

## IBPS Clerk Preliminary Grand Test –ICP-181128

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#### ANSWER KEY

1. (3)	21. (1)	41. (1)	61. (5)	81. (3)
2. (1)	22. (3)	42. (3)	62. (3)	82. (5)
3. (3)	23. (3)	43. (5)	63. (4)	83. (2)
4. (2)	24. (4)	44. (4)	64. (3)	84. (1)
5. (2)	25. (5)	45. (2)	65. (1)	85. (4)
6. (1)	26. (2)	46. (3)	66. (1)	86. (1)
7. (5)	27. (2)	47. (1)	67. (5)	87. (1)
8. (4)	28. (3)	48. (5)	68. (2)	88. (4)
9. (5)	29. (3)	49. (3)	69. (4)	89. (3)
10. (4)	30. (2)	50. (5)	70. (2)	90. (5)
11. (4)	31. (3)	51. (2)	71. (1)	91. (3)
12. (3)	32. (2)	52. (5)	72. (1)	92. (4)
13. (5)	33. (3)	53. (3)	73. (3)	93. (2)
14. (4)	34. (4)	54. (1)	74. (2)	94. (3)
15. (2)	35. (2)	55. (2)	75. (4)	95. (2)
16. (1)	36. (5)	56. (4)	76. (3)	96. (4)
17. (3)	37. (3)	57. (1)	77. (4)	97. (3)
18. (1)	38. (3)	58. (3)	78. (1)	98. (2)
19. (3)	39. (1)	59. (5)	79. (4)	99. (1)
20. (2)	40. (5)	60. (1)	80. (3)	100. (5)

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1. (3) The hint for the answer can be derived from the phrases 'the number of critically polluted stretches', 'water quality indicators', and 'Central Pollution Control Board' etc. The theme of the passage is 'water pollution in rivers'.  
Among the given options, the word 'polluted' is the most relevant word for the given blank. Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.  
The correct phrase would be 'The number of **polluted** stretches'.  
Fore (adj.) means 'situated or place in front';  
Incessant (adj.) means '(of something regarded as unpleasant) continuing without pause or interruption.  
Capsized (adj.) means '(of a boat) overturned in the water';
2. (1) The blank would be filled by a verb, indicating the **nature** of change in number 'to 351 from 302'. Among the given options, 'increased' and 'decreased' are the relevant verbs, but among them, the correct verb which correctly conveys the nature of change in the number ('to 351 from 302 two years ago') is '**increased**'.

- The correct phrase would be 'India's rivers has **increased** to 351 from 302 two years ago'.  
Flay (verb) means 'strip the skin off (a corpse or carcass);'  
Spawn (verb) means '(of a fish, frog, mollusc, crustacean, etc) release or deposit eggs';  
Zap (verb) means 'to get rid of or kill something or someone especially intentionally';
3. (3) The blank would be filled by an adjective qualifying the noun 'water quality indicators'.  
Among the given options, the relevant adjective is option (3) 'poorest', and is the correct answer.  
The correct phrase would be 'water quality indicators are the **poorest**'.  
4. (2) The blank would be filled by an adverb and would indicate the nature of change in the number 'to 45 from 34'.  
Among the given options, the adverb which correctly conveys the correct meaning is 'up'.  
The correct phrase would be 'has gone **up** to 45 from 34'. Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.  
The blank would be filled by a noun.  
Among the given options, the relevant word which satisfies the contextual requirements imposed on the blank is 'assessment'. Hence, the correct answer is option (2) 'assessment'.  
The correct phrase would be 'according to an **assessment**'.  
'inundate' means 'a severe flood';
6. (1) The relevant phrase seems to be 'the most **visible** of the government's efforts.'  
Conspicuous means 'visible, apparent, see able etc.'  
Unobtrusive means 'ambiguous, obscure, secret etc.'  
Among the given options, 'conspicuous' is the correct word which would fill the blank and is the correct answer.  
The correct phrase would be 'the most **conspicuous** of the government's efforts.'
7. (5) The blank seems to be forming a 'to-infinitive' with the preceding word 'to'.  
So, the blank should be filled by a verb.  
Among the given options, the verb 'tackle' is the most relevant verb which would fill the blank and is the correct answer.  
The correct phrase would be 'efforts to **tackle** pollution,'
8. (4) The blank would be filled by an adjective.  
Among the given options, 'actually' which means 'truly real, existent' is the most relevant adjective which could fill the blank and is the correct answer.  
Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.  
The correct phrase would be 'are **actually** far less polluted.'
9. (5) Clandestine and covert means 'secret.'  
The context of the sentence suggests that the blank would be filled by a noun.

