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## COMPREHENSION

**Directions :** In this section you have a few short passages. After each passage, you will find some items based on the passage. First, read a passage and answer the items based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

### Passage – I

Not all agricultural societies become civilizations, but no civilization can become one without passing through the stage of agriculture. This is because at some stage in the development of agriculture, as productivity improves, not all people would need to be engaged in producing or procuring food. A significant number of people could be freed up to pursue other activities such as building walls or monuments for new cities; making new tools, weapons and jewellery; organizing long-distance trade; creating new artistic masterpieces; coming up with new inventions; keeping accounts; and perhaps constructing new public infrastructure such as irrigation canals that further improve the productivity of agriculture, thus realizing even more people to do new things.

This can happen, of course, only if a society that has transitioned to high-productivity agriculture has also, at some stage in its evolution, found a way to channel the bonanza of free time into other work fruitfully. In the ancient world, this often involved creating new ideologies and new hierarchies or power structures to coerce or otherwise convince large groups of people to devote their time to the new tasks for very little reward.

1. Which one of the following statements is true according to the author ?
  - (a) Agriculture has always been part of all civilizations.
  - (b) Not all civilizations have undergone the processes of agriculture.
  - (c) Agriculture gave birth to new civilizations.
  - (d) Communities discontinued agriculture to become civilizations.

2. A significant number of people were sent to carry out other work from agriculture because
  - (a) there were insufficient agricultural products.
  - (b) people were needed to build monuments, weapons, jewellery, etc.
  - (c) there were sufficient agricultural products.
  - (d) this enabled the development of civilizations.
3. What kind of agriculture based societies would emerge as civilizations ?
  - (a) Societies which achieved high productivity in agriculture had the opportunity to find time for other work.
  - (b) Societies which depended on agriculture completely moved to other fruitful work so as to move to many places.
  - (c) Societies which transitioned from one stage of agriculture to another.
  - (d) Societies which could not do agriculture for lack of resources moved to other work.
4. People as groups were convinced to do new work through
  - (a) reward, force and community persuasions.
  - (b) ideologies, hierarchies and power structures.
  - (c) excessive agricultural products.
  - (d) very high rewards.
5. Which word in the passage means 'changeover' ?
  - (a) Transitioned
  - (b) Channel
  - (c) Coerce
  - (d) Hierarchies

## Passage – II

When we pick up a newspaper, a book, or an article, we come to our task with certain preconceptions and predispositions. We expect to find a specific piece of information or be presented with an argument or an analysis of something, say, the likelihood of recession in the next six months or the reasons why children can't read. We probably know a little about the book or article we are reading even before we start. There was, after all, some reason why we chose to read one piece of writing rather than another.

Our expectations and predispositions may, however, blind us to what the article and its author is actually saying. If, for example, we are used to disagreeing with the author, we may see only what we expect to see and not what is actually there. Day after day in our routine pattern of life we expose ourselves to the same newspaper, the same magazine, even books by authors with the same perspectives. In order to reflect on our reading habits and improve our skills we need to break out of this routine, step back and look at what we are doing when we read.

6. According to the author, which one of the following statements is *not* true ?
- (a) Reader's preconceptions influence their reading.
  - (b) Readers have expectations when they read an article or a book.
  - (c) Readers look for specific information in any of their readings.
  - (d) Readers assume that everything they read will have new information.

