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5. (2)

6. (1)

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ANSWER KEY						
1. (2)	21. (4)	41. (3)	61. (4)	81. (1)		
2. (3)	22. (1)	42. (1)	62. (5)	82. (4)		
3. (1)	23. (2)	43. (5)	63. (4)	83. (4)		
4. (5)	24. (2)	44. (2)	64. (3)	84. (5)		
5. (2)	25. (4)	45. (4)	65. (1)	85. (2)		
6. (1)	26. (4)	46. (2)	66. (1)	86. (2)		
7. (4)	27. (1)	47. (4)	67. (3)	87. (2)		
8. (5)	28. (3)	48. (1)	68. (2)	88. (4)		
9. (5)	29. (2)	49. (2)	69. (1)	89. (4)		
10. (4)	30. (5)	50. (3)	70. (5)	90. (2)	E.	
11. (3)	31. (5)	51. (3)	71. (2)	91. (3)	1. 	
12. (1)	32. (5)	52. (5)	72. (1)	92. (2)		
13. (2)	33. (2)	53. (2)	73. (4)	93. (5)		
14. (1)	34. (5)	54. (4)	74. (2)	94. (3)	5	
15. (3)	35. (2)	55. (4)	75. (1)	95. (4)		
16. (1)	36. (3)	56. (2)	76. (2)	96. (3)		
17. (2)	37. (4)	57. (3)	77. (2)	97. (5)		
18. (3)	38. (2)	58. (5)	78. (2)	98. (3)		
19. (3)	39. (1)	59. (4)	79. (3)	99. (3)	-	
20. (3)	40. (2)	60. (1)	80. (1)	100. (2)		
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1. (2) Played down something means ' to make something seem less important than or not as bad as it really is'. So, the given clause means that Finance Ministers and central bank Governors are not much fearful about a slowing global economy.

Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.

- 2. (3) In the first paragraph, it is said that *Finance ministers and central bank Governors played down fears about a slowing global economy* while the second paragraph says that *the IMF has consistently emphasised a cautious stance on the current growth trajectory for some months.* So, the contrast is that while the Finance ministers and central bank Governors are optimistic about global economy, the IMF fears and emphasised a cautious stance on the current growth trajectory. Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.
- 3. (1) The answer to the question can be inferred from the last paragraph where it is mentioned that ' ... the IMF forecasts growth to touch 3.6% in 2020, lower than earlier estimates. That would be underpinned by tepid growth in

the advanced world and hopes of a stable Chinese environment.'

Underpin means ' *justify, support or form the basis for*'. Tepid means lukewarm;

So, tepid growth in the advanced world and hopes of a stable Chinese environment underpins or supports the IMF forecast to touch 3.6% in 2020.

Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.

4. (5) The answer to the question can be inferred from the last paragraph where it is mentioned that ' the potential for an acceleration depends on Argentina and Turkey climbing out of a recession, besides a precarious rebound in other emerging and developing economies.' So, both options (1) and (2) are correct. Hence, option (5) is the correct answer.

The answer to the question can be inferred from the fifth paragraph where it is mentioned that '*During last week's meeting, the view among Finance Ministers was that the IMF was painting a rather grim picture of the world economy*'. Also, last week's meeting was the latest meeting among Finance Minister.

Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.

Dichotomy means a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; Among the given options, only option (1) illustrates a dichotomy.

Also, it is mentioned in the third paragraph that 'Christine Lagarde said that whereas two years ago, 75% of the global economy experienced an upswing, the expectation this annum is for a slump in 70% of the world economy'. Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.

Recede [verb] means ' moving back or further away from a pervious position'; 'withdraw'; 'diminish';

Maintaining [verb] means ' to assert'; Intimate [verb] means ' to suggest something subtly';

Chastise [verb] means ' to reprimand harshly';

Galvanise [verb] means ' to excite or inspire (someone) to action';

From above, it can be understood that the word 'extending' has a meaning which is OPPOSITE to the meaning of the word 'receding'.

Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.

8. (5) Slump [noun] means ' a sudden severe or prolonged fall in the price, value, or amount of something';

Ascent [noun] means ' a climb or walk to the summit of a mountain or hill'; ' an upward slope or path that one may walk or climb';

Aberration [noun] means 'a deviation from what is normal or expected';

Calumny [noun] means ' making of a false statement meant to injure a person's reputation';

Venality [noun] means ' the condition of being susceptible to bribes or corruption';

Predilection [noun] means ' a strong liking';





From above, it can be inferred that the word 'ascent' has a meaning which is OPPOSITE to the meaning of the word 'slump'.

