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PART - A SPOTTING ERRORS

Directions: Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence carefully to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response in 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).

| i. | We were in search of an emp (a) | orium where | we could buy (b) | <u>ladies garmen</u> (c | |
|------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | No error. | | (0) | ζ. | , |
| 2. | Mahatma Gandhi was in arre (a) No error. (d) | <u>on several o</u> (b | | ing the freedom (c) | i struggle. |
| 3. | A part of the audience (a) | became restive (b) | and began to sho (c) | | error. d) . |
| 4₋ | I have been frantically trying (a) No error. (d) | to find a suitable | e house in Delhi b) | | st six months (c) |
| 5. | People is likely to revolt (a) No error. (d) | against a govern (b) | <u>if treate</u> | <u>d harskly over a</u> (c) | long period. |
| 6 . | Speech is most valuable (a) | among the faculties (b) | <u>which man</u> (c | | No error. |
| 7. | A large number of people (a) | continues to be i | <u>lliterate</u> <u>in o</u> | ur country. (c) | No error. (d) |
| 3. | A day later they went shop (a) (b) | рілg <u>in city w</u> | th lot of money. | No error. (d) | |
| €. | | hieve <u>a first in (</u> b) | the annual examis (c) | nations? No | <u>еггог</u> . (d) |
| 0. | Many a flower is born (a) (b) | to blush unseen. (c) | No error, (d) | · | |
| 1. | His greatest weakness is that (a) No error. (d) | <u>he does not listen</u> (b) | <u>to anybody and</u> | <u>is often blind of</u> (c) | <u>his own faults</u> . |
| 2. | He caught him by the neck (a) | and dealt him (b) | <u>a sound thrashin</u> (c) | ng. <u>No e</u> (d | |

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- Though it was raining but he went out.
 - (a) and he went out
 - (b) he went out
 - (c) however he went out
 - (d) No improvement
- 27. He is sharpening the pencil by a knife.
 - (a) on a knife
 - (b) from a knife
 - (c) with a knife
 - (d) No improvement
- 28. We were pleased to seeing her.
 - (a) to see
 - (b) from seeing
 - (c) in seeing
 - (d) No improvement
- 29. It became dark after we were walking for about half an hour.
 - (a) have been walking
 - (b) have walked
 - (c) had walked
 - (d) No improvement
- He is living in this city for the last three years.
 - (a) lived
 - (b) has been living
 - (c) lives
 - (d) No improvement

- 'Where does your friend live?' 'I don't know where my friend does live.'
 - (a) does my friend live
 - (b) he lives
 - (c) lives my friend
 - (d) No improvement
- 32. Any of the three offers is acceptable to me.
 - (a) Every
 - (b) Either
 - (c) All
 - (d) No improvement
- We all went on picnic last Sunday.
 - (a) to a picnic
 - (b) in pienic
 - (c) on a picnic
 - (d) No improvement
- 34. It is too early to go to school.
 - (a) very early
 - (b) quite early
 - (c) much early
 - (d) No improvement
- 35. A square peg does not fit into a round hole.
 - (a) does not fit in a round hole
 - (b) cannot fit around a round hole
 - (c) does not fit inside a round hole
 - (d) No improvement

ORDERING OF WORDS IN A SENTENCE

Directions: Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence the parts of which have been jumbled. These jumbled parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S which are followed by four sequences namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to rearrange the jumbled parts to produce the correct sentence. Choose the correct sequence and mark in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

- The doctor told
 - (P) the patient
 - (Q) to give an injection to
 - (R) the nurse
 - (S) after four hours

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RQPS
- (b) RPSQ
- (c) QPSR
- (d) PSRQ

