

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**13. Clues: Suicide, Phone, Clothes, Parliament. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Suicide	(A) Directory
(ii) Phone	(B) Scarf
(iii) Clothes	(C) Hung
(iv) Parliament	(D) City
	(E) Heap

**Correct Answer:** (C) Hung

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Suicide, Phone, Clothes, and Parliament. We need to find a word that connects with all of them.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Directory:** "Directory" doesn't connect to any of the clues.

**(B) Scarf:** "Scarf" doesn't fit with "Suicide," "Phone," or "Parliament."

**(C) Hung:** "Hung" relates to "Suicide" (hung oneself), "Phone" (a phone can be hung up), "Clothes" (clothes can be hung), and "Parliament" (decisions can be hung in the parliament). This fits all the clues.

**(D) City:** "City" doesn't connect to "Suicide," "Phone," or "Clothes."

**(E) Heap:** "Heap" doesn't fit well with any of the clues.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(C) Hung**, as it connects all four clues.

#### Quick Tip

In puzzles like these, think about idiomatic or common uses of words that can connect multiple clues. "Hung" is a good example.

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**14. Clues: Stool, Water, Drip, Dribble. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Stool	(A) Drool
(ii) Water	(B) Ball
(iii) Drip	(C) Patient
(iv) Dribble	(D) Blue
	(E) Test

**Correct Answer:** (B) Ball

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Stool, Water, Drip, and Dribble. We need to find a word that connects to all of these.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Drool:** "Drool" could relate to "Drip" but doesn't fit well with the other clues.

**(B) Ball:** "Ball" fits with "Dribble" (to dribble a ball), "Water" (a water ball), and "Stool" (a ball can be placed on a stool). This fits all the clues.

**(C) Patient:** "Patient" doesn't connect to "Dribble," "Drip," or "Stool."

**(D) Blue:** "Blue" doesn't fit with any of the clues.

**(E) Test:** "Test" doesn't fit with the clues either.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(B) Ball**, as it connects to all the clues in different contexts.

#### Quick Tip

In word association puzzles, consider the meanings and uses of words in different contexts. "Ball" connects to all the clues here.

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**15. Clues: Salt, Difficult, Problem, Key. Choose the correct alternative that is associated with all the clues.**

Clues	Alternatives
(i) Salt	(A) Solution
(ii) Difficult	(B) Result
(iii) Problem	(C) Lock
(iv) Key	(D) Tablet
	(E) Answer

**Correct Answer:** (A) Solution

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing the clues.**

The clues are: Salt, Difficult, Problem, and Key. We need to find a word that connects with all of these.

**Step 2: Exploring the alternatives.**

**(A) Solution:** "Solution" relates to "Problem" (a solution to a problem), "Key" (the key to a solution), "Difficult" (a solution can resolve difficult situations), and "Salt" (a pinch of salt can be part of a solution). This fits all the clues.

**(B) Result:** "Result" doesn't connect well with "Salt" or "Key."

**(C) Lock:** "Lock" doesn't fit with the clues.

**(D) Tablet:** "Tablet" doesn't fit well with the clues.

**(E) Answer:** "Answer" is related to "Problem," but doesn't connect with "Salt" or "Difficult."

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) Solution**, as it connects to all four clues.

#### Quick Tip

Look for a word that can be associated with the given clues in multiple contexts. "Solution" works for all of them here.

**16. India won the third one day match against Australia due to Dhoni's cool captaincy.**

**Assumptions:** I. India won the third one day match against Australia.

II. Dhoni is a cool captain.

- (A) if only assumption I is implicit
- (B) if only assumption II is implicit
- (C) if either I or II is implicit
- (D) if neither I nor II is implicit
- (E) if both are implicit

**Correct Answer:** (A) if only assumption I is implicit

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the statement.**

The statement suggests that India won the third one-day match against Australia because of Dhoni's cool captaincy. This implies that the captaincy of Dhoni played a key role in the win.

**Step 2: Analyzing the assumptions.**

**(I) India won the third one-day match against Australia:** This assumption is implicit because the statement directly mentions this fact.

**(II) Dhoni is a cool captain:** This assumption is not directly mentioned in the statement.

The statement does not necessarily imply that Dhoni is inherently "cool," it just attributes the victory to his leadership in the match.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) if only assumption I is implicit**, as assumption I is directly supported by the statement, while assumption II is not explicitly conveyed in the statement.

#### Quick Tip

In questions involving assumptions, always distinguish between facts directly mentioned in the statement and additional qualities or attributes that are inferred but not explicitly stated.

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**17. Excessive advertising is leading to unbridled consumerism.**

**Assumptions:** I. There is rampant consumerism rife in the society.

II. Advertising has increased in the past decades.

- (A) if only assumption I is implicit
- (B) if only assumption II is implicit
- (C) if either I or II is implicit
- (D) if neither I nor II is implicit
- (E) if both are implicit

**Correct Answer:** (E) if both are implicit

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the statement.**

The statement claims that excessive advertising leads to unbridled consumerism, implying that advertising plays a role in promoting consumerism.

**Step 2: Analyzing the assumptions.**

**(I) There is rampant consumerism rife in the society:** This assumption is implicit because the statement assumes that advertising can lead to consumerism, indicating that consumerism is prevalent.

**(II) Advertising has increased in the past decades:** This assumption is also implicit because the statement is talking about "excessive advertising," which suggests an increase in advertising over time.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(E) if both are implicit**, as both assumptions support the idea that advertising is contributing to increased consumerism.

#### Quick Tip

In questions about assumptions, consider the underlying ideas that the statement relies on but does not explicitly state. Here, both consumerism and advertising's increase are implied by the statement.

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**18. Engineers, doctors and other professionals who join the administrative services are wasting national resources.**

**Assumptions:** I. Indian administrative officers waste national resources.  
II. National resources are invested only in imparting engineering, medical and other professional education.

- (A) if only assumption I is implicit
- (B) if only assumption II is implicit
- (C) if either I or II is implicit
- (D) if neither I nor II is implicit
- (E) if both are implicit

**Correct Answer:** (D) if neither I nor II is implicit

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the statement.**

The statement suggests that professionals who move into administrative services are wasting national resources, implying that these professionals should ideally contribute directly to their specialized fields.

**Step 2: Analyzing the assumptions.**

**(I) Indian administrative officers waste national resources:** This assumption is not implicit in the statement. It makes a general claim about administrative officers, but the statement only discusses the specific professionals moving into administration.

**(II) National resources are invested only in imparting engineering, medical and other professional education:** This assumption is also not implicit. The statement does not say that resources are only invested in professional education; it just highlights a concern about professionals in administration.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(D) if neither I nor II is implicit**, as neither of the assumptions is directly supported by the statement.

### Quick Tip

In assumption-based questions, ensure that the assumptions are directly supported by the statement. If they are not explicitly mentioned or implied, then they are not valid assumptions.

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## 19. Healthy mind lives in healthy body.

**Assumptions:** I. Physical health determines mental health.

II. Mental health and physical health are interdependent.

- (A) if only assumption I is implicit
- (B) if only assumption II is implicit
- (C) if either I or II is implicit
- (D) if neither I nor II is implicit
- (E) if both are implicit

**Correct Answer:** (E) if both are implicit

### Solution:

#### Step 1: Understanding the statement.

The statement suggests that a healthy mind exists only in a healthy body, implying that physical health plays a role in mental well-being.

#### Step 2: Analyzing the assumptions.

**(I) Physical health determines mental health:** This assumption is implicit because the statement connects mental health with physical health, implying that physical health can influence mental well-being.

**(II) Mental health and physical health are interdependent:** This assumption is also implicit as the statement suggests a relationship between both types of health, indicating their interconnectedness.

#### Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is **(E) if both are implicit**, as both assumptions are supported by the statement.

### Quick Tip

In assumption-based questions, identify the underlying relationships that the statement assumes, such as cause and effect or interdependence.

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## 20. Incidents of acid rain are increasing because of environmental pollution.

**Assumptions:** I. Environmental pollution leads to acid rains only.

II. Environmental pollution is increasing.

- (A) if only assumption I is implicit
- (B) if only assumption II is implicit
- (C) if either I or II is implicit
- (D) if neither I nor II is implicit
- (E) if both are implicit

**Correct Answer:** (B) if only assumption II is implicit

### Solution:

#### Step 1: Understanding the statement.

The statement suggests that environmental pollution is the cause of the increasing incidents of acid rain, which assumes a relationship between pollution and acid rain.