- Among the given options, 'recommendations' is the most relevant noun which would fill the blank and is the correct answer.  
Hence, option (5) is the correct answer.  
The correct phrase would be 'Based on the **recommendations** of the National Green Tribunal'.  
Tussle, quarrel and squabble means 'a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something'.  
Dichotomy means 'a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented or being opposed or entirely different.'
10. (4) The blank seems to be filled by a verb.  
Apprise (verb) means 'tell';  
Cadge (verb) means ask for or obtain, scrounge (verb) means 'to beg'.  
Among the given options, the relevant word which would fill the blank is 'apprise' (option (4)).  
The correct phrase would be 'the CPCB last month **apprised** the States.'
11. (4) Option (4) which comprises of both the options i.e. (2) and (3) is the most suitable choice. The answer can be inferred from the second paragraph, where in the first line it is given *the ongoing trade war has already created turbulence and uncertainty in global markets. This is bound to affect the nature and direction of global trade flows.*  
Where is it written that there is a trade war between India and China, or does 'the ongoing trade war...' means that there is a trade war between India and China?
12. (3) Only option (3) is the appropriate answer. This answer is also relevant in context of the paragraph. Refer to paragraph 2 where it is mentioned that, "*Modern production networks stretch across manufacturing economies and trade agreements are important institutional mechanisms to facilitate countries' access to such value chains. India must look for opportunities to hook into them.*"
13. (5) Option (5) best narrates the answer asked in the question. India's reform agenda has pervaded in all the spheres of economy. This is evident from all the above-mentioned examples in the options. Refer to third paragraph where it is given that *India's reform agenda pervades all spheres of the economy. Positive developments have been reported in trade facilitation, ease of doing business, helped along by systemic reforms such as the goods and services tax, strengthening and expansion of infrastructure and greater focus on technology facilitation. Hence the answer.*
14. (4) Option (4) represents the answer of the given question most congruously as it consists of options (1) and (2). The answer can be deduced from the third paragraph where it is given that *India also has leverage in the form of its potential market size. It must, therefore, negotiate with greater confidence and craftsmanship and not be swayed by the threats of its partners. India's exclusion from RCEP will cost others heavily.*
15. (2) Only option (2) is false according to the given passage. Refer to the second paragraph where it is given that modern production networks stretch across manufacturing economies and trade agreements are important institutional mechanisms to facilitate countries' access to such value chains. India must look for opportunities to hook into them. Rest all of the given options are true.
16. (1) Wary means cautious.  
Prudent means the same.  
Naïve means innocent.  
Gullible means credulous.  
Inadvertent means unintentional.  
Indiscreet means unwise.
17. (3) Conducive means making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.  
Contributory means the same.  
Baneful means harmful.  
Adverse means unfavorable.
18. (1) Turbulence means a state of conflict or confusion.  
Turmoil means a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty.  
Composure means the state or feeling of being calm and in control of oneself.  
Serenity means the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled.  
Tranquility means the quality or state of being tranquil; calm.
19. (3) Imminent means about to happen.  
Distant is the only opposite of the given word.  
Impending means upcoming.  
Forthcoming means near.  
Looming means emerging.  
Menacing means threatening.  
Rigorous means extremely thorough and careful.  
Lenient means benevolent, gentle.  
Meticulous means very careful and precise.  
Austere means severe or strict in manner or attitude.
20. (2) The most appropriate phrase to replace the incorrect highlighted phrase is "take a different path". All the other options fail to frame a sentence with accurate grammatical syntax. Hence, option (1) is the most suitable answer choice.
21. (1) The most appropriate phrase to replace the incorrect phrase "However they were blindfolded" is "Because they were blindfolded" as the phrase "Because they were blindfolded" provides more suitable meaning to the sentence. "Because" is used for the reason that; since. All the other phrases are contextually incorrect. Hence, option (3) is the most suitable answer choice.
22. (3) The most appropriate phrase to replace the incorrect phrase "**whom are complaining that**" is "who complain that". It is to be noted that the difference between who and whom is similar to that between he and him, or they and them. In a sentence, 'who' is used as a subject while 'whom' is used as the object of a verb or preposition. Hence, option (3) is the most suitable answer choice.
23. (3) The most appropriate phrase to replace the incorrect phrase "**who results in the touchdown**" is "which resulted in a touchdown". It is to be noted that "which" is used referring to something previously mentioned when introducing a clause giving further information. Hence, option (4) is the most suitable answer choice.
24. (4) The most appropriate phrase to replace the incorrect highlighted part is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Therefore, it does not require any corrections. Hence, option (5) is the most suitable answer choice.
25. (5) The sentence with the highlighted part is grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Therefore, it does not require any corrections. Hence, option (5) is the most suitable answer choice.
26. (2) Combination A-D successfully forms a grammatically viable and contextually meaningful sentence as the