- The judge
 - (P) lied to the court
 - (Q) why he had
 - (R) asked the accused
 - (S) in spite of his oath.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PSRQ
- (b) QPSR
- (c) PRQS
- (d) RQPS

| 38, | His father said, | 40. | The future |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| | (P) and stop | | (P) is uncertain |
| | (Q) on trivial things | | (Q) career |
| | (R) wasting your time | | (R) man |
| | (S) now get up | | (S) of this noble |
| | The correct sequence should be | | The correct sequence should be |
| | (a) SPRQ | | (a) PQSR |
| | (b) PSRQ | | (b) QPSR |
| | (c) QRSP | | (c) RPSQ |
| | (d) RQSP | | (d) QSRP |
| 39. | The stranger's movements | 41. | The food |
| | (P) and the police | | (P) at the party |
| | (Q) him | | (Q) served |
| | (R) arrested | | (R) was delicious |
| | (S) aroused suspicion | | (S) but not wholesome |
| | The correct sequence should be | | The correct sequence should be |
| | (a) SQPR | | (a) PRSQ |
| | (b) RQPS | | (b) QPRS |
| | (c) SPRQ | | (c) RSPQ |
| | (d) RPQS | | (d) QRSP |

SELECTING WORDS

Directions: In the following passage at certain points you are given a choice of three words marked (a), (b) and (c), one of which fits the meaning of the passage. Choose the best word out of the three. Mark the letter, viz., (a), (b) or (c), relating to this word on your Answer Sheet. Examples K and L have been solved for you.

K
The (a) boy was in the school in Simla. (a) She was home sick.
(b) horse (b) It
(c) dog (c) He

Explanation: Out of the list given in item K, only, 'boy' is the correct answer because usually, a boy, and not a horse or a dog, attends school. So '(a)' is to be marked on the Answer Sheet for item K. A boy is usually referred to as 'he', so for item L, '(c)' is the correct answer. Notice that to solve the first item K you have to read the rest of the sentence and then see what fits best.

Passage

The crow is a familiar bird. Everybody must have seen one. With their cawing the crows

wake us up early in the morning. The cawing of the crows is very

(a) pleasant. They

(c) moving

(b) raucous

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| seem to know a lot (a) about men. Th | ey know that men throw (a) in much |
| (b) of | (b) away |
| (c) from | (c) over |
| 45 | · · |
| rubbish which is food for (a) them, (b) us, (c) you, | , so they are very watchful. They |
| 46 | 47 |
| (a) jump around to pick up worms and(b) come(c) hop48 | (a) leaves. They can get very bold, so(b) crumbs.(c) feathers. |
| (a) when they come close to your(b) that(c) as | (a) feet if you have any food to(b) hand(c) mouth51 |
| (a) present them. They have sharp eye(b) throw(c) offer52 | es to (a) check their cunningness. (b) watch (c) show 53 |
| They are also very (a) mild and will | come into the house (a) on snatch up food. |
| (b) courageous | (b) to |
| (e) impudent | (c) for |
| 54 | 55 |
| In summer they (a) all fly about with t (b) some (c) both | heir pointed beaks (a) closed in search (b) open (c) turned 57 |
| of water. They quench their (a) thirst | at public baths or on the (a) banks |
| (b) hunger (c) desire 58 | (b) floor (c) slope |
| of rivers. It is wonderful to (a) know (b) watch (c) look | them washing themselves in small ponds, |
| 59 | 60 |
| (a) dashing noisily. They are fond of sitting | (a) frequently on the backs of buffaloes in the |
| (b) splashing | (b) shabbily |
| (c) throwing | (c) quietly |
| shade of trees. They present a beautiful sight when, geometric formations. | in the evenings, they return to their nests in thrilling |

PART - B

- 61. Which one of the following is India's first indigenously built nuclear-powered submarine?
 - (a) INS Arihant
 - (b) INS Sindhurakshak
 - (c) INS Virgat
 - (d) INS Vikramaditya
- 62. The Constitution of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on :
 - (a) 26th January 1950
 - (b) 15th August 1947
 - (c) 30th January 1948
 - (d) 26th November 1949
- 63. Which National Highway connects Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu?
 - (a) NH 4
 - (b) NH 5
 - (c) NH 6
 - (d) NH 7
- 64. Which one of the following countries is not a member of ASEAN?
 - (a) Indonesia
 - (b) South Korea
 - (c) Thailand
 - (d) Vietnam
- 65. The term 'Bali Action Plan', is sometimes seen in news in the context of:
 - (a) Global climate change
 - (b) Global terrorism
 - (c) Global wildlife trafficking
 - (d) World trade