7. Our expectations and predispositions may, however, blind us because
- (a) we may not get the actual ideas of the author.
  - (b) we will get the actual ideas of the author.
  - (c) we may disagree with the author.
  - (d) we will agree with all the ideas of the author.
8. One of the ways to improve our reading habits is to
- (a) break the routine by changing the time of reading.
  - (b) change the types of topics we read.
  - (c) break the routine of reading the same newspaper.
  - (d) stop reading for some time and then restart reading.
9. Which quality does the author here advocate, to be a good reader ?
- (a) Being objective to the ideas of the author
  - (b) Having preconceptions and predispositions
  - (c) Having continuous routines
  - (d) Disagreeing with the author
10. Which word in the passage means 'viewpoints' ?
- (a) Preconceptions
  - (b) Predispositions
  - (c) Pattern
  - (d) Perspectives

## SPOTTING ERRORS

**Directions:** Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled as (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

11. After mysteriously expanding for decades, Antarctica's sea ice cover starting melting. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
12. The auction, conducted by the bank, will be price based using multiple priced method. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
13. If the scheme would have been implemented effectively all affected would have benefitted. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
14. Government Stock offers safety, liquidity and attractive returned for long duration. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
15. Scrolling thorough my social media timeline, I hovered over a video of a minor road traffic accident.  
(a) (b) (c)  
No error  
(d)
16. The fascination with gold at least seems to be a case were traditional belief and  
(a) (b)  
modern finance would point the same way. No error  
(c) (d)
17. Evolutionary biology leave us distinctly pessimistic about the possibility  
(a) (b)  
that altruism can arise naturally among humans. No error  
(c) (d)
18. When everything starts working for you, you will find things are achieve and delivered.  
(a) (b) (c)  
No error  
(d)
19. If I were you I would not go for change of job. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
20. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, female literacy was extremely lowed  
(a) (b)  
in comparison to male literacy. No error  
(c) (d)

## ORDERING OF WORDS IN A SENTENCE

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

21. for long and the backbone of India will continue to be the same agriculture has been  
P Q R S
- (a) SPQR  
(b) SQPR  
(c) QRSP  
(d) QSRP
22. the cry of general public agenda in any country public policy making is generally driven by  
P Q R S
- (a) RQSP  
(b) RPSQ  
(c) PSRQ  
(d) QRSP
23. before it starts of the government is the essential power the power to manage conflict  
P Q R S
- (a) RSPQ  
(b) SQRP  
(c) RQSP  
(d) QRSP
24. a majority of the vote the party that received of the government must take control  
P Q R S
- (a) QPSR  
(b) PSRQ  
(c) RSPQ  
(d) SQPR
25. can express a view on in which the electorate a particular issue of public policy  
P Q R  
a referendum is a vote  
S
- (a) SQPR  
(b) RPQS  
(c) QRSP  
(d) PQRS

26. in modern societies or merely suppressed has class conflict been resolved

P

Q

R

S

- (a) RPSQ
- (b) RSPQ
- (c) PRSQ
- (d) QRSP

27. several of our food are being extensively cultivated and vegetable crops hybrid varieties of

P

Q

R

S

- (a) QRSP
- (b) SPQR
- (c) QPRS
- (d) SPRQ

28. against the officer reason for the accusation there should have been

P

Q

R

who was in-charge at that time

S

- (a) RPSQ
- (b) RQPS
- (c) PQRS
- (d) SPRQ

29. poetry is and ideas powerful feelings the spontaneous overflow of

P

Q

R

S

- (a) SRQP
- (b) PQRS
- (c) RSQP
- (d) PSRQ

30. historical identity and a common descent a group of people is called an ethnic group

P

Q

R

who share a common culture,

S

- (a) QSPR
- (b) QRPS
- (c) PSQR
- (d) RQPS

## IDIOMS AND PHRASES

**Directions:** Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the response (a), (b), (c) or (d) which is the most appropriate expression and mark your response in the Answer Sheet accordingly.

