

## SSC CGL Tier-II Paper-I 2022-23 Memory Based (English Language) (Based on 02 Mar 2023 Exam)

**Q61. Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.**

As GoI's deliberations with farm unions have failed and are unlikely to be succeed, Supreme Court must expedite long-delayed hearings on farm legislations.

- (a) As GoI's deliberations with farm unions have failed
- (b) and are unlikely to be succeed, Supreme Court must
- (c) expedite long-delayed hearings on farm legislations.
- (d) No error

**Q62. Select the option that is the indirect form of the given sentence.**

The principal said to the students, "You should follow the rules of the school."

- (a) The principal said to the students that we should follow the rules of the school.
- (b) The principal told the students that they must follow the rules of the school.
- (c) The principal told the students that they should follow the rules of the school.
- (d) The principal told the students that they should have been following the rules of the school.

**Q63. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

This broken promise is a real **kick in the teeth** for our fans.

- (a) Joyous moment
- (b) Pain in the teeth
- (c) A day to be celebrated in coming days.
- (d) something that is very shocking and disappointing.

**Q64. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.**

If Raju had followed the rules, he \_\_\_\_\_ disqualified.

- (a) will not be
- (b) would not be
- (c) will not have been
- (d) would not have been

**Q65. Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence.**

**In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'**

Kapil got a gift in the competition though **he was not worthy for it.**

- (a) he being not worthy for it.
- (b) he was worthy of it.
- (c) he was not worthy of it.
- (d) No improvement

**Q66. Select the most appropriate synonym of the word given in bold.**

Catastrophic

- (a) Intuition
- (b) Surfeit
- (c) Sincerity
- (d) Tragic



**Q67. Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.**

In case the IDRCL is unable to sell **(A)** these bad loans at a satisfactory price to **(B)** make good on the security receipts **(C)** the Centre will step up and fund the gap. **(D)**

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

**Q68. Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence.**

**In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'**

Ram **is gone** to his grandparents' house.

- (a) gone
- (b) is going
- (c) have gone
- (d) No improvement

**Q69. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given in bold.**

Having or showing an excessive interest in or admiration of oneself

- (a) Optimist
- (b) Pessimist
- (c) Anarchist
- (d) Narcissistic

**Q70. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.**

**Colossal**

- (a) Dull
- (b) Dark
- (c) Tiny
- (d) Exposure

**Q71. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**

**Exclude**

- (a) Eliminate
- (b) Benevolent
- (c) Sincere
- (d) Callous

**Q72. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.**

You could take a different \_\_\_\_\_ and still arrive at the same destination.

- (a) root
- (b) rote
- (c) route
- (d) rout

**Q73. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

A deliberate destruction or damage to public or private property.

- (a) Homonym
- (b) Vandalism
- (c) Toponym
- (d) Pseudonym

**Q74. Select the sentence with no spelling errors.**

(a) The Colonel was a descendant of President George Washington. He lived on a big farm near Harpers Ferry.

(b) The bodies of successive generations transport them through time, so that a long-lost character may emerge in a distant descendant.

(c) Smith, a descendant of Gershom son of Moses, was the officer in charge of the treasuries.

(d) The professor said he has no idea if Ayi is a direct descendant of other Glidji monarchs.

**Q75. Given below are four jumbled sentences out of which two statements don't belong to the paragraph while two of them are a part of the paragraph. Select the option that is contained in the paragraph & gives the correct order as well.**

P: The first photosynthetic organisms probably evolved early in the evolutionary history of life and most likely used reducing agents such as hydrogen or hydrogen sulfide, rather than water, as sources of electrons.

S1: Most plantations were divided into small farms operated by individual owners or tenant farmers; others continued to operate as large plantations that were worked by wage-labourers or sharecroppers.

S2: Today, the average rate of energy capture by photosynthesis globally is approximately 130

terawatts, which is about eight times the current power consumption of human civilization.

S3: Cyanobacteria appeared later; the excess oxygen they produced contributed directly to the oxygenation of the Earth,[7] which rendered the evolution of complex life possible.