- 66. Who of the following is known as the 'Iron Man of India'?
 - (a) Vallabhbhai Patel
 - (b) Bipin Chandra Pai
 - (e) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
 - (d) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- 67. Bardoli Satyagraha, 1928 was a peasant movement launched against the :
 - (a) Raised rate of tax by the Government
 - (b) Failure of Round Table Conference
 - (c) Visit of Simon Commission
 - (d) Lathi cherge on Lala Lajpat Rai
- 68. Consider the following pairs:

Well known lake State

Chilika Lake : Odisha

Kolleru Lake : Kerala

3. Pulicat Lake : Karnataka

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) I only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 69. Which one of the following is not a member of SAARC?
 - (a) Myanmar
 - (b) Maldives
 - (c) Bhutan
 - (d) Afghanistan

- 70. In the Union Government, the Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to:
 - (a) Prime Minister
 - (b) Lok Sabha
 - (c) Both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
 - (d) Union Cabinet
- 71. If the annual Union Budget is not passed by Lok Sabha:
 - (a) The President of India asks the Finance Minister to resign
 - (b) The Prime Minister asks the Finance Minister to resign
 - (c) The Finance Minister modifies it and presents it again
 - (d) The Prime Minister submits the resignation of his Cabinet
- 72. Which of the following is/are used as both fertilizer as well as explosive?
 - 1. Ammonium nitrate
 - Calcium sulfate
 - 3. Potassium permanganate

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) I and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 73. The expenditure which can be charged on the Consolidated Fund of India:
 - (a) is discussed and voted by the Parliament.
 - (b) can be discussed but is not put to vote before Parliament.
 - (c) can neither be discussed nor voted by the Parliament.
 - (d) is discussed and voted by the Lok Sabha only.

- 74. What is NEOShield, sometimes seen in news?
 - (a) An international consortium to address the asteroid threat to Earth
 - (b) A geo-engineering project of OECD countries to find the ways to save the Earth from global warming
 - (c) NASA's project to find the ways to ward off the effects of solar flares on our communication systems
 - (d) A ballistic missile defence system developed by a group of countries
- 75. Consider the following plants:
 - t. Cycas
 - Date palm
 - 3. Pinus

Which of the above is/are flowering plants?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 76. Recently, between which of the following countries has a 534 km long gas pipeline been proposed to be constructed?
 - (a) France and Hungary
 - (b) Germany and Italy
 - (c) Poland and Lithuania
 - (d) Greece and Turkey
- 77. Consider the following statements:
 - Snakes are always at the end of a food chain.
 - Some snakes are viviparous.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

(Contd.)

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- 78. An eastward traveller from India crossing the International Date Line, in order to get the correct day and time of the local area should turn his watch:
 - (a) forward
 - (b) forward and should move his day calendar backward
 - (c) backward
 - (d) backward and should move his day calendar forward
- 79. Consider the following statements:
 - Red panda in its natural habitat is found in Eastern Himalayas.
 - Gharial in its natural habitat is found in Bhitarkanika mangroves.

- (a) | only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 80. Who among the following was the first Governor-General of Independent India?
 - (a) C. Rajagopalachari
 - (b) Rajendra Prasad
 - (c) Lord Mountbatten
 - (d) S. Radhakrishnan
- 81. With reference to carbon dioxide, which of the following statements is/are correct?
 - It is released from the interior of the Earth during volcanic eruption.
 - It corrodes metal surfaces.
 - It is required for the green plants for their survival.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1,2 and 3