relevant phrases are of similar context and in appropriate similar context and in appropriate grammatical syntax. The coherent sentence thus formed is, "Perhaps, a century from now, future historians will look back at our Facebook posts and Twitter feeds to discover a society that rather willingly inverted the diary-writing habits of its ancestors."

27. (2) Combination B-E and C-F successfully form grammatically viable and contextually meaningful sentence as the relevant phrases are of similar context and in appropriate grammatical syntax.

28. (3) Combination A-F forms grammatically viable and contextually meaningful sentence as the relevant phrases are of similar context and in appropriate grammatical syntax. The sentence thus formed is, "There is emerging international recognition that women's participation is key to effective climate action".

29. (3) Combination A-F forms grammatically viable and contextually meaningful sentence as the relevant phrases are of similar context and in appropriate grammatical syntax. The sentence thus formed is, "Over time, there are changes that take place in the composition of species that constitute an ecological community."

30. (2) Combination A-F forms grammatically viable and contextually meaningful sentence as the relevant phrases are of similar context and in appropriate grammatical syntax. The sentence thus formed is, "The thoughts and other functions of the brain can be influenced by factors that lie beyond the realm of the body."

31. (3)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & 3 & & 4 & & 8 & & 17 & & 33 & & 58 \\ & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} \\ & 1 & & 4 & & 9 & & 16 & & 25 & & \\ & 1^2 & & 2^2 & & 3^2 & & 4^2 & & 5^2 & & \end{array}$$

32. (2)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & 5 & & 7 & & 13 & & 25 & & 45 & & 75 \\ & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} \\ & 2 & & 6 & & 12 & & 20 & & 30 & & \\ & 1 \times 2 & & 2 \times 3 & & 3 \times 4 & & 4 \times 5 & & 5 \times 6 & & \end{array}$$

33. (3)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & 7 & & 7 & & 10 & & 18 & & 33 & & 57 \\ & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} \\ & 0 & & 3 & & 8 & & 15 & & 24 & & \\ & 1^2-1 & & 2^2-1 & & 3^2-1 & & 4^2-1 & & 5^2-1 & & \end{array}$$

34. (4)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & 2 & & 7 & & 25 & & 105 & & 531 & & 3193 \\ & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} \\ & \times 2+3 & & \times 3+4 & & \times 4+5 & & \times 5+7 & & \times 6+7 & & \end{array}$$

35. (2)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & 10 & & 13 & & 18 & & 26 & & 38 & & 55 \\ & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} \\ & 3 & & 5 & & 8 & & 12 & & 17 & & \\ & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} & & \\ & 2 & & 3 & & 4 & & 5 & & & & \end{array}$$

36. (5) Let speed of boat in still water be  $x$  km/hr  
And speed of stream be  $y$  km/hr.