#### Step 2: Analyzing the assumptions.

**(I) Environmental pollution leads to acid rains only:** This assumption is not implicit because the statement does not restrict pollution to causing only acid rain; it simply connects the two.

**(II) Environmental pollution is increasing:** This assumption is implicit because the statement refers to increasing incidents of acid rain, which can be attributed to the growing pollution levels.

#### Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is **(B) if only assumption II is implicit**, as assumption II is directly supported by the statement, while assumption I is not implied.

### Quick Tip

In assumption-based questions, focus on the conditions mentioned in the statement and how they suggest further implications, like increasing trends or specific causes.

## 21. Has India experienced abnormal monsoon this year?

**Statements:** I. El Nino phenomenon affects monsoon in India.

II. This year El Nino was active.

- (A) If only statement I is required to answer the question
- (B) If only statement II is required to answer the question
- (C) If both I and II are required to answer the question
- (D) If either I or II is required to answer the question
- (E) If neither I nor II is required to answer the question

**Correct Answer:** (C) If both I and II are required to answer the question

### Solution:

#### Step 1: Understanding the question.

The question asks whether India has experienced abnormal monsoon this year, which requires information about both the factors affecting the monsoon and the actual occurrence of these factors.

#### Step 2: Analyzing the statements.

**(I) El Nino phenomenon affects monsoon in India:** This statement provides important background information. It indicates that the El Nino phenomenon has an impact on the monsoon, but it doesn't tell us if it has actually affected this year's monsoon.

**(II) This year El Nino was active:** This statement confirms that the specific El Nino phenomenon was active this year, which directly contributes to answering the question about abnormal monsoon.

#### Step 3: Conclusion.

Both statements are necessary to answer the question because statement I gives us the general effect of El Nino, and statement II tells us that El Nino was active this year. Together,

they provide enough data to determine if India has experienced abnormal monsoon.

### Quick Tip

In questions about cause and effect, both the general principle and the specific instance of the cause need to be considered to determine the effect.

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## 22. Why is economic development in India not uniform across regions?

**Statements:** I. Policies for economic development are centrally planned.

II. Conditions in India vary from one region to another.

- (A) If only statement I is required to answer the question
- (B) If only statement II is required to answer the question
- (C) If both I and II are required to answer the question
- (D) If either I or II is required to answer the question
- (E) If neither I nor II is required to answer the question

**Correct Answer:** (B) If only statement II is required to answer the question

### Solution:

#### Step 1: Understanding the question.

The question asks about the uneven economic development across regions in India, which depends on the regional conditions.

#### Step 2: Analyzing the statements.

**(I) Policies for economic development are centrally planned:** This statement explains the structure of the policies but does not directly address the regional disparities in economic development.

**(II) Conditions in India vary from one region to another:** This statement directly addresses the cause of uneven development, as differing regional conditions can lead to varying levels of economic development.

#### Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is **(B) If only statement II is required to answer the question**, as it directly explains why economic development is not uniform across regions.

### Quick Tip

In data sufficiency questions, identify the statement that directly answers the question without relying on assumptions. Statement II directly addresses the issue of regional disparity in development.

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### 23. Why are RK and SG not speaking with each other?

**Statements:** I. RK and SG do not know each other.

II. RK and SG were friends earlier but have recently fought with each other.

- (A) If only statement I is required to answer the question
- (B) If only statement II is required to answer the question
- (C) If both I and II are required to answer the question
- (D) If either I or II is required to answer the question
- (E) If neither I nor II is required to answer the question

**Correct Answer:** (B) If only statement II is required to answer the question

#### **Solution:**

##### **Step 1: Understanding the question.**

The question asks about the reason RK and SG are not speaking to each other. We need to determine which statement provides the necessary information.

##### **Step 2: Analyzing the statements.**

**(I) RK and SG do not know each other:** This statement does not address the issue of why they are not speaking, only that they don't know each other. It doesn't explain any conflict.

**(II) RK and SG were friends earlier but have recently fought with each other:** This statement provides a clear reason for why they are not speaking — they have had a fight.

##### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(B) If only statement II is required to answer the question**, as it provides the necessary context about their relationship and the reason they are not speaking.

### Quick Tip

When analyzing questions involving relationships or conflicts, look for the statement that directly explains the reason behind the situation.

#### 24. Why is 'X' a leading brand in 'Y' product category?

**Statements:** I. Most of the customers of Y product category purchase 'X'.

II. 'X' has the highest advertising spend.

- (A) If only statement I is required to answer the question
- (B) If only statement II is required to answer the question
- (C) If both I and II are required to answer the question
- (D) If either I or II is required to answer the question
- (E) If neither I nor II is required to answer the question

**Correct Answer:** (C) If both I and II are required to answer the question

#### **Solution:**

##### **Step 1: Understanding the question.**

The question asks why 'X' is a leading brand in the 'Y' product category. To answer this, we need to understand both the customer behavior and the brand's marketing efforts.

##### **Step 2: Analyzing the statements.**

**(I) Most of the customers of Y product category purchase 'X':** This statement explains that customer behavior supports 'X' being a leading brand in the category, providing essential information for answering the question.

**(II) 'X' has the highest advertising spend:** This statement indicates that 'X' may be a leading brand because of its significant investment in advertising, which is another important factor in its success.

##### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

Both statements provide crucial information, making the correct answer **(C) If both I and II are required to answer the question.**

### Quick Tip

When answering questions about brand success, consider both customer behavior and marketing strategies such as advertising spend.

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## 25. Why has Keshav done well in his exam of class 8th?

**Statements:** I. There were only a few good students in his class.

II. Keshav took tuition for all the subjects.

- (A) If only statement I is required to answer the question
- (B) If only statement II is required to answer the question
- (C) If both I and II are required to answer the question
- (D) If either I or II is required to answer the question
- (E) If neither I nor II is required to answer the question

**Correct Answer:** (B) If only statement II is required to answer the question

### **Solution:**

#### **Step 1: Understanding the question.**

The question asks why Keshav has done well in his class 8th exam. We need to determine the reason for his success.

#### **Step 2: Analyzing the statements.**

**(I) There were only a few good students in his class:** This statement does not directly explain why Keshav did well. It only provides information about the class, not about Keshav's performance.

**(II) Keshav took tuition for all the subjects:** This statement directly addresses the reason for Keshav's good performance, as tuition for all subjects likely helped him improve his academic performance.

#### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

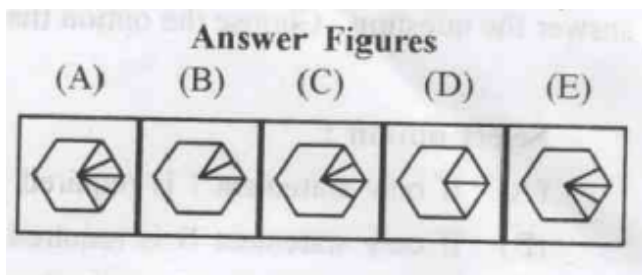
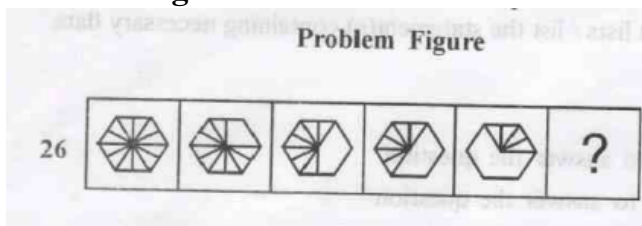
The correct answer is **(B) If only statement II is required to answer the question**, as taking tuition is the key factor in explaining Keshav's success.

### Quick Tip

In data sufficiency questions, focus on the statement that directly addresses the question and provides sufficient data. In this case, Keshav's tuition is directly related to his success.

**26. Observe the following sequence of figures and choose the correct figure to continue the sequence.**

**Problem Figure:**



**Correct Answer:** (C) Answer Figure C

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

Describe how the figures change — for example, rotation, color, shape addition, etc. If the figures represent rotations, describe the angle of rotation, etc.

**Step 2: Compare the options.**

Look at each answer figure and see if it fits into the pattern established by the sequence.

Eliminate figures that don't continue the sequence logically.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

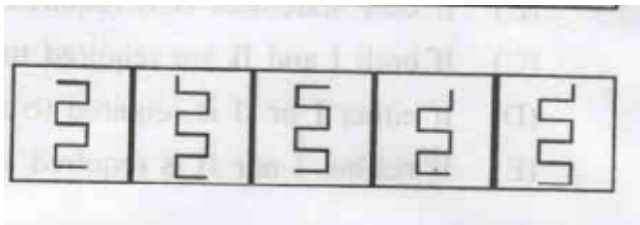
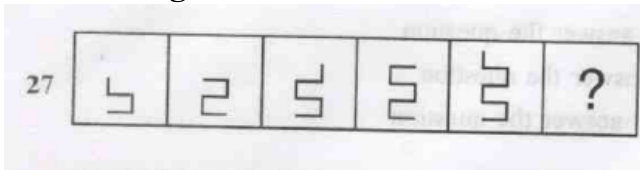
The correct answer is (C), as it follows the observed pattern.