S4: In certain areas, hedges and trees have been cut down and related embankments removed to modernize agriculture and facilitate the regrouping of farm holdings.

Q: Photosynthetic organisms also convert around 100–115 billion tons of carbon into biomass per year. That plants receive some energy from light – in addition to air, soil, and water – was first discovered in 1779 by Jan Ingenhousz.

- (a) S1S3
- (b) S3S4
- (c) S2S4
- (d) S3S2

**Q76. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.**

**Devil**

- (a) Fear
- (b) Reverence
- (c) Remorse
- (d) Angel

**Q77. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold.**

The hotel is only a **stone's throw** from the beach.

- (a) A short distance
- (b) A very long distance
- (c) A dangerous route
- (d) A distance that can't be measured

**Q78. In the following sentences, find the option that contains the INCORRECTLY spelt word**

- (a) I'm flirting with the idea of taking a year off and travelling round the world.
- (b) They were also important military remittance contractors during the Seven Years' War.
- (c) Police appealed for witnesses after a woman was kidnapped at gunpoint and assaulted.
- (d) In each case two ingredients lead to more equitable educational experiences.

**Q79. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold.**

In the 1870s, after all, when plumpness was **in vogue**, physicians had encouraged people to gain weight

- (a) in extinct
- (b) in large amount
- (c) in fashion
- (d) in dark

**Q80. Given below are four jumbled sentences out of which two statements don't belong to the paragraph while two of them are a part of the paragraph. Select the option that is contained in the paragraph & gives the correct order as well.**

P: The Gita is set in a narrative framework of dialogue between Pandava prince Arjuna and his guide and charioteer Krishna.

S1: Wondering if he should renounce the war, he seeks Krishna's counsel, whose answers and discourse constitute the Gita. Krishna counsels Arjuna to "fulfil his Kshatriya duty to uphold the dharma" through Karma.

S2: Textual scholar Robert P. Goldman differentiates two major regional revisions: the northern (n) and the southern (s). Scholar Romesh Chunder Dutt writes that "the Ramayana, like the Mahabharata, is a growth of centuries, but the main story is more distinctly the creation of one mind."

S3: The uttarakaṇḍa, the balakaṇḍa, although frequently counted among the main ones, is not a part of the original epic. Though Balakanda is sometimes considered in the main epic, according to many, Uttarakanda is certainly a later interpolation and thus is not attributed to the work of Maharshi Valmiki.

S4: At the start of the dharma yuddha between the Pandavas and the Kauravas, Arjuna is preoccupied by a moral and emotional dilemma and despairs about the violence and death the war will cause in the battle against his kin.

Q: The Krishna–Arjuna dialogues cover a broad range of spiritual topics, touching upon ethical dilemmas and philosophical issues that go far beyond the war that Arjuna faces.

- (a) S4S2
- (b) S3S4
- (c) S3S2
- (d) S4S1

**Directions (81-85):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

If an opinion contrary \_\_\_\_\_ (1) your own makes you angry, that is a sign that you are subconsciously (2) of having no good reason for thinking, as you do. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ someone maintains that two and two are five, \_\_\_\_\_ (4) that Iceland is on the Equator, you feel pity rather than anger, unless you know so little of arithmetic or geography that his opinion (5) your own contrary conviction.

**Q81. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 1**

- (a) with
- (b) of
- (c) at
- (d) to

**Q82. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 2**

- (a) heedless
- (b) aware
- (c) beware
- (d) suspicious

**Q83. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 3**

- (a) if
- (b) weather
- (c) whether
- (d) although

**Q84. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 4**

- (a) with
- (b) and
- (c) or
- (d) among

**Q85. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5**

- (a) Shaking
- (b) Shakes
- (c) Had Shaked
- (d) Had shaken

**Q86. Given below are four jumbled sentences out of which two statements don't belong to the paragraph while two of them are a part of the paragraph. Select the option that contains the statements which DON'T belong to the paragraph.**

P: The Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award of the Republic of India. Instituted on 2 January 1954, the award is conferred in recognition of "exceptional service/performance of the highest order", without distinction of race, occupation, position, or sex.