ATQ,  
 $y = \frac{1}{5}(x + y)$   
 $x = 4y$   
 $\frac{48}{4y-y} = 4$   
 $y = 4$  km/hr  
 $x = 16$  km/hr  
 Speed of train A = 16 km/hr  
 Length of train A =  $16 \times \frac{5}{18} \times 36 = 160$  m

37. (3)

38. (3) Let price of type A wheat be Rs.  $x$  per kg and price of type B wheat be Rs.  $y$  per kg  
 ATQ,  
 $12 \times x + 18 \times y = 30 \times 1.2x$   
 $18y = 36x - 12x$   
 $18y = 24x$   
 $x : y = 3 : 4$

39. (1) Let the length of smaller rectangle be  $\ell_1$  and length of larger rectangle be  $\ell_2$   
 Breadth of both = side of square =  $\sqrt{196} = 14$  cm  
 ATQ,  
 $2(\ell_1 + 14) + 2(\ell_2 + 14) = 216$   
 $2(\ell_1 + 14) + 2\ell_2 + 28 = 216$   
 $2\ell_1 + 28 + 2\ell_2 + 28 = 216$   
 $5\ell_1 = 216 - 56$   
 $\ell_1 = 32$  cm  
 $\ell_2 = 3 \times \frac{32}{2} = 48$  cm  
 Required sum =  $32 \times 14 + 48 \times 14$   
 $= 14 \times (80) = 1120$  cm<sup>2</sup>

40. (5) Let age of Abhi and Rahul seven years ago be  $5x$  and  $3x$  respectively.  
 ATQ,  
 $\frac{5x+15}{3x+15} = \frac{3}{2}$   
 $x = 15$   
 Present age of Sati  
 $= \frac{15 \times 8 + 14}{2} = 67$  years.

41. (1)

42. (3)

43. (5) Item sold by A on Friday =  $1800 - 1600 = 200$   
 Required difference =  $420 - 200 = 220$

44. (4)

45. (2) Required total =  $(\frac{+10+350}{2}) + 250 + 520 + 410 + 350$   
 $= 1900$

46. (3) Let the length and breadth be  $6x$  cm and  $5x$  cm respectively  
 ATQ,  
 $\frac{2(6x+5x)}{6x \times 5x} = \frac{2}{15} \Rightarrow \frac{22x}{30x^2} = \frac{2}{15}$   
 $\Rightarrow 330 = 60x$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 5.5$

Length =  $33$  cm, breadth =  $5x = 5 \times 5.5 = 27.5$  cm  
 Perimeter of rectangle =  $2(33 + 27.5) = 121$  cm  
 Side of square =  $\sqrt{121} = 11$  cm  
 Perimeter of square =  $44$  cm

47. (1) Let the cost price of pen be Rs.  $x$ .  
 Then, cost price of pencil = Rs  $(x-8)$   
 ATQ,  
 $x \times \frac{150}{100} = (x-8) \times \frac{250}{100}$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 20$   
 C.P. of pen = Rs. 20

48. (5)

49. (3)

50. (5)

51. (2)  $? = 685 + 395 - 865 = 215$

52. (5)  $? \times \frac{700}{100} = 601 - 38 \times \frac{550}{100}$   
 $\Rightarrow ? = 56$

53. (3)  $? = 16^2 \times \frac{28^2}{8^2} = 49$

54. (1)  $? = \frac{1575}{195} \times \frac{16}{9} \times \frac{13}{7} = \frac{80}{3}$

55. (2)  $\frac{7}{2 \times 100} \times ? = \sqrt{1764}$   
 $\Rightarrow ? = 1200$

56-60. Total student in RPM =  $\frac{360}{24} \times 100 = 1500$   
 Total student in school SVM =  $\frac{1500}{2} \times 3 = 2250$

56. (4)

57. (1)

58. (3)