### Quick Tip

In pattern recognition problems, carefully observe the changes in each figure and think about whether it's a rotation, addition of parts, or a color change, etc.

**27. Observe the following sequence of figures and choose the correct figure to continue the sequence.**

**Problem Figure:**



**Correct Answer:** (C) Answer Figure C

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

Observe the direction and position of the lines in each figure. Are they moving in a specific direction or incrementing in some way? This could involve rotation or shifting patterns.

**Step 2: Compare the options.**

Examine each answer figure and determine which one logically follows the pattern.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

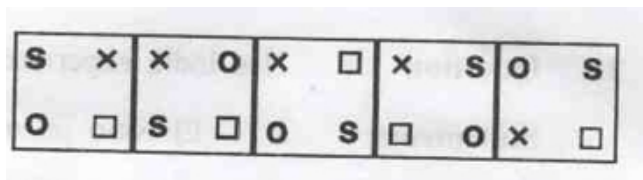
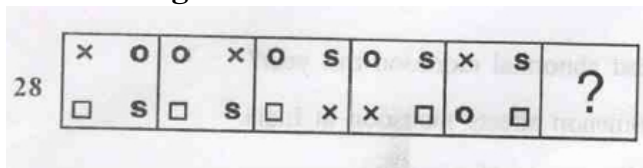
The correct answer is (C), as it logically follows the observed pattern.

### Quick Tip

In sequence problems, look for changes in shape, orientation, or other attributes between consecutive figures.

28. Observe the following sequence of figures and choose the correct figure to continue the sequence.

**Problem Figure:**



**Correct Answer:** (C) Answer Figure C

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

The sequence consists of alternating symbols of X, O, and S, with squares placed in varying positions in each box. The arrangement of the symbols in each box follows a repetitive, alternating pattern. The square symbols are placed intermittently throughout the sequence.

**Step 2: Determine the missing figure.**

By continuing the alternating pattern of X, O, and S, and considering the placement of square symbols, the missing figure follows the established pattern and completes the sequence.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

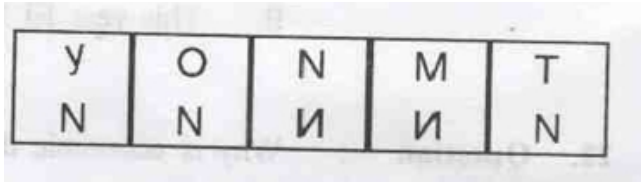
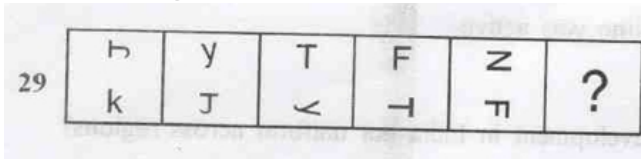
The correct answer is (C), as it logically follows the alternating pattern of X, O, and S with square placements in the sequence.

**Quick Tip**

When solving sequence problems, observe the pattern of symbols, colors, or shapes and their alternating or repeating order. Look for consistency in the placement of shapes like squares.

**29. Observe the following sequence of symbols and choose the correct symbol to continue the sequence.**

**Problem Figure:**



**Correct Answer:** (C) Answer Figure C

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

Examine the sequence of letters and symbols. Is there a consistent rotation, flipping, or transformation rule?

**Step 2: Compare the options.**

Evaluate each option and identify which one continues the established pattern.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

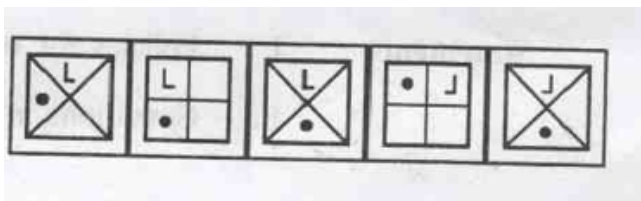
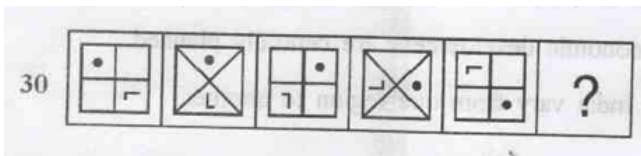
The correct answer is (C), as it follows the observed pattern of letter and symbol arrangements.

**Quick Tip**

In sequence problems, look for recurring patterns in the positions, rotation, or transformation of the symbols.

**30. Observe the following sequence of figures and choose the correct figure to continue the sequence.**

**Problem Figure:**



**Correct Answer:** (C) Answer Figure C

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

Observe how the shapes, lines, and dots change in each figure. Note the rotation and shifts of symbols and the introduction of new elements.

**Step 2: Identify the next figure in the pattern.**

Based on the pattern, deduce how the symbols will change or move in the next figure.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

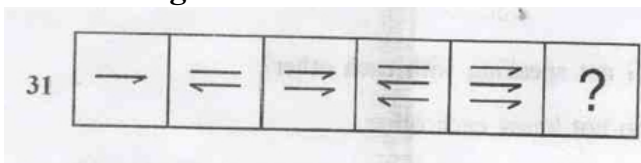
The correct answer is (C), as it logically continues the pattern established by the previous figures.

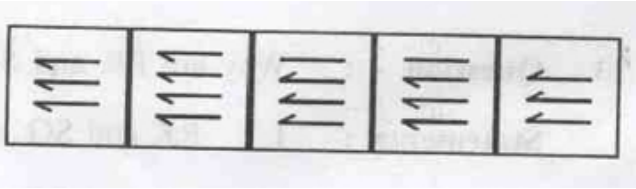
**Quick Tip**

In figure sequence problems, carefully observe how shapes or symbols rotate, shift, or change across the sequence. Look for incremental changes or repetitions.

**31. Observe the following sequence of figures and choose the correct figure to continue the sequence.**

**Problem Figure:**





**Correct Answer:** (C) Answer Figure C

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

Observe how the number of arrows increases progressively by one in each figure, with each figure containing arrows that are longer or oriented differently.

**Step 2: Identify the next figure.**

Based on the observed pattern, the next figure should contain five arrows, following the alternating pattern of direction.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

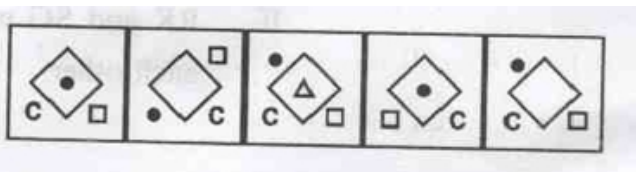
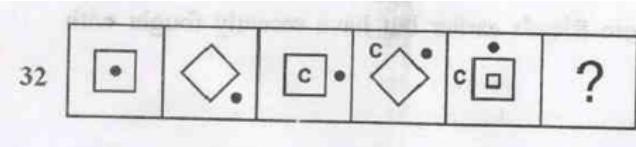
The correct answer is (C), as it logically continues the established pattern.

**Quick Tip**

In sequence problems, look for consistent increments in the number of elements and changes in their arrangement.

**32. Observe the following sequence of figures and choose the correct figure to continue the sequence.**

**Problem Figure:**



**Correct Answer:** (A) Answer Figure A

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

Observe the alternating sequence between square and diamond shapes, with the letter "C" and dot added as the sequence progresses.

**Step 2: Identify the next figure in the pattern.**

The next figure should continue the alternation between square and diamond shapes, with the square shape appearing next, and the letter "C" and dot included.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

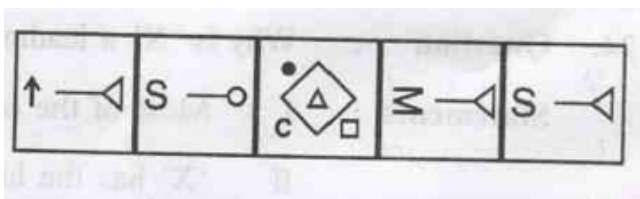
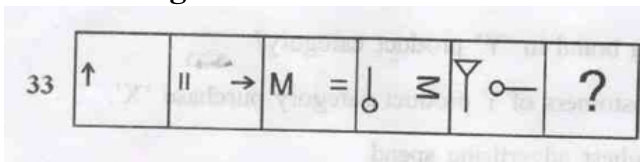
The correct answer is (A), as it logically continues the observed pattern.