S1: The recommendations for the Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister to the President, with a maximum of three nominees being awarded per year.

S2: Provision was made in the event a Param Vir Chakra recipient was to receive a further award of the medal; if this were to arise, the recipient would receive a bar to their existing PVC, along with a gift of a replica of the vajra (club), the weapon of Indra, the god of heaven.

S3: The award was originally limited to achievements in the arts, literature, science, and public services, but the government expanded the criteria to include "any field of human endeavour" in December 2011.

S4: As of January 2018, no instances of an individual being conferred with a second PVC have arisen. The medal carries with it the right to use "PVC" as a post-nominal.





Q: The recipients receive a Sanad (certificate) signed by the President and a peepal leaf-shaped medallion. There is no monetary grant associated with the award. Bharat Ratna recipients rank seventh in the Indian order of precedence.

- (a) S3S1
- (b) S2S4
- (c) S4S1
- (d) S1S4

**Q87. Select the option that is the indirect form of the given sentence.**

The doctor said to Sohan, "Take the medicine twice a day."

- (a) The doctor requested Sohan to take the medicine twice a day.
- (b) The doctor advised Sohan to take the medicine twice a day.
- (c) The doctor advised to Sohan take the medicine twice a day.
- (d) The doctor advised Sohan that he should take the medicine twice a day.

**Q88. Select the option that is the passive form of the given sentence.**

The house was painted by the painter.

- (a) The painter is painting the house.
- (b) The painter was painting the house.
- (c) The painter had painted the house.
- (d) The painter painted the house.

**Q89. Select the option that is the passive form of the given sentence.**

The insect was being eaten by the bird.

- (a) The bird was eating the insect.
- (b) The bird is eating the insect.
- (c) The bird has been eating the insect.
- (d) The bird had eaten the insect.

**Q90. Select the option that is the indirect form of the given sentence.**

The people said, "Let us work for the upliftment of the society."

- (a) The people requested that we should work for the upliftment of the society.
- (b) The people suggested that they must work for the upliftment of the society.
- (c) The people suggested that they should work for the upliftment of the society.
- (d) The people suggested that they will have to work for the upliftment of the society.

**Directions (91 - 96): Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.**

The shooting down of a Chinese surveillance balloon by the U.S. military has served as a stark reminder of the deep distrust that characterises relations between the world's two biggest powers. The detection of the balloon last week over Montana sparked a diplomatic crisis, leading to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken calling off a highly anticipated visit to China from February 6. The visit, which would have been the first by a top U.S. diplomat since 2018, was the result of a months-long effort to halt the downward spiral in ties, coming out of the Biden-Xi meet in November at the G-20 Bali summit. The fragility of that effort has been laid bare by the controversy over the balloon, which has punctured the process of restoring stability in relations that have been marred by growing discord. Beijing has maintained that the balloon was "civilian" (meteorology), but had drifted off-course. It also slammed the move to shoot it down as an overreaction. The U.S. has seen the deployment of what it called a surveillance balloon, on the eve of the Blinken visit, deep into its airspace as a grave provocation — one, it pointed out, that Beijing too would not have tolerated.

U.S. officials have acknowledged this was by no means the first such surveillance balloon spotted over American skies; there was a similar incident under the Trump administration. Balloons were also spotted over Japan in 2020 and 2021, and over India's Andaman Islands last year. All three governments did not take steps to shoot down the balloons, presumably coming to the conclusion that the balloons, in the age of intelligence powered by advanced satellites, were not important enough to warrant being shot down. New Delhi and Tokyo may now be prompted to reassess how they handle such intrusions in the future. Beijing, for its part, would do well to reconsider the benefits and costs of what appears to be a new, and provocative, tool for intelligence-gathering. It is conceivable that the Biden administration may have allowed the balloon to quietly drift away had it not been spotted in Montana. The Biden administration faced intense

criticism at home for not shooting down the balloon earlier. Its response, including cancelling the Blinken visit, reflects how China has become a hot-button issue in U.S. politics. This development has constrained how a key relationship is managed. In 2001, the U.S. and China were able to dial down tensions after a collision between a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet over Hainan Island in China. Should a similar crisis now arise, particularly against the charged backdrop of an intensifying rivalry, muscle-flexing over Taiwan, and a heated domestic discourse, finding an off-ramp will be far more difficult.