Hence, option (5) is the correct answer.

9. (5) Tepid [adjective] means ' (especially of a liquid) only slightly warm; lukewarm; showing little enthusiasm'; Innocuous [adjective] means ' harmless and doesn't produce any ill effects';

Parsimonious [adjective] means '*extremely frugal; miserly*';

Restive [adjective] means ' restless';

Commensurate [adjective] means ' to be in proportion or corresponding in degree or amount';

From above, it can be inferred that the word 'lukewarm' has a meaning which is SIMILAR to the meaning of the word 'tepid'.

Hence, option (5) is the correct answer.

10. (4) Precarious [adjective] means ' not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse';
 Equivocal [adjective] means ' confusing or ambiguous';

Wanting [adjective] means ' lacking';

Veracious [adjective] means ' truthful';

Involved [adjective] means ' complicated and difficult to comprehend';

From above, it can be inferred that the word 'uncertain' has a meaning which is SIMILAR to the meaning of the word 'precarious'.

Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.

 Among the given starters, the starters (i) and (ii) successfully connect the sentences (I) and (II) and forms a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.

Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.

'Shortly before noon on March 27, India carried out a successful test of an Anti-Satellite (ASAT) weapon, launching an interceptor missile from the Balasore range in Odisha to hit a live satellite in Low Earth Orbit.'

'By Launching an interceptor missile from the Balasore range in Odisha to hit a live satellite in Low Earth Orbit, India carried out a successful test of an Anti-Satellite (ASAT) weapon'

12. (1) Among the given starters, the starters (i) successfully connect the sentence (I) and (II), making a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.

(II) is not a reason for (I), so the starter 'because' can't be used. Nor 'beside' can be used because (II) reflects the opinion of a person about (I)

Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.

'The Central government's decision to suspend trade across the Line of Control between Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is bad in conception, and comes at a particularly fraught time.'

13. (2) Among the given starters, the starters (i) and (iii) successfully connect the sentence (I) and (II), making a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.

(I) and (II) reflect two qualities which Mr. Khan possesses. The ways mentioned in (i) and (iii) can be used to connect (I) and (II).

Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.

'Not only is Mr. Khan is considered to be close to the guardians of the Pakistani state but he also possesses the 'mandate' to redraw borders'.

'Mr. Khan, who is considered to be close to the guardians of the Pakistani state, possesses the 'mandate' to redraw borders.'

14. (1) Among the given starters, the starter (i) successfully connect the sentence (I) and (II) to make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.

'Although' can't be used because (I) and (II) are contrasting each other but complement each other.

 $^{\prime} \text{If}^{\prime}$ is also not applicable because there is no supposition in either (I) or (II).

Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.

'Rishabh Pant played a blistering knock (78 not out, 36b) to lead Delhi Capitals to a six-wicket win with four balls to spare.'

(I) and (II) contrast each other, so 'while' can be used for connecting (I) and (II). Because neither (I) nor (II) is a reason for another, 'because' and 'as' can't be used as starters.

Among the given starters, the starter (ii) successfully connect the sentence (I) and (II) to make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence. Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.

'While a 2-2 result for CSK after four away matches is not bad, considering the team has been unbeatable on home soil, the last few matches have highlighted a problem the team has been facing since the start of the season — lack of runs at the top.'

16. (1) The part (A) is erroneous. Instead of 'surely', 'sure' should be used because 'felt' is a Past form of 'feel' and 'feel' is a Copula Verb after which an adjective follows, not an adverb.

Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.

- 17. (2) The part (B) is erroneous. Instead of 'then', 'than' should be used because 'after 'No sooner', 'than' is used. Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.
- The part (C) is erroneous. Instead of 'was', 'had' should be used.

Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.

19. (3) The part (C) is erroneous. Instead of 'have', 'had' should be used because in the sentence, the tense of the Reporting Speech 'Prashant exclaimed' is in Past Tense. When Reporting Clause is in Past Tense, then in Indirect Narration, 'have' is changed to 'had'.

Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.

- 20. (3) The part (C) is erroneous. 'With' won't be used after 'marries'. Please keep in mind that 'marry' as a main verb directly takes object.
 Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.
- 21. (4) The part (D) is erroneous. The usage of 'by all' is superfluous because universally itself means 'By everyone; in every case.'
 Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.
- 22. (1) The part (A) is erroneous. Instead of 'have been adoring', 'have adored' should be used because 'adore, admire, believe, rely, trust, hope' etc. are not used in continuous or perfect continuous tense. These verbs are generally used in Simple Tense or Perfect Tense. Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.
- 23. (2) The part (B) is erroneous. Instead of 'Milton's all great poems', it should be 'all the great poems of Milton' so to establish a coherent between Antecedent (Milton) and the Relative Pronoun (who). According to English



grammar, Antecedent should be close to Relative Pronoun.

Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.

- 24. (2) The part (B) is erroneous. Instead of 'others', 'other' should be used. In phrases like any other/ all other/ most other, 'other' is never used in plural form. Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.
- 25. (4) The part (D) is erroneous. Instead of 'move', 'moving' should be used because when two verbs are connected through 'and', then their 'form' remain same. Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.
- 26. (4) Vehemently [adverb] means 'in a forceful, passionate, or intense manner; with great feeling'; Repercussions means an unintended consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one. The use of 'while' reflect contrast between two features. The first feature is 'some have intent to destroy Gulliver' The second feature should be 'others support him passionately'. Among the given words, the word 'vehemently' provides

the correct context to the blank. Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.

- 27. (1) extract [verb] means 'free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty'; Insurgent [adjective] means 'seeking or intended to subvert an established system or institution'; What could be a reason for the King to disband the assembly? The likely answer is if the King thinks that the members are indulging in activities to overthrow him. Among the given options, the word 'insurgent' provides the correct context to the blank.
- Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.
 28. (3) Zealot [noun] means 'a person who is fanatical and uncompromising in pursuit of their religious, political, or

other ideals.' Addiction [noun] means 'the fact or condition of being

addicted to a particular substance or activity'; If there were more casinos around an area, then there is likelihood that people living near the area would become

addicted to gambling. Among the given options, the word 'addiction' provides

the correct context to the blank.

Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.

29. (2) Uninspired [adjective] means 'offering nothing that is stimulating or challenging; bland';

Intricate [adjective] means 'very complicated or detailed';

Corporeal [adjective] means 'relating to a person's body, especially as opposed to their spirit';

The context of the sentence can be understood through the words 'spirit' and 'decay'. In the context of spirit, a body can be decayed.

Among the given options, the word 'corporeal' provides the correct context to the blank.

Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.

 30. (5) Audacity [noun] means 'a willingness to take bold risks'; Looms [verb] means '(of an event regarded as threatening) seem about to happen'; Recession [noun] means 'a period of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activity are reduced, generally identified by a fall in GDP in two successive quarters';

Unemployment generally rises during recession.

Among the given options, the word 'recession' provides the correct context to the blank.

Hence, option (5) is the correct answer.

31. (5) I. $x^2 + 9x - 22 = 0$ $\Rightarrow x^2 + 11x - 2x - 22 = 0$ $\Rightarrow (x + 11) (x - 2) = 0$ $\Rightarrow x = -11, 2$ II. $2y^2 - 7y + 6 = 0$ $\Rightarrow 2y^2 - 4y - 3y + 6 = 0$ $\Rightarrow 2y(y-2)-3(y-2) = 0$ $\Rightarrow (y-2) (2y-3) = 0$ $\Rightarrow y = 2, \frac{3}{2}$ No relation

	No relation
32. (5)	I. $2y^2 - 13y - 34 = 0$ $\Rightarrow 2y^2 - 17y + 4y - 34 = 0$ $\Rightarrow y(2y-17) + 2(2y-17) = 0$ $\Rightarrow (2y-17) (y+2) = 0$ $\Rightarrow y = \frac{17}{2}, -2$ II. $3x^2 - 11x - 20 = 0$ $\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 15x + 4x - 20 = 0$ $\Rightarrow 3x (x-5) + 4(x-5) = 0$ $\Rightarrow (x-5) (3x + 4) = 0$ $\Rightarrow x = 5, \frac{-4}{3}$ No relation
33. (2)	I. $x^4 = 256$
34. (5)	$\Rightarrow x = \pm 4$ II. $y^2 - 16y + 64 = 0$ $\Rightarrow (y - 8)^2 = 0$ $\Rightarrow y = 8$ y > x I. $x^2 - 46x + 528 = 0$
	$\Rightarrow x^{2} - 24 x - 22x + 528 = 0$ $\Rightarrow (x-24) (x-22) = 0$ $\Rightarrow x = 24, 22$ II. y ² -48y+572 = 0 y ² -26y-22y+572=0 (y-26) (y-22) = 0 y = 26, 22 No relation
35. (2)	I. $2x + 3y = 4$ II. $4x + 5y = 6$ Solving eq. (I) and (II), $(2x + 3y = 4) \times 2$ 4x + 5y = 6 y = 2 Put $y = 2$ in eq. (I), 2x + 6 = 4 $\Rightarrow x = -1$