**Quick Tip**

In figure sequence problems, observe how shapes alternate and note any additions or modifications made as the sequence progresses.

**33. Observe the following sequence of figures and choose the correct figure to continue the sequence.**

**Problem Figure:**



**Correct Answer:** (D) Answer Figure D

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

Examine the alternating changes in symbols, focusing on their transformations and progression. The sequence alternates between arrows, equal signs, and other geometric symbols.

**Step 2: Identify the next figure in the pattern.**

By observing how each symbol transitions, deduce the next symbol that logically continues the pattern.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

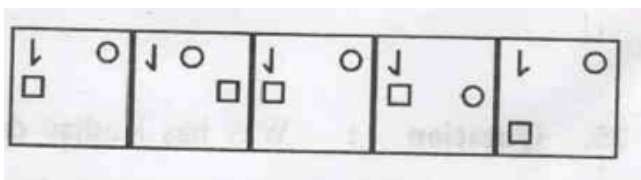
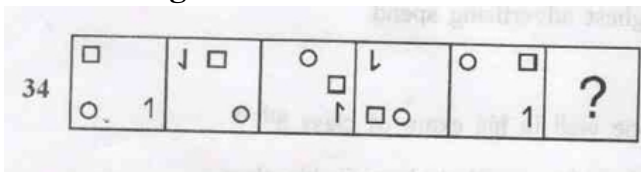
The correct answer is **(D)**, as it logically follows the observed pattern of transformations.

**Quick Tip**

In figure sequence problems, carefully observe the shifts in shapes and symbols. Look for any consistent pattern of transformation between symbols.

**34. Observe the following sequence of figures and choose the correct figure to continue the sequence.**

**Problem Figure:**



**Correct Answer:** (A) Answer Figure A

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

Observe the alternating changes in the shapes and the symbols inside the figures. The shapes alternate between square, circle, and J or L shapes, and the numbers inside also follow an alternating pattern.

**Step 2: Identify the next figure in the pattern.**

The missing figure continues the alternating pattern and should be a square with a "J" shape and a dot inside.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

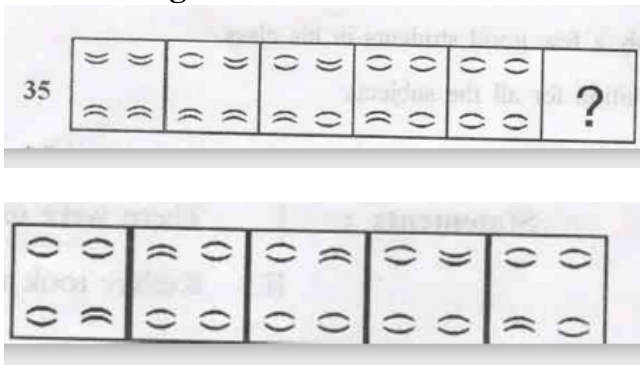
The correct answer is (A), as it logically continues the observed pattern of shapes and symbols.

**Quick Tip**

In figure sequence problems, observe how the shapes, numbers, and symbols change in an alternating or repeating manner.

**35. Observe the following sequence of figures and choose the correct figure to continue the sequence.**

**Problem Figure:**



**Correct Answer:** (D) Answer Figure D

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the pattern in the sequence of figures.**

Observe the increasing number of curved shapes in each figure, alternating between upward and downward directions.

**Step 2: Identify the next figure in the pattern.**

The next figure logically continues with eight curved shapes, alternating between upward and downward directions.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is (D), as it logically continues the established pattern of alternating curved shapes.

### Quick Tip

In sequence problems, look for patterns in the number of elements and their arrangement. In this case, the number of curved shapes increases, and the direction alternates.

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## SECTION B

### 1. Julian Brian won a Booker prize for his book

- (A) The Sense of an Ending
- (B) Half Blood Blues
- (C) Pigeon English
- (D) In a strange room
- (E) C

**Correct Answer:** (A) The Sense of an Ending

#### **Solution:**

#### **Step 1: Understanding the context.**

The question asks for the book for which Julian Brian won the Booker Prize. The correct answer is based on literary knowledge of the Booker Prize winners. Julian Brian won the prize for his book \*The Sense of an Ending\*.

#### **Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) The Sense of an Ending:** Correct, this is the Booker Prize-winning book by Julian Brian.

**(B) Half Blood Blues:** Incorrect, this is a different book and not the winner of the Booker Prize for Julian Brian.

**(C) Pigeon English:** Incorrect, this book is by Stephen Kelman, not Julian Brian.

**(D) In a strange room:** Incorrect, this is not the Booker Prize-winning book by Julian Brian.

**(E) C:** Incorrect, this is a novel by Tom McCarthy, not related to Julian Brian.

#### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) The Sense of an Ending**, which won the Booker Prize for Julian Brian.

### Quick Tip

The Booker Prize is a prestigious literary award, and knowing past winners can help in answering such questions.

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## 2. Which is not a retail outlet among the following?

- (A) Nordstrom
- (B) Lululemon
- (C) American Girl
- (D) Starbucks
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (C) American Girl

### Solution:

#### Step 1: Understanding the question.

The question asks which one of the options is not a retail outlet. A retail outlet typically refers to a business that sells goods directly to consumers.

#### Step 2: Analyzing the options.

- (A) **Nordstrom:** Incorrect, Nordstrom is a well-known retail outlet chain.
- (B) **Lululemon:** Incorrect, Lululemon is a retail outlet that sells athletic wear.
- (C) **American Girl:** Correct, American Girl is primarily a brand associated with dolls, but it operates more as a brand than a typical retail outlet.
- (D) **Starbucks:** Incorrect, Starbucks is a well-known retail outlet for coffee and beverages.
- (E) **None:** Incorrect, as American Girl is indeed the correct answer.

#### Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is (C) **American Girl**, as it does not fit the typical category of a retail outlet compared to the others.

### Quick Tip

To identify a retail outlet, check if the business directly sells goods or services to the public, as opposed to being a brand or a specialized entity.

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### 3. Whose idea managed to avert the Euro crisis on October 26th, 2011?

- (A) Angela Merkel
- (B) David Cameron
- (C) Sarkozy
- (D) Jean Claude Juncker
- (E) Lucas Papademos

**Correct Answer:** (D) Jean Claude Juncker

#### **Solution:**

##### **Step 1: Understanding the event.**

The question refers to the Euro crisis in 2011. The solution to avert the crisis was proposed at a summit in October 2011, and it involved the European leaders, including Jean Claude Juncker, who played a key role.

##### **Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) Angela Merkel:** Incorrect, while Merkel was crucial, Juncker played a central role in the actual proposals to address the crisis.

**(B) David Cameron:** Incorrect, Cameron was the British Prime Minister, but his involvement was minimal in the specific solution to the Euro crisis.

**(C) Sarkozy:** Incorrect, Sarkozy was involved but not the person whose idea led to the averted crisis.

**(D) Jean Claude Juncker:** Correct, Juncker, as the President of the Eurogroup, was pivotal in managing the solutions during the crisis.

**(E) Lucas Papademos:** Incorrect, though Papademos was a key figure, his role was later, and he was not central to the 2011 crisis resolution.

##### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(D) Jean Claude Juncker**, whose actions and proposals were instrumental in averting the Euro crisis.

#### Quick Tip

In political history, it is often important to identify the specific roles individuals played in major events. Juncker's leadership in 2011 was vital to averting the Euro crisis.

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#### 4. Which of the following is not a brand?

- (A) Sugar Free
- (B) Salt Free
- (C) Carrefour
- (D) Carefree
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (B) Salt Free

#### Solution:

##### Step 1: Understanding the question.

The question asks which option is not a brand. To answer this, we need to determine which of the names listed does not refer to a specific product brand.

##### Step 2: Analyzing the options.

**(A) Sugar Free:** Incorrect, Sugar Free is a well-known brand of sweeteners.

**(B) Salt Free:** Correct, Salt Free refers to a product description, not a brand.

**(C) Carrefour:** Incorrect, Carrefour is a multinational retail corporation and a well-known brand.

**(D) Carefree:** Incorrect, Carefree is a well-known brand of feminine hygiene products.

**(E) None:** Incorrect, as Salt Free is the correct answer.

##### Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is **(B) Salt Free**, as it is a description, not a brand.