- 82. A group of countries called G4 is often mentioned in the news as contenders for a permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council. Which of the following is not one of them?
 - (a) Brazil
 - (b) Germany
 - (c) Japan
 - (d) South Africa
- 83. Turkey, which is frequently in the news, does not have a border with which of the following?
 - (a) Romania
 - (b) Iran
 - (c) Georgia
 - (d) Bulgaria
- 84. Consider the following:
 - Amino acids
 - Fatty acids
 - 3. Hormones
 - 4. Vitamins

Which of the above can be the sources of cellular energy in a human body?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 4 only
- (c) 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 85. What causes wind to deflect towards left in the southern hemisphere?
 - (a) Atmospheric temperature
 - (b) Earth's magnetic field
 - (c) Rotation of the Earth
 - (d) Atmospheric pressure

- 86. Which one of the following statements about Earth's diameter is true?
 - (a) Polar diameter is slightly less than the equatorial diameter.
 - (b) Polar and equatorial diameters are equal.
 - (c) Polar diameter is longer than the equatorial diameter.
 - (d) Polar diameter is half of the equatorial diameter.
- 87. Recently, the Interim Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance was inaugurated at:
 - (a) Gurgaon
 - (b) Panipat
 - (c) Vadodara
 - (d) Visakhapatnam
- 88. With reference to Loktak lake, consider the following statements:
 - Loktak is a freshwater lake in northeastern India.
 - Loktak lake carries floating islands that are made up of decaying masses of Vegetation, soil and organic matter.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 89. Mahatma Gandhi suspended Non-Cooperation Movement due to :
 - (a) Its taking violent turn
 - (b) Inadequate cooperation from people
 - (c) Disapproval of Congress
 - (d) Ill health of Mahatma Gandhi

- 90. A warm-blooded animal is one which
 - (a) has a fluctuating body temperature depending on its surroundings
 - (b) does not lose heat to surroundings
 - (c) absorbs heat from surroundings
 - (d) has a constant body temperature
- 91. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
 - Shale gas is extensively produced in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait
 - Fracking technology used in the extraction of this gas requires large quantities of water.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) lonly
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 92. 'TAPI' gas pipeline, sometimes mentioned in the news, is planned to be laid in:
 - (a) Turkey Afghanistan Pakistan India
 - (b) Turkmenistan Ajarbaijan Pakistan Iran
 - (c) Turkey Ajarbaijan Pakistan Iran
 - (d) Turkmenistan Afghanistan Pakistan India
- 93. Consider the following:
 - 1. Palm civet
 - Puma
 - Cheetah

Which of the above is/are found in India in their natural habitat?

- (a) I only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- 94. Who of the following died of hunger strike in prison?
 - (a) Bhagat Singh
 - (b) Bhupendranath Sanyal
 - (c) Chandra Shekhar Azad
 - (d) Jatin Das
- 95. Consider the following statements:
 - Governor of a State can reserve certain bills passed by the State Legislature for consideration of the President of India
 - Governor of a State can make the rules to conduct the business of State Government

- (a) I only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither I nor 2
- 96. There is a growing concern about the release of a particular gas into the atmosphere from the permafrost of Arctic region. Which one of the following is that gas?
 - (a) Carbon monoxide
 - (b) Ethane
 - (c) Methane
 - (d) Sulfur dioxide
- 97. "RuPay", recently in the news, is the name of a:
 - (a) Debit card
 - (b) Digital currency
 - (c) Super computer
 - (d) Tax benefit

- 98. Which of the following is/are among the main objective/objectives of G20 group of countries?
 - Discussing key issues in the global economy
 - Promoting international financial stability

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 99. With reference to 'Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve', which of the following statements is/are correct?
 - It is located in the Eastern Ghats.
 - 2. It is a unique tropical rain forest.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) I only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both l and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 100. Which one of the following is located between France and the United Kingdom?
 - (a) Cook Strait
 - (b) Davis Strait
 - (c) Strait of Dover
 - (d) Strait of Gibraltar
- 101. Which one of the following is associated with the issue of control and phase out of the use of ozone depleting substances?
 - (a) Bretton Woods Conference
 - (b) Doha Development Agenda
 - (c) Geneva II Conference
 - (d) Montreal Protocol