**31. A paper tiger**

- (a) Person or organisation that appears powerful, but actually is not
- (b) Person or organisation that acts like a tiger
- (c) People who campaign for the protection of tigers
- (d) A daredevil

**32. Lily-livered**

- (a) Brave and courageous
- (b) Not brave
- (c) Comical
- (d) Outrageous

**33. Eat like a bird**

- (a) Eat fast
- (b) Eat very little
- (c) Eat a lot
- (d) Pretending to be eating

**34. The dog days**

- (a) Days celebrating dogs
- (b) The bitter days
- (c) The hottest days
- (d) The coldest days

**35. A banana republic**

- (a) A small or poor country with a weak government
- (b) A small or poor country which produces banana
- (c) A country which has been occupied by a big country
- (d) A country without any government

**36. The pros and cons**

- (a) The good and bad parts of a situation
- (b) Like and dislike of a situation
- (c) A bad experience in an event
- (d) A good moment of an event

**37. Prime the pump**

- (a) To do something in order to make something succeed
- (b) To do good things to succeed in life
- (c) To do something in order to get bad things done
- (d) Asking people to do things to make something succeed

**38. The green-eyed monster**

- (a) Feeling of being joyous
- (b) Feeling of being jealous
- (c) Feeling bad about happenings
- (d) Feeling lucky about something

**39. Rise to the occasion**

- (a) To celebrate a success in a difficult situation
- (b) To regret a situation which ended in failure
- (c) To succeed in dealing with a difficult situation
- (d) To motivate people to succeed in a difficult situation

**40. Call it a day**

- (a) End of the day
- (b) Completion of work
- (c) Stop doing something
- (d) A beautiful day

## ORDERING OF SENTENCES

**Directions:** In this section each item consists of six sentences of a passage. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning as S1 and S6. The middle four sentences in each have been jumbled up and labelled as P, Q, R and S. You are required to find out the proper sequence of the four sentences and mark your response accordingly on Answer Sheet.

41. S1 : Chinua Achebe was born in 1930 and educated at the Government College in Umuahia, Nigeria.
- S6 : Chinua Achebe has written over twenty books, including novels, stories, essays and collections of poetry, and won the Nobel Prize for literature.
- P : During the Civil War in Nigeria, he worked for the Biafran government service.
- Q : After the War, he was appointed Senior Research Fellow at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.
- R : He joined the Nigerian Broadcasting Company in Lagos in 1954, later becoming its Director of External Broadcasting.
- S : He received a BA from London University in 1953 and in 1956 he studied broadcasting in London at the BBC.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) SRPQ
- (b) RPQS
- (c) PQRS
- (d) QRSP
42. S1 : "Every person carries in his head a mental model of the world — a subjective representation of external reality," writes Alvin Toffler in *Future Shock*.
- S6 : When we begin to think we can do so only because our mind is already filled with all sorts of ideas with which to think.
- P : It organizes our knowledge and gives us a place from which to argue.
- Q : This mental model is, he says, like a giant filing cabinet.
- R : It contains a slot for every item of information coming to us.
- S : As E.F. Schumacher says, "When we think, we do not just think; we think ideas."

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PSRQ
- (b) SPRQ
- (c) QRPS
- (d) RQPS







49. S1 : All governments claim eternal consistency and success.  
S6 : Diplomacy offers choices, and those choices must be negotiated with other sovereign actors.  
P : Choices involved uncertainty, risk and immediacy; those who must take the choices operate in the contemporary political milieu.  
Q : \*And yet the essence of governance is choice.  
R : Nowhere is this more true than in foreign policy decision-making.  
S : Some even claim omniscience.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) SQPR  
(b) QSRP  
(c) SRPQ  
(d) RSPQ
50. S1 : Buddhism continued to spread into many lands of Asia during the period of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> century.  
S6 : He translated several scriptural commentaries into Pali and wrote a work called the *Visuddhimagga*, which soon attained the status of a classic work on Theravada doctrine and meditation.  
P : While this can be understood as a part of larger processes of cultural interaction, especially trade, a key role was played by monks.  
Q : We know a little bit about some of them, but there must have been countless men whose commitment to the Buddhist path gave them the courage and determination to persevere in the face of the long, hard journey to India and back.  
R : Buddhism had made its way to Sri Lanka many centuries earlier, during the time of Ashoka, and a thriving Buddhist community soon took root.  
S : In the 5<sup>th</sup> century, the monk Buddhaghosha travelled to Sri Lanka.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RQPS  
(b) QRPS  
(c) PQRS  
(d) PSRQ