### Quick Tip

When identifying brands, remember that established companies often have recognizable names or trademarks. Descriptive terms like "Salt Free" are not considered brands.

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#### 5. Which of the following are the objectives of UN?

- (A) u) To maintain peace and security in the world
- (B) u) and v)
- (C) u) and w)
- (D) u), v), w) and x)
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (D) u), v), w) and x)

#### **Solution:**

##### **Step 1: Understanding the objectives of the UN.**

The United Nations (UN) has several core objectives aimed at promoting peace, security, and human rights. These objectives include working to maintain peace, fostering friendly relations between nations, reducing poverty, addressing disease and illiteracy, and encouraging respect for fundamental human rights.

##### **Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) u) To maintain peace and security in the world:** This is indeed one of the key objectives of the UN.

**(B) u) and v):** Incorrect, as the full range of objectives involves more than just peace and friendly relations.

**(C) u) and w):** Incorrect, as the complete list includes more goals than just peace and poverty reduction.

**(D) u), v), w) and x):** Correct, this option covers all the key objectives of the UN, including peace, friendly relations, poverty, illiteracy, and human rights.

**(E) None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

##### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(D) u), v), w) and x)**, as it includes the complete set of objectives for the UN.

### Quick Tip

The UN's objectives are broad and cover areas from peace to human rights. Always review the full scope of the organization's goals in such questions.

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## 6. AFSPA stands for

- (A) Armed Forces Special Power Act
- (B) Armed Forces Super Power Act
- (C) Air Force Special Power Act
- (D) Air Force Super Power Act
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (A) Armed Forces Special Power Act

### Solution:

#### Step 1: Understanding AFSPA.

AFSPA refers to the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, which is an act that grants special powers to the Indian Armed Forces in areas designated as "disturbed." These powers include the authority to arrest, search, and use force when necessary.

#### Step 2: Analyzing the options.

- (A) Armed Forces Special Power Act:** Correct, this is the full form of AFSPA.
- (B) Armed Forces Super Power Act:** Incorrect, this is not the correct full form.
- (C) Air Force Special Power Act:** Incorrect, the act pertains to the Armed Forces, not just the Air Force.
- (D) Air Force Super Power Act:** Incorrect, this is a misinterpretation of the act.
- (E) None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

#### Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is **(A) Armed Forces Special Power Act**, as it is the accurate definition of AFSPA.

### Quick Tip

When encountering acronyms like AFSPA, always recall their full forms, especially if they pertain to legal or military matters.

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#### 7. .... invented ball point pen.

- (A) Biro Brothers
- (B) Slavoljub Eduard Penkala
- (C) Van Vechten Riesburg
- (D) All
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (A) Biro Brothers

#### **Solution:**

##### **Step 1: Understanding the history of the ballpoint pen.**

The ballpoint pen was invented by the Biro brothers, Laszlo Biro and Georg Biro, in the 1930s. They created the modern ballpoint pen, which used a small rotating ball to dispense ink, making it more reliable than earlier fountain pens.

##### **Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) Biro Brothers:** Correct, the Biro brothers are credited with inventing the ballpoint pen.

**(B) Slavoljub Eduard Penkala:** Incorrect, Penkala invented the mechanical pencil, not the ballpoint pen.

**(C) Van Vechten Riesburg:** Incorrect, there is no known connection to the invention of the ballpoint pen.

**(D) All:** Incorrect, as the Biro brothers are the correct inventors.

**(E) None:** Incorrect, as the Biro brothers are the correct answer.

##### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) Biro Brothers**, as they invented the ballpoint pen.

### Quick Tip

To answer questions on historical inventions, remember to verify the key figures behind those inventions. The Biro brothers are credited with the ballpoint pen's creation.

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## 8. Google has acquired

- (A) Over 100 companies
- (B) Motorola Mobility for \$12.5 billion
- (C) Companies based in or around San Francisco Bay area
- (D) More than one company per week since 2010
- (E) All of the above

**Correct Answer:** (E) All of the above

### Solution:

#### Step 1: Understanding Google's acquisition strategy.

Google has acquired many companies over the years to enhance its services, expand its portfolio, and enter new markets. This includes the acquisition of Motorola Mobility, which was a significant deal, and the acquisition of multiple companies over time.

#### Step 2: Analyzing the options.

- (A) Over 100 companies:** Correct, Google has acquired over 100 companies since its founding.
- (B) Motorola Mobility for \$12.5 billion:** Correct, Google acquired Motorola Mobility for this amount in 2012.
- (C) Companies based in or around San Francisco Bay area:** Correct, many of Google's acquisitions are based in Silicon Valley.
- (D) More than one company per week since 2010:** Correct, Google has acquired multiple companies at a rapid rate, including more than one per week in some years.
- (E) All of the above:** Correct, all the above options are true regarding Google's acquisition strategy.

#### Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is **(E) All of the above**, as Google's acquisition activities align with all of the options provided.

#### Quick Tip

Google's acquisition strategy is aggressive, often acquiring companies to boost its technological capabilities. Keep in mind the significant purchases like Motorola and its regular acquisitions.

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### 9. Which of the following companies' acquires Halite Personal Care India Pvt Ltd?

- (A) Reckit Benckiser
- (B) Marico
- (C) Dabur
- (D) Emami
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (A) Reckit Benckiser

#### Solution:

##### Step 1: Understanding the context.

The question asks which company acquired Halite Personal Care India Pvt Ltd. Reckitt Benckiser, a leading multinational company in health, hygiene, and home products, acquired Halite Personal Care India Pvt Ltd.

##### Step 2: Analyzing the options.

**(A) Reckit Benckiser:** Correct, Reckitt Benckiser is the company that acquired Halite Personal Care India Pvt Ltd.

**(B) Marico:** Incorrect, Marico is a different consumer goods company and has not acquired Halite Personal Care India.

**(C) Dabur:** Incorrect, Dabur is a different company and did not acquire Halite Personal Care India Pvt Ltd.

**(D) Emami:** Incorrect, Emami is also a separate company and did not acquire Halite Personal Care India.

(E) **None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is given above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is (A) **Reckit Benckiser**, as it is the company that acquired Halite Personal Care India Pvt Ltd.

**Quick Tip**

When dealing with company acquisitions, it's essential to remember key mergers and acquisitions in the consumer goods sector.

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**10. What are the specializations MICA offers from among the below mentioned?**

- t) Communications and Media
- u) Finance and Communications
- v) Brand Management and Media
- w) Marketing Research and Account Planning
- x) Marketing and Communications
- y) Marketing Research and Communications
- z) Brand Management and Finance

- (A) v, x, y
- (B) t, x, z
- (C) t, v, x
- (D) v, x, t
- (E) v, x

**Correct Answer:** (A) v, x, y

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding MICA's specializations.**

MICA (Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad) is known for its focus on marketing, communications, and media. The institution offers specializations that combine media management, communications, and brand management.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

(A) **v, x, y:** Correct, this combination corresponds to the specializations in Brand Management and Media, Marketing and Communications, and Marketing Research and Communications.

(B) **t, x, z:** Incorrect, this combination includes Finance and Communications, which is not offered by MICA.

(C) **t, v, x:** Incorrect, while MICA offers some finance-related courses, this combination does not reflect the full set of specializations.

(D) **v, x, t:** Incorrect, this does not accurately reflect the specializations offered by MICA.

(E) **v, x:** Incorrect, this combination omits Marketing Research and Account Planning.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is (A) **v, x, y**, as these are the specializations MICA offers.

**Quick Tip**

MICA is a specialized institution offering a unique combination of media, marketing, and communications courses that prepare students for leadership roles in the industry.

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**11. .... each earned 11 Academy Awards.**

(A) The Lord of the Rings, Ben-hur, Titanic, and The Return of the King

(B) The Godfather, The Lord of the Rings, Ben-hur, Titanic, and The Return of the King

(C) All about Eve, The Lord of the Rings, Ben-hur, Titanic, and The Return of the King

(D) Cabaret, All about Eve, The Godfather, Titanic, and The Lord of the Rings

(E) None

**Correct Answer:** (A) The Lord of the Rings, Ben-hur, Titanic, and The Return of the King

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the context.**

The question refers to movies that earned 11 Academy Awards. The movies \*Ben-hur\*, \*Titanic\*, and \*The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King\* each won 11 Oscars, a historic feat.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) The Lord of the Rings, Ben-hur, Titanic, and The Return of the King:** Correct, these films each earned 11 Academy Awards.

**(B) The Godfather, The Lord of the Rings, Ben-hur, Titanic, and The Return of the King:** Incorrect, while these are notable films, only \*Ben-hur\*, \*Titanic\*, and \*The Return of the King\* earned 11 Oscars.