- 36. (3) y > x? = 29 + 170 - 115= 84
- = 84 $37. (4) ?² = <math>\frac{40}{100} \times 420 + \frac{44}{100} \times 200$ = 168 + 88= 256 $\Rightarrow ? = + 16$
- $38. (2) \qquad \frac{20}{100} \times ? = 1098 \\ \Rightarrow ? = 5490$

39. (1)
$$\frac{3^{4(?+2)}}{10^{4(?+2)}} = \frac{3^{3} \times 3^{2} \times 3^{3}}{10^{3} \times 10^{2} \times 10^{3}}$$
$$(0.3)^{4(?+2)} = \frac{3^{8}}{10^{8}} = (0.3)^{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(? + 2) = 8$$

 $\Rightarrow ? = 0$

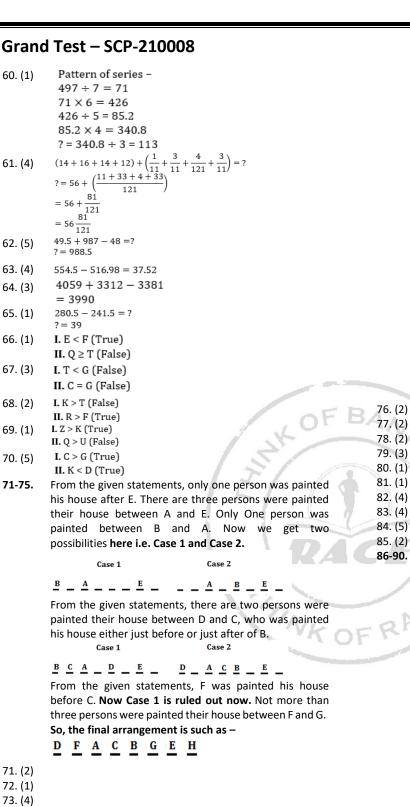
40. (2) ? = 12 + 28 + 36 - 8= 76 - 8 = 68



Let length & breadth of Rectangular 41. (3) park are 'a' meter and 'b' meter respectively. ATQ, $a^2 + b^2 = (26)^2$ $a^2 + b^2 = 676$... (i) and 2(a + b) = 68 a + b = 34 $a^2 + b^2 + 2ab = 1156$.. (ii) using (i) in (ii) 2ab = 1156 - 676 2ab = 480 Area of park (ab) = $\frac{480}{2}$ = 240m² Rate of interest (x) = $\frac{910 - 845}{845} \times 100 = \frac{65}{845} \times 100 = 7\frac{9}{13}$ % Total CI = 910 + 845 = Rs. 1755 42. (1) Let 'p' amount was invested C.I. = $P\left[\left(1 + \frac{R}{100}\right)^T - 1\right]$ $1755 = P\left[\left(1+\frac{1}{12}\right)^2 - 1\right]$ $1755 = P \times \frac{27}{169}$ $P = \frac{1755 \times 169}{27} = Rs. \ 10985$ 43. (5) Time taken by train to cross a pole $=\frac{1}{1200} \times 60 \times 60 = 3$ sec. BAN When speed is constant then ratio of time taken is directly proportional to Distance covered So, Ratio of length of train to length of (train + tunnel) ⇒ 3 : 10 Let length of train = 3x Length of tunnel = 10x - 3x = 7xATQ, 7x - 3x = 2004x = 200 So, 3x = 150 meter Speed of train = $\frac{150}{3}$ = 50m/sec. Let Cost price = Rs. 100x 44. (2) Then M.R.P = $100x \times \frac{140}{100}$ = Rs. 140x Selling price = $140x \times \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{9}{10} = \text{Rs. } 108x$ ATQ (140x - 108x) - (108x - 100x) = 2424x = 24 x = 1So, 140x = Rs. 140 45. (4) Minimum amount will be when all coins are one-rupee coin Required probability = $\frac{{}^7C_3}{{}^{22}C_3} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{22 \times 21 \times 20} = \frac{1}{44}$ Required ratio = $\frac{\frac{400}{6}}{\frac{200}{200}} = \frac{2}{1}$ 46. (2) Required percentage = $\frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{6}{260}} \times 100$ 47. (4) $=\frac{850}{13}\%=65\frac{5}{13}\%$ Required average 48. (1) $=\frac{320+240+420+170}{2}=287.5 \, km$ 4 Required percentage = $\frac{240-200}{200} \times 100$ 49. (2) $=\frac{40}{200} \times 100 = 20\%$ Required difference = $\frac{360}{6} - \frac{240}{6}$ 50. (3) = 60 - 40 $= 20 \ km/hr$