### FILL IN THE BLANKS

**Directions :** Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or group of words are given after the sentence. Select the most appropriate word or group of words for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

51. On his way to the capital, the minister \_\_\_\_\_ the eminent social worker at his residence.
- (a) called on  
(b) called  
(c) calling for  
(d) call off
52. The fire brigade fought for four hours to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire in the building.
- (a) put in  
(b) put out  
(c) put on  
(d) put off
53. Ravi has proved that he can \_\_\_\_\_ on his promise by winning the match.
- (a) carry through  
(b) carry out  
(c) carry  
(d) carry off
54. It is best to \_\_\_\_\_ politics when in the classroom.
- (a) keep out  
(b) keep on  
(c) keep off  
(d) keeping
55. It shows that she has \_\_\_\_\_ many years of service.
- (a) put in  
(b) put out  
(c) put  
(d) put on
56. The chairperson said that the group was \_\_\_\_\_ of time.
- (a) running out  
(b) running  
(c) running with  
(d) run out
57. If I \_\_\_\_\_ an angel, I would solve the problems of people.
- (a) am  
(b) were  
(c) was  
(d) have
58. Where there is a \_\_\_\_\_, there is a way.
- (a) way  
(b) road  
(c) wing  
(d) will
59. The police could not establish how the accident \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) came off  
(b) came about  
(c) came on  
(d) came out
60. I \_\_\_\_\_ my old friend after twenty years.
- (a) ran into  
(b) ran in  
(c) run in  
(d) run on

## SYNONYMS

**Directions :** Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words/group of words. Select the option that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

61. All the developments that took place in the 20<sup>th</sup> century have had implications for the next century.  
(a) consequences  
(b) interferences  
(c) feedback  
(d) planning
62. He is such a leader that his actions are contagious.  
(a) complicated  
(b) transmittable  
(c) effective  
(d) unthinkable
63. The budget incorporated a number of tax reforms which included higher taxes for the very rich.  
(a) excluded  
(b) integrated  
(c) laid down  
(d) removed
64. His thesis makes all generic statements which have already been proved.  
(a) specific  
(b) crude  
(c) broad  
(d) non-standard
65. The captain produced yet another stellar show to make her team enter the semi-finals.  
(a) extraordinary  
(b) eclipse  
(c) poor  
(d) not a great
66. A new show is trying to change the clichéd depictions of women in animation.  
(a) original  
(b) hackneyed  
(c) crony  
(d) artificial
67. Not everyone finds a vocation which suits one's aptitude.  
(a) attitude  
(b) approach  
(c) liking  
(d) occupation
68. Uninterrupted rain had fatigued the commuters from the outskirts to the city and work suffered.  
(a) excited  
(b) refreshed  
(c) slowed  
(d) exhausted
69. The leader said, "I am aghast with the developments so far. I will take time to understand this."  
(a) satisfied  
(b) sad  
(c) amused  
(d) horrified
70. The cause of the accident is yet to be ascertained, but police officials suspect the driver of the vehicle allegedly fell asleep.  
(a) determined  
(b) curtailed  
(c) thought of,  
(d) being known

## ANTONYMS

**Directions :** Each item in this section consists of sentences with an underlined word followed by four words or group of words. Select the option that is **opposite in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