**(C) All about Eve, The Lord of the Rings, Ben-hur, Titanic, and The Return of the King:** Incorrect, \*All About Eve\* did not earn 11 Oscars.

**(D) Cabaret, All about Eve, The Godfather, Titanic, and The Lord of the Rings:** Incorrect, none of these other films earned 11 Academy Awards.

**(E) None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) The Lord of the Rings, Ben-hur, Titanic, and The Return of the King**, as these films each earned 11 Academy Awards.

**Quick Tip**

The record of winning 11 Academy Awards is a rare achievement, and only a few films, including \*Ben-hur\* and \*Titanic\*, share this honor.

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**12. .... was/were India's official entry to Oscar and were nominated for Oscars for Best Foreign Film.**

u) Mother India

v) Metropolis

w) Stree

x) Madumati

y) Salaam Bombay

(A) u

(B) x

(C) uy

(D) uv

(E) wy

**Correct Answer:** (C) uy

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the context.**

The question is about India's official entries to the Academy Awards (Oscars) in the Best Foreign Film category. \*Mother India\* and \*Salaam Bombay\* are two of the films that were nominated for this category.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

(A) **u:** Incorrect, \*Mother India\* was India's official entry, but this option only mentions one film.

(B) **x:** Incorrect, \*Madumati\* was not India's official entry for the Oscars.

(C) **uy:** Correct, both \*Mother India\* and \*Salaam Bombay\* were nominated for Best Foreign Film at the Oscars.

(D) **uv:** Incorrect, \*Metropolis\* was not India's official entry to the Oscars.

(E) **wy:** Incorrect, \*Stree\* and \*Madumati\* were not official entries for the Oscars.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is (C) **uy**, as \*Mother India\* and \*Salaam Bombay\* were India's official entries and were nominated for Best Foreign Film at the Oscars.

#### Quick Tip

India has a history of submitting films to the Academy Awards, but only a few have made it to the nomination stage.

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**13. Match the following:**

s. Ogilvy Mather      w. Media Agency

t. Taylor Neilson Sofres      x. Ad Agency

u. Reliance MediaWorks      y. Data Analytics firm

v. Mu Sigma      z. Market Research Agency

- (A) s-x; t-w; u-z; v-y
- (B) s-w; t-y; u-x; v-z
- (C) s-z; t-y; u-x; v-z
- (D) s-x; t-z; u-w; v-y
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (A) s-x; t-w; u-z; v-y

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the companies and their areas of operation.**

- Ogilvy Mather is a global advertising, marketing, and public relations agency, thus matching with Media Agency.
- Taylor Neilson Sofres specializes in market research, thus matching with Market Research Agency.
- Reliance MediaWorks is a media and entertainment company, fitting with Ad Agency.
- Mu Sigma is a data analytics firm, matching with Data Analytics firm.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) s-x; t-w; u-z; v-y:** Correct, this is the correct match for each company and its corresponding specialization.

**(B) s-w; t-y; u-x; v-z:** Incorrect, the companies are mismatched with their respective specializations.

**(C) s-z; t-y; u-x; v-z:** Incorrect, this option contains incorrect pairings.

**(D) s-x; t-z; u-w; v-y:** Incorrect, some of the specializations are mismatched.

**(E) None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) s-x; t-w; u-z; v-y**, as these are the correct matches for the companies and their specializations.

**Quick Tip**

When matching companies with their areas of expertise, it's important to understand their primary services or products.

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**14. Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, and Xhosa are**

- (A) Official Languages in South Africa
- (B) Cities in South Africa
- (C) Languages in South Africa
- (D) Both (A) and (B)
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (C) Languages in South Africa

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the question.**

The listed languages — Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, and Xhosa — are indigenous languages spoken in South Africa. They are recognized as official languages in the country.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) Official Languages in South Africa:** Correct, these languages are indeed official languages in South Africa.

**(B) Cities in South Africa:** Incorrect, these are languages, not cities.

**(C) Languages in South Africa:** Correct, these are the recognized languages in South Africa.

**(D) Both (A) and (B):** Incorrect, the languages are not cities.

**(E) None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(C) Languages in South Africa**, as these are languages officially spoken in the country.

#### Quick Tip

In South Africa, there are 11 official languages, reflecting the country's rich cultural and linguistic diversity.

**15. Match the following names with their taglines:**

- n) CEAT            u) Push Button Publishing  
o) Windows XP        v) News you can use  
p) NDTV Profit        w) Do more with less  
q) Sholay            x) The power of knowledge  
r) The Economic Times    y) The greatest story ever told  
s) Blogger.com        z) Born Tough

(A) n-z; o-w; p-v; q-y; r-x; s-u

(B) n-z; o-y; p-v; q-t; r-x; s-u

(C) n-z; o-x; p-v; q-t; r-y; s-u

(D) n-z; o-w; p-u; q-y; r-x; s-v

(E) None

**Correct Answer:** (A) n-z; o-w; p-v; q-y; r-x; s-u

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the names and their taglines.**

- CEAT: Known for the tagline "Born Tough," associated with the durability of tires.
- Windows XP: Known for "The greatest story ever told," a memorable operating system.
- NDTV Profit: Known for "News you can use," focusing on financial news.
- Sholay: Famous for the tagline "The power of knowledge," reflecting the iconic film's cultural impact.
- The Economic Times: Famous for the tagline "Do more with less," reflecting its business-related content.
- Blogger.com: Known for the tagline "Push Button Publishing," which emphasizes the ease of blogging.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) n-z; o-w; p-v; q-y; r-x; s-u:** Correct, this option accurately matches the names with their taglines.

**(B) n-z; o-y; p-v; q-t; r-x; s-u:** Incorrect, this combination does not match the correct taglines.

**(C) n-z; o-x; p-v; q-t; r-y; s-u:** Incorrect, this combination misassigns taglines.

(D) n-z; o-w; p-u; q-y; r-x; s-v: Incorrect, some of the matches are wrong.

(E) None: Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is (A) n-z; o-w; p-v; q-y; r-x; s-u, as it correctly matches the names with their respective taglines.

**Quick Tip**

When matching brands to their taglines, remember that taglines are a key part of branding and often directly reflect the brand's identity or purpose.

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**16. Who acquired whom?**

n) Tata chemicals      u) Bank of Rajasthan

o) Airtel      v) Mudra

p) Omnicom      w) British Salt

q) ICICI bank      x) Ispat Industries

r) Jindal Steel Works      y) Zain

s) Mahindra      z) Ssang Yong

(A) n-w; o-x; p-v; q-u; r-w; s-u

(B) n-w; o-y; p-v; q-u; r-x; s-z

(C) n-x; o-y; p-v; q-u; r-w; s-z

(D) n-w; o-x; p-v; q-u; r-s; s-v

(E) None

**Correct Answer:** (B) n-w; o-y; p-v; q-u; r-x; s-z

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the acquisitions.**

- Tata Chemicals acquired British Salt.
- Airtel acquired Zain, a major telecom company in Africa.
- Omnicom acquired Mudra, a well-known advertising company.

- ICICI Bank acquired Bank of Rajasthan.
- Jindal Steel Works acquired Ispat Industries.
- Mahindra acquired Ssang Yong, a South Korean automobile manufacturer.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

(A) **n-w; o-x; p-v; q-u; r-w; s-u:** Incorrect, this combination does not reflect the actual acquisitions.

(B) **n-w; o-y; p-v; q-u; r-x; s-z:** Correct, this option accurately matches the companies with their acquisitions.

(C) **n-x; o-y; p-v; q-u; r-w; s-z:** Incorrect, some acquisitions are mismatched.

(D) **n-w; o-x; p-v; q-u; r-s; s-v:** Incorrect, the companies are mismatched with their acquisitions.

(E) **None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(B) n-w; o-y; p-v; q-u; r-x; s-z**, as it correctly matches the companies and their acquisitions.

**Quick Tip**

When dealing with acquisitions, it's important to track the strategic moves of large corporations, especially in the tech and manufacturing sectors.

**17. Forbidden Verses was written by**

- (A) Salman Rushdie
- (B) Taslima Nasrin
- (C) Abu Nuwas
- (D) Abdus Salam
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (B) Taslima Nasrin

**Solution:**

### Step 1: Understanding the book "Forbidden Verses."

\*Forbidden Verses\* is a work written by Taslima Nasrin, a Bangladeshi-Swedish author, known for her controversial writing on women's rights, secularism, and social justice.