**Q91.** As per the passage, how did detection of a balloon start a diplomatic crisis?

- (a) Both countries are waiting for the other to make a move.
- (b) U.S. threatened war and issued a stern warning.
- (c) China threatened war if the remains of balloon are not returned.
- (d) U.S. Secretary of State cancelled his visit to China which was long awaited since 2018.

**Q92.** As per the passage, use of word 'punctured' is to draw a subtle similarity to?

- (a) The word is used to draw similarity between the balloon and international relations between U.S. and China.
- (b) The word is used to draw similarity between U.S. and Russia on Ukraine war.
- (c) The word is used to draw similarity between balloons of China and Japan.
- (d) The word is used to draw similarity between responses of India and Japan on U.S. shooting down the balloon.

**Q93.** According to the passage, where else were the balloons spotted?

- (a) India under Manmohan Singh administration, U.S. and Afghanistan.
- (b) In U.S. under Donald Trump administration, In India and Japan.
- (c) In U.S., China, India
- (d) India, China, Japan under Shinzo Abe.

**Q94.** According to the passage, what is the importance of Hainan Islands?

- (a) It was the place where conflict started between U.S. and China when U.S. spy plane collided with Chinese fighter jet.
- (b) It was where U.S.- China agreement took place.
- (c) It is the place where the first war between U.S. and China.
- (d) It is the only location which both the countries have no jurisdiction in.

**Q95.** According to the passage, why is it a sensitive time for China as well as the world?

- (a) Because China wants to dominate the Asian subcontinent and U. S. is a part of
- (b) China as well as most countries are going through an economic crisis and having differences during a recession period can prove difficult to handle alone.
- (c) For China because it is muscle flexing over Taiwan with domestic disturbance, for others because all this pressure could backfire if China decides to take countermeasures.
- (d) All countries are afraid that China might resort to nuclear missiles.

**Q96.** According to the passage, why did the three governments mentioned did not shoot down the balloon before?

- (a) They thought that China might want the balloon back and shooting it would destroy it.
- (b) They discussed it over and came to the conclusion that it had to be left alone.
- (c) They concluded that it was just a harmless balloon and did not warrant being shot down.
- (d) Because it was not hindering daily lives and posed as great entertainment.

**Directions (97-100):** Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Bogota is the capital of Columbia, and in recent years, it's seen an upsurge in tourism. At an elevation of 2,640 meters in the Andes, it's one of the very highest major cities in South America. Currently, Bogota, with almost 7 million inhabitants, is the biggest city in Colombia. It prides

itself on some 120 museums and galleries and around 45 theatres. Lately, the metropolis has become increasingly more recognized as a regional hub for the arts, which is a major appeal for tourists. Plaza de Bolivar, located in La Candelaria, is Bogota's main square from which the city grew and grew. Among other sights, it features a statue of Bolivar himself. Sculpted in 1846, the statue became the first public monument of the city and it's surrounded by a number of impressive buildings. If you've had enough history and are feeling slightly more adventurous, you should put Monserrate on your Bogota agenda. Located high up at 3,152 meters above sea level, the Cerro de Monserrate is one of the most famous mountains in Colombia. It's one of the city's main attractions, a must for all keen hikers, and on its top, you'll find a church with a shrine. The hike up will take about 90 minutes and it offers stunning views over Bogota. Colombia is a true hiking paradise with varied terrain ranging from dense jungle to sky-high mountains. You don't have to venture far from Bogota to see some amazing nature. Bogota offers some great local dishes that you should definitely take the opportunity to try. One of them is tamale. It's a paste made with rice and meat — depending on the region, its generally pork, chicken, or beef. Other ingredients include chickpeas, carrots and spices. This mixture is wrapped in banana leaves and steam-cooked.

Is it safe to travel to Bogota?