71. Early medieval period was not a combination of urban and rural civilization. It was not a period of urban decay as claimed by some.  
(a) survival  
(b) waste away  
(c) decomposition  
(d) spoil
72. He speaks eloquently and can pull crowds.  
(a) confusingly  
(b) expressively  
(c) powerfully  
(d) fluently
73. Everyone has to fight the inertia in the system.  
(a) sluggishness  
(b) indolence  
(c) activity  
(d) torpor
74. There is a need to promote philanthropy in education.  
(a) charity  
(b) benevolence  
(c) nastiness  
(d) likeliness
75. What we lack in the current times is compassion.  
(a) empathy  
(b) carefulness  
(c) indifference  
(d) hardship
76. Tempestuous behaviour would not yield much in any place.  
(a) relaxed  
(b) passionate  
(c) intense  
(d) windy
77. Wooing everyone over an issue for support will not serve much purpose.  
(a) discouraging  
(b) encouraging  
(c) pursuing  
(d) persuading
78. The highest award was bestowed upon her for her yeoman service.  
(a) conferred  
(b) withdrawn  
(c) imparted  
(d) imbibed
79. One feels elated when someone praises one's work.  
(a) feels good  
(b) excited  
(c) depressed  
(d) sober
80. All business activities need not result in profit-making. There is a need to be charitable.  
(a) lenient  
(b) malevolent  
(c) unforeseen  
(d) gracious

## PARTS OF SPEECH

**Directions :** Each of the following sentences has a word or phrase underlined. Read the sentences carefully and find which part of speech the underlined word belongs to. Indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

81. He has been working in the Department of Foreign Affairs since 2002.  
(a) Adverb  
(b) Adjective  
(c) Intensifier  
(d) Noun
82. The man in dark blue is the one who made us win the match.  
(a) Relative clause  
(b) Interrogative pronoun  
(c) Relative pronoun  
(d) Affirmative
83. The most beautiful actor of the industry was awarded today.  
(a) Adjective  
(b) Numeral  
(c) Adverb  
(d) Noun
84. "What is the latest news?" asked the Captain.  
(a) Relative pronoun  
(b) Adjective  
(c) Adverb  
(d) Adjectival clause
85. Noticing the change in the behaviour of the officer, the cadets returned to their position.  
(a) Participle  
(b) Present continuous  
(c) Noun phrase  
(d) Noun
86. When he reached the department, the officials had left for the meeting.  
(a) Past perfect verb  
(b) Past tense  
(c) Dependent clause  
(d) Independent clause
87. He has offered her another chance.  
(a) Intransitive verb  
(b) Past tense  
(c) Perfect tense  
(d) Transitive verb
88. The building is very ancient.  
(a) Transitive verb  
(b) Intransitive verb  
(c) Phrasal verb  
(d) Auxiliary verb
89. Hurrah! What a scintillating beauty the landscape is! <https://www.pyqonline.com>  
(a) Conjunction  
(b) Adjective  
(c) Adverb  
(d) Interjection
90. Ravi was declared as the winner in the tie because he had hit the most number of fours and sixes.  
(a) Conjunction  
(b) Interjection  
(c) Adverb  
(d) Cause

## SPELLING MISTAKES

**Directions :** In this section a word is spelt in four different ways. Identify the one which is correct. Choose the correct response (a), (b), (c) or (d) and indicate on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

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| <p><b>91.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Continuum</li><li>(b) Continuem</li><li>(c) Contuneim</li><li>(d) Continueiam</li></ul> <p><b>92.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Stretegy</li><li>(b) Stretagy</li><li>(c) Stratagy</li><li>(d) Strategy</li></ul> <p><b>93.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Commisionor</li><li>(b) Commisioner</li><li>(c) Commissioner</li><li>(d) Comissioner</li></ul> <p><b>94.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Vacum</li><li>(b) Vacuum</li><li>(c) Vacuem</li><li>(d) Vacam</li></ul> <p><b>95.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Psephology</li><li>(b) Psefoloagy</li><li>(c) Sephology</li><li>(d) Psyphology</li></ul> | <p><b>96.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Neuphrology</li><li>(b) Nephrology</li><li>(c) Neprology</li><li>(d) Neaprology</li></ul> <p><b>97.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Psudonym</li><li>(b) Pseudonym</li><li>(c) Pseudanym</li><li>(d) Seudonym</li></ul> <p><b>98.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Pnumonia</li><li>(b) Neumonia</li><li>(c) Pneumonia</li><li>(d) Numania</li></ul> <p><b>99.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Resilient</li><li>(b) Resilint</li><li>(c) Risilient</li><li>(d) Realisent</li></ul> <p><b>100.</b> Which one of the following alternatives has the correct spelling ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Suplementary</li><li>(b) Supplementary</li><li>(c) Supplementery</li><li>(d) Supplemantory</li></ul> |
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## TRANSFORMATION OF SENTENCES