- 102. Consider the following statements:
 - Headquarters of World Trade
 Organization (WTO) are in Doha.
 - World Intellectual Property Organization is a specialized agency of WTO.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 103. What is Talcon 9', recently seen in news?
 - (a) A rocket to deliver satellites into orbit
 - (b) A short range missile launched from warships
 - (c) An unmanned fighter aircraft
 - (d) An astronomical space observatory
- 104. Consider the following statements:
 - Earth receives the Sun's energy only at the infrared end of the spectrum.
 - Earth reradiates the Sun's heat only as ultraviolet energy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 105. Consider the following crop plants:
 - Banana
 - 2. Potato
 - Turmeric

Which of the above is/are propagated by vegetative methods?

- (a) I only
- (b) I and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, and 3
- 106. The Polavaram Irrigation Project, recently in the news, is located in:
 - (a) Andhra Pradesh
 - (b) Karnataka
 - (c) Kerala
 - (d) Tamil Nadu
- 107. At which of the following places is the Marine National Park located ?
 - (a) Chandipur-on-sea
 - (b) Jamnagar
 - (c) Puducherry
 - (d) Visakhapatnam
- 108. How many north-eastern States of India
 (West Bengal is *not* included) share its/their
 border with three other countries?
 - (a) One
 - (b) Two
 - (c) Three
 - (d) None

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- 109. 'Fly ash', which can be used in making bricks, is emitted from:
 - (a) Burning of agricultural waste
 - (b) Burning of municipal solid waste
 - (c) Mining of aluminum and iron ores
 - (d) Thermal power plants
- 110. Consider the following statements:
 - Snowline occurs at a higher altitude in Eastern Himaiayas than in the Western Himaiayas.
 - Mangrove forests in India occur along the coastal areas of West Bengal and Odisha only.

- (a) lonly
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 111. Which one among the following is known as the largest producer of steel in the world?
 - (a) Australia
 - (b) China
 - (c) India
 - (d) South Korea

- 112. Which of the following is/are World Heritage Properties as per UNESCO?
 - Bhitarkanika National Park
 - Bandhavgarh National Park
 - 3. Sundarbans National Park

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1, 2, and 3
- 113. Which of the following places have nuclear power plants?
 - Amarkantak
 - 2. Kaiga
 - 3. Rawatbhata
 - Visakhapatnam

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1,2, 3 and 4
- 114. 'Wolfl061c', recently in news, refers to a/an:
 - (a) Comet to which a space probe has been sent recently
 - (b) Asteroid that flew past the earth recently
 - (c) Galaxy closer to our galaxy
 - (d) Exoplanet in the Goldilocks Zone around a red dwarf star

- 115. Consider the following countries:
 - Namibia
 - 2. Syria
 - 3. Mozambique

Recently, in which of the above countries has a lot of displacement of its/their citizens been caused due to civil war/terrorist violence?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None
- 116. Which one of the following rivers rises near Mahabaleshwar?
 - (a) Godavari
 - (b) Krishna
 - (c) Kaveri
 - (d) Tapi
- 117. Recently, India made a deal with Japan to introduce India's first high speed rail (bullet train) between:
 - (a) Ahmedahad and Mumbai
 - (b) Pune and Mumbai
 - (c) Ahmedabad and Delhi
 - (d) Chennai and Hyderabad

- 118. In Gandhara School of Art, the image of which of the following deities is a prominent feature?
 - (a) Buddha
 - (b) Krishna
 - (c) Mahavita
 - (d) Shiva
 - 119. Which one of the following, considered a carcinogen, is often secretively used by some for artificial fruit ripening?
 - (a) Calcium carbonate
 - (b) Calcium carbide
 - (c) Sodium benzoate
 - (d) Sodium sulfate
 - 120. Which of the following is **not** a member of a group of countries known as G7?
 - (a) Australia
 - (b) Canada
 - (c) France
 - (d) Japan

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