Theft is the main type of crime that tourists need to be aware of. Keep your cash and other valuables close at all times when you're out and about, in zipped pockets and ideally on the front of your body. Avoid looking conspicuously like a tourist or showing any signs of wealth, and if you do leave anything important at your accommodation, lock it in a safe.

**Q97.** Where is Bogota located?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) North America
- (c) South America
- (d) Australia

**Q98.** What is a tamale?

- (a) Dish of seasoned meat and corn flour steamed or baked in maize husks.
- (b) Dish made with pork, have a piece of chicken and the masa is mixed with cooked rice.
- (c) A physically attractive person.
- (d) A Mexican food consisting of dough and corn made with special cooked rice and water.

**Q99.** What precautions should be taken to avoid any theft activities?

- (a) Cash must be kept in zipped pockets and ideally where it is not visible to anyone.
- (b) Cash must not be carried at all and any expenditure-based activity must be avoided.
- (c) Use of cards and online transactions is better than carrying cash.
- (d) Cash must be kept in zipped pockets and ideally on the front of your body.

**Q100.** What is the antonym of the word given in bold in the given sentence?

Colombia is a true hiking paradise with varied terrain ranging from dense jungle to sky-high mountains.

- (a) Bliss
- (b) Elysium
- (c) Harbour
- (d) Purgatory

**Directions (101-105):** Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

More than 5 million international students were studying outside their home country in 2016. With over 3,00,000 Indian students studying overseas, India is the second largest source of international students after China.

The total number of Indian students overseas increased from 66,713 in 2000 to 3,01,406 in 2016, based on the analysis of data from UNESCO Institute of Statistics. This translates into 2,34,693 more students overseas in 2016 as compared to that in 2000—at a robust average annual growth rate of 22% in a span of 16 years. The growing aspirations of Indian students to access to global education reflects an expansion of high to middle-income families.

While the overall number of Indian students abroad has increased, it also experienced a phase of decline as an aftereffect of the global financial recession. The number of Indian students reached its peak of 210,649 in 2010 and then declined until 2013 to reach 190,358 students. Since then, Indian students overseas started growing again to cross 3,00,000 in 2016.

Studying in the US is a dream of many students and families. In 2000, 59% of all Indian students overseas were enrolled in the US universities followed by 7% in Australia, 6% in the UK and less than 1% in Canada. This indicates a clear preference for the US as a destination for Indian students. This is primarily due to a high preference for master's degrees in STEM programs which also offers pathways to work in the US through Optional Practical Training (OPT) and H-1B visa.

However, by 2016, the share of Indian students in the US dropped to 45% and the UK remained stagnant at 6 percent. In contrast, Australia gained to reach 15% and Canada to 7%. In other words, much of the growth in demand to study overseas was absorbed by Australia and Canada at expense of the US and the UK.

**Q101. Which country is the largest source of international students?**

- (a) India
- (b) USA
- (c) Canada
- (d) China

**Q102. What is the number of students going abroad in 2016 according to the analysis of data from UNESCO Institute of Statistics?**

- (a) 66,713
- (b) 301,406
- (c) 234,693
- (d) 210,649

**Q103. Why is US preferred as a destination for studies by the Indian students?**

- (a) Growing aspirations of Indian students to access to global education.

- (b) Due to an availability of affordable and better-quality education which is provided with a hostel facility.
- (c) Due to a high preference for master's degrees which comes with many other benefits.
- (d) India experienced a phase of decline as an aftereffect of the global financial recession.

**Q104. What are the pathways to work in the US?**

- (a) Travelling and then living with the relatives in the US.
- (b) Apply through government schemes and scholarships offered by US.
- (c) Optional Practical Training (OPT) and H-1B visa.
- (d) Operational Practical Training (OPT) and H-11B visa.

**Q105. What is the change in the trend seen in the share of Indian students going abroad by 2016?**

- (a) Indian students in the Australia gained to reach 20% and USA to 7%.
- (b) Indian students in the US dropped to 45% and the UK remained stagnant at 10 percent.
- (c) The growth in demand to study overseas was absorbed by Australia and Canada at expense of the US and the UK.
- (d) The growth in demand to study overseas was absorbed by UK and Canada at expense of the US and the Canada.