### Step 2: Analyzing the options.

(A) **Salman Rushdie:** Incorrect, though Rushdie is a renowned author, \*Forbidden Verses\* is not his work.

(B) **Taslima Nasrin:** Correct, she is the author of \*Forbidden Verses\*.

(C) **Abu Nuwas:** Incorrect, Abu Nuwas was an Arab poet, not the author of \*Forbidden Verses\*.

(D) **Abdus Salam:** Incorrect, Abdus Salam was a physicist, not an author of this book.

(E) **None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

### Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is (B) **Taslima Nasrin**, as she is the author of \*Forbidden Verses\*.

#### Quick Tip

Taslima Nasrin is known for her outspoken works that challenge religious orthodoxy and fight for the rights of women.

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### 18. How many stanzas of Rabindranath Tagore's Jana Gana Mana were adopted as India's national anthem?

- (A) Whole song
- (B) Only the first stanza
- (C) The first and second stanza
- (D) The second and third stanza
- (E) Only the fifth stanza

**Correct Answer:** (B) Only the first stanza

#### Solution:

### Step 1: Understanding "Jana Gana Mana."

\*Jana Gana Mana\*, written by Rabindranath Tagore, is India's national anthem. The anthem was officially adopted in its first stanza.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

(A) **Whole song:** Incorrect, only the first stanza was adopted as the national anthem.

(B) **Only the first stanza:** Correct, only the first stanza of \*Jana Gana Mana\* is used as the national anthem of India.

(C) **The first and second stanza:** Incorrect, only the first stanza was adopted.

(D) **The second and third stanza:** Incorrect, only the first stanza is used.

(E) **Only the fifth stanza:** Incorrect, there is no fifth stanza in \*Jana Gana Mana\*.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(B) Only the first stanza**, as it is the stanza adopted as India's national anthem.

**Quick Tip**

India's national anthem is the first stanza of \*Jana Gana Mana\*, written by Rabindranath Tagore, and is sung on various national occasions.

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**19. Match the following:**

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| n) Satyamev Jayate           | u) Parsis                 |
| o) Natya Shastra             | v) Mundak Upanishad       |
| p) Zend Avesta               | w) Rigveda                |
| q) Sare Jahan se Accha       | x) Bharat Muni            |
| r) Mohammed Iqbal            | y) Nara Muni              |
| s) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee | z) Market Research Agency |

- (A) n-w; o-y; p-v; q-x; r-y; s-s  
(B) n-w; o-y; p-v; q-t; r-x; s-u  
(C) n-v; o-x; p-u; q-t; r-s; s-y  
(D) n-v; o-x; p-u; q-y; r-s; s-x  
(E) None

**Correct Answer:** (A) n-w; o-y; p-v; q-x; r-y; s-s

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the terms.**

- Satyamev Jayate: A phrase from the \*Mundak Upanishad\* and associated with India's national emblem.
- Natya Shastra: An ancient Indian treatise on performing arts, attributed to Bharat Muni.
- Zend Avesta: The religious text of the Parsis, the followers of Zoroastrianism.
- Sare Jahan se Accha: A famous patriotic song by Mohammed Iqbal, the poet of the East.
- Bankim Chandra Chatterjee: The writer of Vande Mataram, the national song of India.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) n-w; o-y; p-v; q-x; r-y; s-s:** Correct, this is the correct matching of the names with their respective taglines.

**(B) n-w; o-y; p-v; q-t; r-x; s-u:** Incorrect, this does not accurately match the names and their corresponding taglines.

**(C) n-v; o-x; p-u; q-t; r-s; s-y:** Incorrect, this combination does not correctly match the names.

**(D) n-v; o-x; p-u; q-y; r-s; s-x:** Incorrect, the matches here are wrong.

**(E) None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(A) n-w; o-y; p-v; q-x; r-y; s-s**, as it matches each name with the correct corresponding tagline.

#### Quick Tip

Familiarize yourself with famous Indian literary works and national symbols when dealing with such matching questions.

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**20. The current Lok Sabha is the**

- (A) 12<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha
- (B) 13<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha

- (C) 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha
- (D) 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha
- (E) 16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha

**Correct Answer:** (D) 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the question.**

The Lok Sabha is the lower house of India's Parliament, and the current (as of 2023) Lok Sabha is the 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, which was formed after the general elections in 2019.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

- (A) **12<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha:** Incorrect, as the 12<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha was held earlier.
- (B) **13<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha:** Incorrect, this is not the current one.
- (C) **14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha:** Incorrect, this was the previous term.
- (D) **15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha:** Correct, this is the current Lok Sabha.
- (E) **16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha:** Incorrect, as the 16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha has not yet occurred.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(D) 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha**, as it is the current Lok Sabha.

#### Quick Tip

To answer questions related to the Indian Parliament, remember the numbering of Lok Sabhas, which changes after every general election.

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**21. Which of the following days are observed?**

- u) World No Smoking Day
  - v) Sadbhavana Divas
  - w) National Science Day
  - x) World Human Rights Day
  - y) World Literacy Day
- (A) u, v, w, x, and y

- (B) v, w, x, and y
- (C) u, v, and w
- (D) u, v, w, and y
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (A) u, v, w, x, and y

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the observed days.**

The listed days, such as World No Smoking Day, Sadbhavana Divas, National Science Day, World Human Rights Day, and World Literacy Day, are all globally observed to raise awareness on various important issues.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

- (A) **u, v, w, x, and y:** Correct, all of these days are officially observed to spread awareness on different causes.
- (B) **v, w, x, and y:** Incorrect, World No Smoking Day is missing from this option.
- (C) **u, v, and w:** Incorrect, World Human Rights Day and World Literacy Day are missing.
- (D) **u, v, w, and y:** Incorrect, World Human Rights Day is missing.
- (E) **None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is (A) **u, v, w, x, and y**, as all these days are observed globally.

**Quick Tip**

Remember to learn the significance of these observances as they are important for raising awareness about social, health, and environmental issues.

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**22. India has the largest deposits of ..... in the world.**

- (A) Iron
- (B) Mica
- (C) Gold

- (D) Copper
- (E) None

**Correct Answer:** (B) Mica

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding India's resources.**

India is the largest producer of mica in the world, a mineral used in electronics, cosmetics, and other industries. India has significant mica deposits, especially in states like Jharkhand and Bihar.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

- (A) Iron:** Incorrect, while India has large iron ore deposits, it is not the largest producer in the world.
- (B) Mica:** Correct, India has the largest mica deposits in the world.
- (C) Gold:** Incorrect, India does not have the largest gold deposits.
- (D) Copper:** Incorrect, India does not have the largest copper deposits.
- (E) None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(B) Mica**, as India has the largest deposits of mica in the world.

#### Quick Tip

India's rich deposits of mica are an important part of its mineral resources, with the mineral being used in various industrial applications.

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**23. Kanyakumari, Southern tip of peninsular India is**

- (A) South of the equator
- (B) North of the equator
- (C) East of the equator
- (D) West of the equator
- (E) On the equator

**Correct Answer:** (B) North of the equator

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding Kanyakumari's location.**

Kanyakumari is located at the southernmost tip of peninsular India, situated in the state of Tamil Nadu. Geographically, Kanyakumari lies just north of the equator.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) South of the equator:** Incorrect, Kanyakumari is north of the equator.

**(B) North of the equator:** Correct, Kanyakumari lies north of the equator.

**(C) East of the equator:** Incorrect, while Kanyakumari is east, it is not a significant factor in its position relative to the equator.

**(D) West of the equator:** Incorrect, Kanyakumari is east of the equator.

**(E) On the equator:** Incorrect, Kanyakumari is not located on the equator.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(B) North of the equator**, as Kanyakumari is situated north of the equator.

#### Quick Tip

Kanyakumari, though situated at the southernmost tip of India, is just north of the equator. It is a popular tourist destination due to its unique geographic location.

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**24. What is Monopoly?**

(A) A game created by Charles Darrow

(B) A market dominated by one seller

(C) Name of a city in New Jersey

(D) (A) and (B)

(E) (A), (B) and (C)

**Correct Answer:** (D) (A) and (B)

**Solution:**

### Step 1: Understanding Monopoly.

Monopoly is a board game created by Charles Darrow in the early 20th century, where players aim to dominate a market by acquiring properties. In economics, "monopoly" also refers to a market structure dominated by a single seller.

### Step 2: Analyzing the options.

**(A) A game created by Charles Darrow:** Correct, \*Monopoly\* is a well-known board game created by Darrow.

**(B) A market dominated by one seller:** Correct, "monopoly" also refers to a market condition where one seller controls the entire supply of a product.