**Directions :** In this section two sentences are given and you are required to find the correct sentence which combines both the sentences. Choose the correct response (a), (b), (c) or (d) and indicate on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

**101.** Which is the correct combination of the given two sentences ?

The officer will return from China on Monday.  
You can meet him.

- (a) You can meet the officer when he returned from China on Monday.
- (b) You can meet the officer when he will return from China on Monday.
- (c) You can meet the officer when he returns from China on Monday.
- (d) The officer will meet you when you return from China on Monday.

**102.** Which is the correct combination of the given two sentences ?

He is hard-working. He is honest too.

- (a) He is not only hard-working, but also honest.
- (b) He is only hard-working and honest.
- (c) He is hard-working but honest too.
- (d) He is not hard-working but also honest.

**103.** Which is the correct combination of the given two sentences ?

Parents have been waiting since morning.  
They want to meet the counsellor.

- (a) The counsellor has been waiting to meet the parents since morning.
- (b) Parents had been waiting to meet the counsellor since the morning.
- (c) Parents are waiting to meet the counsellor in the morning.
- (d) Parents have been waiting since morning to meet the counsellor.

**104.** Which is the correct combination of the given two simple sentences using 'If' clause ?

Minchi should have worked hard. She would have cleared the test.

- (a) If Minchi had worked hard, she would have cleared the test.
- (b) Had not Minchi worked hard, she could not have cleared the test.
- (c) If Minchi has worked hard, she would have cleared the test.
- (d) If Minchi had worked hard, she will have cleared the test.

**105.** Which one of the following is the correct statement combining the two statements using 'though' ?

He has been trying his level best to win. He could not succeed.

- (a) Though he is trying his level best to win, he could not succeed.
- (b) He is trying his level best to win, though he could not succeed.
- (c) Though he has been trying his level best to win, he could not succeed.
- (d) Though he had been trying his level best to win, he could not succeed.

**106.** Which is the correct combination of the given two sentences using 'relative clause' ?

Gandhiji preached peace. He is an apostle of peace.

- (a) Gandhiji who preached peace is an apostle of peace.
- (b) Gandhiji preached peace because he is an apostle of peace.
- (c) Gandhiji who preached peace is called an apostle of peace.
- (d) Gandhiji is an apostle of peace because he preached peace.

**107.** Which is the correct combination of the given two sentences ?

Priya reached the station. The bus left before her.

- (a) When Priya reached the station, the bus had already left.
- (b) When Priya had reached the station, the bus already left.
- (c) Priya reached the station, when the bus already left.
- (d) When Priya had reached the station, the bus had already left.

**108.** Which is the correct combination of the given two sentences ?

He is too tired. He could not stand.

- (a) He is so tired that he could scarcely stand.
- (b) He is too tired and cannot stand.
- (c) He will not stand and he is very tired.
- (d) He is so tired that he could not be standing.

**109.** Which is the correct combination of the given two sentences ?

The teacher entered the classroom. All students stopped talking.

- (a) No sooner did the teacher enter the classroom than the students stopped talking.
- (b) As soon as the teacher entered the classroom all students were asked to stop talking.
- (c) All students stopped talking as the teacher enters the classroom.
- (d) No sooner did the students stop talking than the teacher entered the classroom.

**110.** Which one of the following is the correct statement of the combination of the two sentences given below using 'whereas' ?

Kavya is interested in reading books. Her sister shows interest in outdoor games.