## Solutions

### S61. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** The error is in part (b) of the sentence. Replace 'to be succeed' with 'to succeed'. For 'to' infinitive first form of verb is used. Use of 'be' is superfluous here. Moreover, the sentence is in active voice, hence usage of 'be' is wrong.

### S62. Ans. (c)

**Sol. Direct Speech-** it means reporting the message of the speaker in the exact words as spoken by him.

**Indirect Speech-** It is speech which tells you what someone said, but does not use the person's actual word.

- Given sentence is an example direct speech.
- While changing direct speech into indirect speech following rules are to be followed:
- If the reported speech is in past tense and subject in the reported speech is followed by could / would / should / might then they are written as it is in the indirect speech.

### S63. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Kick in the teeth-** something that is very disappointing or upsetting that happens when you need support.

**Use in a sentence-** The rates rise was a kick in the teeth for the housing market, which had been showing signs of recovery.

### S64. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The word that should be filled in the blank is 'would not have been' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

- Past participle form of the verb will be used.
- Hence option d is the correct choice.

### S65. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Replace 'for' given in the sentence with 'of' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

- Of is a preposition that is used to mean pertains to, while for is a preposition of time.
- For usually tells us about the use of something, a reason or purpose.

### S66. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Catastrophic- extremely unfortunate or unsuccessful.

Tragic- causing or characterized by extreme distress or sorrow.

• **Synonyms-** disastrous, calamitous, **tragic**, fatal, terrible, dreadful, unfortunate, woeful.

• **Antonyms** – fortunate, beneficial.

Meaning of other words:

• **Intuition-** the ability to understand something instinctively, without the need for conscious reasoning.

• **Surfeit-** an excessive amount of something.

• **Sincerity** - the quality or state of being sincere.

### S67. Ans (d)

**Sol.** 'Step up' must be replaced with 'step in'.

• Here the sentence suggests the centre will intervene if IDRCL unable to sell the bad loans. So, 'step in' would be the correct phrasal verb for this sentence.

• **Step in:** intervene.

• **Step up:** to come forward to do some tasks.

### S68. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Replace 'gone' given in the sentence with 'going' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

• The given sentence is an example of present continuous tense hence the structure of the sentence must be as follows:

• Sub + is/ am/ are + V1 + Ing+ obj.

### S69. Ans.(d)

**Sol. Meaning of the given words:**

• **Optimist-** someone who always believes that good things will happen.

• **Pessimist-** a person who always thinks that bad things will happen or that something will be not be successful.

• **Anarchist-** a person who rebels against any authority, established order, or ruling power.

- **Narcissistic**- having too much interest in one's own admiration.
- Option (d) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.

**S70. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Colossal**- extremely large or great.

**Tiny**- very small.

- **Synonyms**- massive, huge, enormous, gigantic, mammoth, mighty.

- **Antonyms**- little, miniscule, **tiny**, small.

**Meaning of other words:**

- **Dull**- lacking interest or excitement.
- **Exposure**- the state of having no protection from something harmful.

**S71. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Exclude**- remove from consideration.

- **Synonyms**- omit, forbid, prohibit, reject, eliminate.

- **Antonyms**- include, accept, embrace, admit.

**Meaning of given words:**

- **Benevolent**- kind and helpful.
- **Sincere**- free from pretence or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings.
- **Callous**- showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

**S72. Ans (c)**

**Sol. Root:** the basic cause, source, or origin of something.

**Rout:** a disorderly retreat of defeated troops.

**Route:** a way or course taken in getting from a starting point to a destination.

**Rote:** mechanical or habitual repetition of something to be learned.

Hence, option (c) is the correct choice.

**S73. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Meaning of the given words:**

- **Homonym**- a word that is spelt and pronounced like another word but that has a different meaning.

- **Vandalism**- action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property.

- **Toponym**- a place name, especially one derived from a topographical feature.

- **Pseudonym**- a name used by somebody, especially a writer, instead of his/her real name.

- Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.