**(C) Name of a city in New Jersey:** Incorrect, \*Monopoly\* is not the name of a city in New Jersey.

**(D) (A) and (B):** Correct, this option accurately defines both the game and the economic term.

**(E) (A), (B), and (C):** Incorrect, as the city reference is incorrect.

### Step 3: Conclusion.

The correct answer is **(D) (A) and (B)**, as \*Monopoly\* refers to both the game created by Charles Darrow and the economic term describing a market dominated by a single seller.

#### Quick Tip

Remember that "Monopoly" has both a cultural (board game) and economic (market structure) meaning.

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**25. Ed Hardy, Mossimo, London Fog, Ecko and Candie, brands operating in fashion apparel, home décor and electronics through Iconix JV will be owned and managed by ..... in India.**

(A) Aditya Birla Group

(B) RIL

(C) ADAG

(D) Iconix India

(E) None

**Correct Answer:** (D) Iconix India

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the brands and ownership.**

Iconix JV is a joint venture responsible for managing brands like Ed Hardy, Mossimo, and others in India. Iconix India manages and operates these brands through partnerships with local distributors.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

**(A) Aditya Birla Group:** Incorrect, while Aditya Birla Group is a large conglomerate, it is not managing Iconix brands in India.

**(B) RIL:** Incorrect, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) does not manage these brands.

**(C) ADAG:** Incorrect, the Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG) is not involved in managing these brands in India.

**(D) Iconix India:** Correct, Iconix India manages the brands listed in the question in India.

**(E) None:** Incorrect, as the correct answer is provided above.

**Step 3: Conclusion.**

The correct answer is **(D) Iconix India**, as it manages the listed brands in India.

#### Quick Tip

Iconix India is the key player for managing international fashion and lifestyle brands in India through joint ventures.

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**26. There are three subparts to this question and all of them carry equal marks.**

**(A) 'Larger states should be divided into smaller states.' Present arguments in support of this statement.**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Introduction.**

The division of large states into smaller ones is a topic of significant debate. Proponents of

this view argue that smaller states allow for better governance, improved administration, and more focused resource distribution.

### **Step 2: Advantages of Smaller States.**

- **Better Governance:** Smaller states have more manageable administrative boundaries, leading to faster decision-making processes and closer connection between government officials and local populations.
- **Efficient Resource Allocation:** With smaller states, resource allocation can be more targeted. Resources can be distributed more equitably and according to the specific needs of the people within the state.
- **Cultural and Linguistic Unity:** Smaller states can be more representative of the cultural, linguistic, or regional identity of their populations. This ensures that the governance system reflects the diversity within the state.
- **Economic Growth:** Smaller states may have the potential for focused economic development policies. They can specialize in industries that cater to their regional strengths, fostering more innovation and employment.

### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

In conclusion, dividing larger states into smaller ones can lead to more efficient governance, improved resource allocation, and a stronger connection between the government and the people, all of which contribute to the overall development of the region.

#### **Quick Tip**

When discussing the division of states, consider the political, economic, and cultural impacts it could have on the citizens and the overall functioning of the country.

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**26. There are three subparts to this question and all of them carry equal marks.**

**(B) 'Larger states should be divided into smaller states.' Present as many arguments against this statement as you have presented in support of the statement in 1(A).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Introduction.**

While there are several arguments in favor of dividing larger states into smaller ones, there are also notable arguments against this approach. Opponents argue that breaking down larger states could lead to several challenges, including administrative inefficiencies, resource fragmentation, and potential political instability.

### **Step 2: Arguments Against Dividing Larger States.**

- **Administrative Challenges:** Smaller states may face increased administrative costs and inefficiencies. The creation of new administrative bodies, infrastructure, and government institutions can lead to higher operational expenses. This could ultimately strain public finances rather than provide a solution.
- **Fragmentation of Resources:** Dividing large states could lead to unequal distribution of resources. Smaller states might struggle to generate enough revenue to sustain themselves, leading to dependency on central government support.
- **Political Instability:** The process of creating smaller states could stir up political unrest, especially if the division is not handled properly. Cultural and regional sentiments may rise, leading to protests or even violence, as some people may feel marginalized or underrepresented in the new smaller states.
- **Economic Setbacks:** Smaller states may lack the economic scale necessary to compete in the global market. The fragmentation could hinder long-term economic growth, as smaller states might not have sufficient resources to drive large-scale projects or attract investment.
- **Cultural and Social Unity:** Larger states often have diverse populations that can foster social cohesion through shared governance. Smaller states might struggle with maintaining this unity, especially if the divisions are made based on linguistic or cultural differences.

### **Step 3: Conclusion.**

In conclusion, while there are some benefits to dividing larger states, the drawbacks, such as administrative challenges, resource fragmentation, political instability, and economic setbacks, make the idea of dividing states more complex and potentially harmful in the long run.

### Quick Tip

Before advocating for the division of states, consider the long-term impact on administration, economy, and social harmony.

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**26. There are three subparts to this question and all of them carry equal marks.**

**(C) Having given your arguments on both sides of the statement 'Larger states should be divided into smaller states', present your own view in 45-50 words in response to a request from a leading newspaper editor. Please note that no marks will be given for expressing your view on both sides of the argument.**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: My View.**

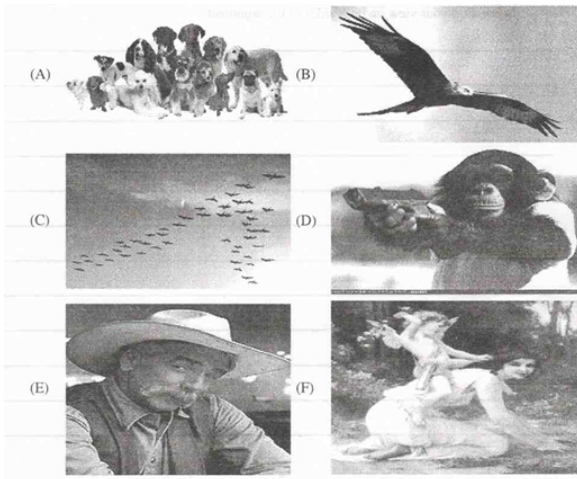
Dividing larger states into smaller ones can bring about better governance, as local leaders will have a closer connection with their people. However, it could also lead to unnecessary administrative costs, political instability, and economic fragmentation. The decision should be based on regional needs rather than generalizing all large states.

### Quick Tip

When presenting your view, keep it concise and focused on the most important points while avoiding repetition of both sides of the argument.

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**27. Please arrange the following pictures in a sequence in such a way that a story is formed. Write the picture sequence and the story of approximately 300 words in the allocated space. Ensure that all the pictures have been utilized in the story.**



**Picture Sequence:** 1. A (Puppies)

2. B (Bird)

3. C (Planes)

4. D (Monkey with Gun)

5. E (Cowboy)

6. F (Angel and Woman)

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Picture Sequence Analysis.**

The sequence starts with A, showing the puppies, followed by B with the bird soaring high. This leads to C, where the planes appear, and the story progresses with the monkey in D. The cowboy in E is introduced next, followed by the peaceful moment in F.

**Step 2: The Story.**

Once upon a time, a litter of puppies was born in a small village. They were curious and full of energy, exploring the world around them. One day, while playing in the fields, one of the puppies looked up to see a bird flying effortlessly in the sky. The sight of the bird soaring through the air inspired the puppy to dream of freedom and adventure.

Soon after, the puppy found itself caught up in a grand spectacle. A squadron of planes flew overhead in perfect formation, their engines roaring as they cut through the sky. The puppy marveled at the beauty and coordination of the planes, wishing it could soar just like the bird and the planes. As it wandered through the forest, the puppy met a playful monkey holding a toy gun. The monkey imitated the planes, pointing the gun toward the sky, and they laughed

together, enjoying the simplicity of life.

Walking further, the puppy encountered a wise cowboy sitting by a campfire. The cowboy shared stories of the open lands, of adventures and journeys far and wide. He told the puppy, “Every path, no matter how small, has its own value.” The puppy thought deeply about the cowboy’s words as it continued its journey.

Finally, the puppy reached a peaceful clearing in the forest, where an angel and a woman sat by a clear stream, surrounded by tranquility. The puppy realized that all journeys, big or small, contribute to the beauty of life. Inspired by the serene moment, the puppy knew that it too would find its path in the vast world.

#### Quick Tip

When creating stories from pictures, focus on finding connections between the images to form a cohesive narrative. This helps create a smooth flow in the story.