- (a) Kavya is interested in reading books whereas her sister's interest is outdoor games.
- (b) Kavya is interested in reading books whereas her sister is not interested in it.
- (c) Kavya is interested in reading whereas her sister's interest is outdoor games.
- (d) Kavya is interested in reading books whereas her sister's interest is to play outside.

## REPORTED SPEECH

**Directions :** In this section direct speech sentences are given and you are required to find the correct indirect speech sentence of the same. Choose the correct response (a), (b), (c) or (d) and indicate on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

111. Rahul said to his teacher, "Madam, what is the way to solve the question?"
- (a) Rahul asked his teacher what the way to solve the question was.
  - (b) Rahul told his teacher what was the way to solve the question.
  - (c) Rahul asked to his teacher what the way was to solve the question.
  - (d) Rahul told his teacher what the way was to solve the question.
112. He said to his friend, "Could you please close the door?"
- (a) He requested his friend to close the door.
  - (b) He requested his friend to please close the door.
  - (c) He ordered his friend to close the door.
  - (d) He wanted his friend to close the door for him.
113. Raj said to Sheela, "The Sun rises in the east."
- (a) Raj told Sheela that the Sun rose in the east.
  - (b) Raj told Sheela that the Sun rises in the east.
  - (c) Raj asked Sheela that the Sun rises in the east.
  - (d) Raj said to Sheela that the Sun has arisen in the east.
114. Navanitha said to her friends, "What a scintillating beauty it is!"
- (a) Navanitha told to her friends that it was a scintillating beauty.
  - (b) Navanitha exclaimed to her friends what a scintillating beauty it was.
  - (c) Navanitha asked her friends whether it was a scintillating beauty.
  - (d) Navanitha exclaimed to her friends that it was a scintillating beauty.
115. The Captain said to the soldiers, "March forward and aim at the peak of the hill today."
- (a) The Captain requested the soldiers to march forward and aim at the peak of the hill that day.
  - (b) The Captain ordered the soldiers to march forward and aim at the peak of the hill today.
  - (c) The Captain ordered the soldiers to march forward and aim at the peak of the hill that day.
  - (d) The Captain told the soldiers that they should march forward and aim at the peak of the hill that day.

116. "Where were you last evening?" said the lady to her maid.
- The lady asked her maid where she had been the previous evening.
  - The lady asked her maid where she had been in the last evening.
  - The lady asked her maid where had she been the evening before.
  - The lady told her maid where she had been to the last evening.
117. "Those who sowed the seeds last season will reap the harvest this season," said the leader to her followers.
- The leader said to her followers that those who sowed the seeds the previous season would reap the harvest that season.
  - The leader addressed her followers that those who have sown the seeds the previous season would reap the harvest this season.
  - The leader addressed her followers that those who had sown the seeds the previous season would reap the harvest that season.
  - The leader advised her followers that those who sow the seeds the previous season would reap the harvest this season.
118. He said to his manager, "Could you please pass the bill this week?"
- He told his manager that bill to be passed.
  - He requested his manager to pass the bill that week.
  - He ordered his manager to pass the bill that week.
  - He requested his manager to pass the bill this week.
119. The village chief said to the villagers, "All of us need to adopt new regulations. We will protect our Earth forever."
- The village chief ordered the villagers that all of them needed to adopt new regulations and they would protect their Earth forever.
  - The village chief told the villagers that all of them need to adopt new regulations and they will protect their Earth forever.
  - The village chief wanted the villagers needed to adopt new regulations and they would protect their Earth forever.
  - The village chief told the villagers that all of them needed to adopt new regulations and they would protect their Earth forever.
120. The grandfather said to the baby, "May you live long with all good things of life."
- The grandfather blessed to the baby with long life and all good things of life.
  - The grandfather asked the baby that she would live long with all good things of life.
  - The grandfather wanted the baby to live long with all good things of life.
  - The grandfather blessed the baby that she would live long with all good things of life.