**S74. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Option (c) statement has no spelling errors. All other statements have the incorrect spelling use of 'Descendant'.

- The correct spelling is 'descendant' as used in statement (c).

- **Descendant**- someone who is related to a person or group of people who lived in the past;

**S75. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The proper arrangement is – PS3S2Q

S1 & S4 are not a part of the mentioned paragraph as Statement 1 & Statement 4 describe plantation & agriculture while the given passage is solely based on the process of photosynthesis which is elucidated by statements S3 & S2 in the respective order.

**S76. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Devil**- an evil spirit

- **Synonyms**- Demon, Fiend, Ghoul, Satan.

- **Antonyms**- Angel, God.

**Meaning of other words:**

- **Reverence**- deep respect for someone or something.

- **Remorse**- deep regret or guilt for a wrong committed.

**S77. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** A stone's throw is an idiom. If you say that one place is a stone's throw from another, you mean that the places are close to each other.

**S78. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option (b) statement has incorrectly spelt word 'remittance' in it.

- The correct spelling is, "Remittance."

- **Remittance**- a sum of money sent in payment or as a gift.

**S79. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** In vogue- popular and considered to be attractive at the time in question.

**S80. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The proper arrangement is – PS4S1Q.  
Statement S2 and S3 clearly discuss the Sanskrit epic Ramayana while the original passage is about Bhagavad Gita. And the correct sequence is PS4S1Q which makes the passage contextually correct.

**S81. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The word that can be filled in the blank is 'to.'  
• To is a preposition which is used to indicate a goal or a direction of movement, as well as a place of arrival.

**S82. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The word that can be filled in the blank is 'aware' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.  
• Aware means having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact.

**S83. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The word that can be filled in the blank is 'if' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.  
• If is a conjunction which is used for introducing a conditional clause on the condition or supposition that; in the event that.  
• Weather is used for indicating that a statement applies whichever of the alternatives mentioned is the case.  
• Although is used when admitting a fact about something which you regard as less important than a contrasting fact.

**S84. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The word that can be filled in the blank is 'or' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.  
• If is used for introducing a conditional clause before the blank which will be followed by 'or'.  
• We can use if or whether to report indirect yes-no questions and questions with or.

**S85. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The word that can be filled in the blank is 'shakes' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.  
• Third person present form of the verb shake will be used.  
• Shake means to move (an object) up and down or from side to side with rapid, forceful, jerky movements.

**S86. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Statements which are not a part of the mentioned passage are S2 and S4 as they talk about Param Vir Chakra while the original passage is about Bharat Ratna. And the correct sequence would have been PS3S1Q but as we are asked about the statements which aren't a part of the passage, option (b) is the correct choice.

**S87. Ans. (b)**

**Sol. Direct Speech-** it means reporting the message of the speaker in the exact words as spoken by him.  
**Indirect Speech-** It is speech which tells you what someone said, but does not use the person's actual word.  
• Given sentence is an example of imperative sentence in direct speech.  
• While changing direct speech into indirect speech following rules are to be followed:  
• 'Said to' is changed to advised / ordered / requested/ forbade / suggested, according to the context of the statement made by the subject.  
• Conjunction 'to' is used in the indirect speech and is followed by V<sub>1</sub> form of the verb.



**S88. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Active Voice-** It denotes that the noun or pronoun that acts as the subject in the sentence is the doer of the action. In other words, the subject performs the action or acts upon the verb.

**Passive Voice-** represents that the subject is one acted upon by the action or verb in the sentence. It can also be said that the passive voice indicates that the subject in the sentence is no longer active but passive.

- The sentence is an example of passive voice with simple past tense having form:
- Obj. + was/were + V3 + by + sub.
- When it is converted into active voice, following rule is followed:
- Sub + V2 + obj.

**S89. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Active Voice-** It denotes that the noun or pronoun that acts as the subject in the sentence is the doer of the action. In other words, the subject performs the action or acts upon the verb.

**Passive Voice-** represents that the subject is one acted upon by the action or verb in the sentence. It can also be said that the passive voice indicates that the subject in the sentence is no longer active but passive.