circumference of circle of radius 51. (3) $r' = 2\pi r = 22\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}$ $\Rightarrow 2\pi r = 22 \times 2$ $r = 7 \ cm$ Area of circle $(\pi r^2) = \frac{22}{7} \times 7 \times 7$ $= 154 \ cm^2$ let no of first, second and third type of items 52. (5) are 2x, 3x and 4x respectively Total cost price $= 2x \times 300 + 3x \times 500 + 4x \times 700 = Rs.4900x$ Total profit $= 600x \times \frac{10}{100} + 1500x \times \frac{5}{100} + 2800x \times \frac{4}{100} = Rs.247x$ Overall profit percentage = $\frac{247x}{4900x} \times 100 \approx 5\%$ 53. (2) let total time of investment = 60t months Ratio of profit of A, B and C $5 \times 60t \times \frac{1}{12} : 3 \times 60t \times \frac{1}{5} : 7 \times 60t \times \frac{1}{15}$ ⇒ 25: 36: 28 ATQ (36 - 28)units = Rs.800Then, 25 units = Rs. 2500 Let the length be 5x cm 54. (4) And breadth = 4x cm ATQ, $5x \times 4x - (5x + 3) \left(4x \times \frac{5}{8}\right) = 150$ $\Rightarrow 20x^2 - (5x + 3) \times \frac{5x}{2} = 150$ $\Rightarrow 20x^2 - \frac{25x^2}{2} - \frac{15x}{2} = 150$ $\Rightarrow 15x^2 - 15x = 300$ $\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 20 = 0$ $\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 4x - 20 = 0$ $\Rightarrow x (x - 5) + 4 (x - 5) = 0$ ⇒ x = 5 Required perimeter = $2(5x + 4x) = 2 \times 9 \times 5 = 90$ cm let average of seven no. = a 55. (4 Then, average of first three no. = a + 11 ATQ $3(a + 11) + 89 + a - 8 + a - 5 + a - 29 = 7 \times a$ 6a + 80 = 7aa = 80So, *a* + 11 = 91 Pattern of series is addition of successive prime numbers 56. (2) 726 + 73 = 799 799 + 79 = 878 878 + 83 = 961 961 + 89 = 1050 ? = 1050 + 97 = 1147 57. (3) Pattern of series - $234 + (6^3 + 1) = 451$ 451 + (83 + 2) = 965 965 + (10³ + 3) = 1968 1968 + (123 + 4) = 3700 $? = 3700 + (14^3 + 5) = 6449$ 58. (5) Pattern of series - $48 \times 0.5 + 4 = 28$ $28 \times 1 + 8 = 36$ $36 \times 1.5 + 16 = 70$ $70 \times 2 + 32 = 172$ $? = 172 \times 2.5 + 64 = 494$ 59. (4) Pattern of series - $12 + (84 \times 5) = 432$ $432 + (84 \times 4) = 768$ $768 + (84 \times 3) = 1020$ $1020 + (84 \times 2) = 1188$ $? = 1188 + (84 \times 1) = 1272$

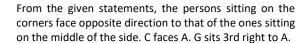


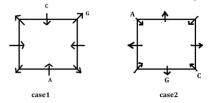


- 63. (4)
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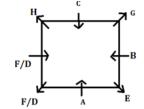
71. (2)

- 74. (2)
- 75. (1) 76-80.



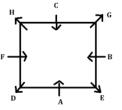


From the given statements, the one sitting 5th right to the one who is 3rd left to A does not sit at the corner. So, case2 gets eliminated. H sits opposite to E. E and B are immediate left to each other. F and D are immediate neighbors of each other.



From the given statements, the one sitting immediate left to D does not face outside.

So, the final arrangement will be: -



From the given statements, there are three boxes gap between T and S. There are three boxes gap between T and X. Here we get two possibilities i.e. Case 1 and Case

Case 1	Case
Boxes	Boxes
S	Х
Т	Т
Х	S

From the given statements, Box P was placed just above the Box U. There are two boxes gap between Q and U. There is one box gap between R and Q. There are more than three boxes gap between P and R.

The number of boxes above of W is one more than the number of boxes placed below V. Box W was placed above V.

Case 1 Case 2		
Boxes	Boxes	
S	Х	
Р	Р	
U	U	
W	W	
Т	Т	
Q	Q	
V	V	
R	R	
Х	S	



From the given statements, there are more than three boxes gap between S and V. Here Case 2 is ruled out now.

So, the final arrangement will be like this-