59. (5) Required average =  $\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{40}{100} \times 2250 \right]$   
 $= 450$

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60. (1) Required percentage =  $\frac{1500-600}{2250} \times 100$   
 $= \frac{900}{2250} \times 100$   
 $= 40\%$

61. (5)  $\frac{18}{3} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} = \sqrt{x}$   
 or,  $3 = \sqrt{x}$   
 or,  $x = 9$

62. (3)

63. (4)  $23 + 13 - \frac{10}{100} \times 200 = x$   
 or,  $x = 36 - 20 = 16$

64. (3)

65. (1)  $\frac{1}{3} \times 900 \times \frac{200}{2} = x$   
 or,  $30000 = x$

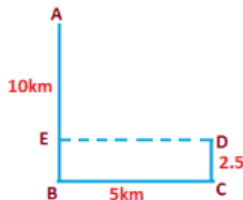
66. (1)

67. (5)

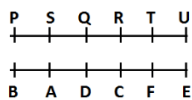
68. (2)

69. (4)

70. (2)



71-75.



71. (1)

72. (1)

73. (3)

74. (2)

75. (4)

76. (3)

All the digits of numbers are arranged in ascending order within the number-  
 024 246 357 169 079  
 Then the third lowest number is- 169

77. (4)

If 1st digit of highest number is divided by 2nd digit of 2nd highest number, then the resultant is=9/1=9

78. (1)

If first digit will be replaced with third digit, second with the first digit and third with the second digit within number—420 246 357 961 097  
 Then number will be lowest----097

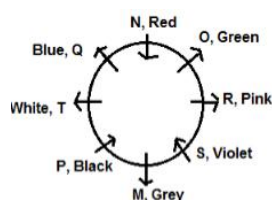
79. (4)

Addition of 3rd digit of second highest number and 1st digit of lowest number=9+2=11

80. (3)

If 1st digit of 2nd highest number is multiplied by 1st digit of lowest number, then the resultant is= 6\*2=12

81-85.



81. (3)

82. (5)

83. (2)

84. (1)

85. (4)

86-90.

U born in a month having 31 days. Three persons born in between U and T. V born in a month immediately before P. Only two persons born between P and R. R born in a month having 31 days.

Months	Case-1	Case-2	Case-3	Case-4
January (31)	U/T		V	
February (28/29)			P	
March (31)	V	U/T		R
April (30)	P	V	T	T
May (31)	T/U	P	R	V
June (30)				P
July (31)	R	T/U		
August (31)		R	U	U

W born before S but none of them born in a month having least number of days.

Months	Case-1	Case-2	Case-3	Case-4
January (31)	U/T	W	V	W
February (28/29)	Q	Q	P	Q
March (31)	V	U/T	W/	R
April (30)	P	V	T	T
May (31)	T/U	P	R	V
June (30)	W	S	W/S/	P
July (31)	R	T/U	S/	S
August (31)	S	R	U	U

T was not born before W. From this case-1 gets eliminated. Q was born in one of the months after W but does not born after T. From this case-3 gets eliminated.

Months	Case-2	Case-4
January (31)	W	W
February (28/29)	Q	Q
March (31)	U/T	R
April (30)	V	T
May (31)	P	V
June (30)	S	P
July (31)	T/U	S
August (31)	R	U

Not more than four persons born in between Q and U. So, from this case-4 gets eliminated. U does not born in a month immediately before V. So, the final arrangement is---

Months	Persons
January (31)	W
February (28/29)	Q
March (31)	T
April (30)	V
May (31)	P
June (30)	S
July (31)	U
August (31)	R

86. (1)

87. (1)

88. (4)

89. (3)

90. (5)

91. (3)

A 5 D, E 7 G

92. (4)

9 3 3 E 7- middle number is 3

93. (2)

6 # V

94. (3)

95. (2)

\*FH

96-98.

M > J > N (12000) > O > K (5000) > L

96. (4)

97. (3)

98. (2)

99. (1)

(I) J<U (true)

(II) P=D (false)

100. (5)

(I) V>E (false)

(II) X<K (false)