- The sentence is an example of passive voice with past continuous tense having form:
- Obj. + was/were + being + V3 + by + sub.
- When it is converted into active voice, following rule is followed:
- Sub + was / were + V1 + Ing + obj.

**S90. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Direct Speech-** it means reporting the message of the speaker in the exact words as spoken by him.

**Indirect Speech-** It is speech which tells you what someone said, but does not use the person's actual word.

- Given sentence is an example of direct speech.
- When direct speech is starting with 'let' having an imperative sentence then to change the speech following rules are followed:
- If the imperative sentence is having a suggestion or proposal then 'said to' in the direct speech is changed to suggested / proposed in the indirect speech.
- The pronoun of the objective case like 'us' is changed to pronouns of the nominative case – we / they, according to the meaning of the sentence.

**S91. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "The detection of the balloon last week over Montana sparked a diplomatic crisis, leading to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken calling off a highly anticipated visit to China from February 6. The visit, which would have been the first by a top U.S. diplomat since 2018, was the result of a months-long effort to halt the downward spiral in ties, coming out of the Biden-Xi meet in November at the G-20 Bali summit."

**S92. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "The fragility of that effort has been laid bare by the controversy over the balloon, which has punctured the process of restoring stability in relations that have been marred by growing discord."

**S93. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "U.S. officials have acknowledged this was by no means the first such surveillance balloon spotted over American skies; there was a similar incident under the Trump administration. Balloons were also spotted over Japan in 2020 and 2021, and over India's Andaman Islands last year."

**S94. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "This development has constrained how a key relationship is managed. In 2001, the U.S. and China were able to dial down tensions after a collision between a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet over Hainan Island in China."

**S95. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Should a similar crisis now arise, particularly against the charged backdrop of an intensifying rivalry, muscle-flexing over Taiwan, and a heated domestic discourse, finding an off-ramp will be far more difficult."

**S96. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Balloons were also spotted over Japan in 2020 and 2021, and over India's Andaman Islands last year. All three governments did not take steps to shoot down the balloons, presumably coming to the conclusion that the balloons, in the age of intelligence powered by advanced satellites, were not important enough to warrant being shot down."



**S97. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer and comprehend the given comprehension.

- “Bogotá is the capital of Columbia, and in recent years, it’s seen an upsurge in tourism. At an elevation of 2,640 meters in the Andes, it’s one of the very highest major cities in South America.”

**S98. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer and comprehend the given paragraph.

- “Bogotá offers some great local dishes that you should definitely take the opportunity to try. One of them is tamale. It’s a paste made with rice and meat — depending on the region, its generally pork, chicken, or beef.”

**S99. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer and comprehend the given paragraph.

- “Theft is the main type of crime that tourists need to be aware of. Keep your cash and other valuables close at all times when you’re out and about, in zipped pockets and ideally on the front of your body.”

**S100. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Paradise-** (in some religions) heaven as the ultimate abode of the just.

- **Antonyms-** purgatory, hell, misery, torture.
- **Synonyms-** heaven, bliss, Ecstasy, Elysium.

**S101. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer and comprehend the given paragraph.

- “With over 3,00,000 Indian students studying overseas, India is the second largest source of international students after China.”

**S102. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer and comprehend the given paragraph.

- “The total number of Indian students overseas increased from 66,713 in 2000 to 3,01,406 in 2016, based on the analysis of data from UNESCO Institute of Statistics.”

**S103. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer and comprehend the given paragraph.

- “This indicates a clear preference for the US as a destination for Indian students. This is primarily due to a high preference for master’s degrees in STEM programs.”

**S104. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer and comprehend the given paragraph.

- “This is primarily due to a high preference for master’s degrees in STEM programs which also offers pathways to work in the US through Optional Practical Training (OPT) and H-1B visa.”

**S105. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer and comprehend the given paragraph.

- “However, by 2016, the share of Indian students in the US dropped to 45% and the UK remained stagnant at 6 percent. In contrast, Australia gained to reach 15% and Canada to 7%. In other words, much of the growth in demand to study overseas was absorbed by Australia and Canada at expense of the US and the UK.”

