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COMPLETE MEMORY BASED PAPER (22-FEB-2020)



English Section

Directions for Questions 1 to 2: In the following question, a word has been given and there are three ways in which the word or one of its forms has been used. You need to see which of the sentence(s) has/have correctly used the given word and mark your answer accordingly.

1. HOSTILE

I. The land was rough and **hostile**, and yet they made much progress, and ever the Mountain drew nearer.

II. He knew of the many stories of friends and relatives who, in the harsh glare of life abroad, became unreliable, even **hostile**, versions of their former selves.

III. I am absolutely sure that we live in a **hostile** universe that is always conspiring for our highest and greatest good.

(1) Only II and III

(2) Only I

(3) Only I and II

(4) Only III

(5) All I, II

and III

Answer key:

3 Solution:

Hostile(adjective)- showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly; opposed and harmful. The word fits in (I) and (II). But in (III), the word does not fit contextually. The sentence talks of a universe which is conspiring for our highest and greatest good; 'benevolent' or 'helpful' or any other word on the same theme will fit in place of 'hostile'. Option C is the correct answer.

2. VAGUE

I. As with so much of the language in the wellness and beauty industries, the language treads a fine line between being scientific-sounding and **vague** enough to avoid legal action.

II. There are a number of theories, but no **vague** answer.

III. Below the clouds I see **vague** ridges of mountains and dark forests.

(1) Only II and III

(2) Only I

(3) Only I and II

(4) Only I and III

(5) All I, II

and III

Answer key:

4 Solution:

Vague(adjective)- of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning; thinking or communicating in an unfocused or imprecise way. It fits correctly in (I) and (III), but it is contextually incorrect in (II). 'Vague' does not fit into (II) correctly; the sentence talks about a number of theories and then proceeds with a contrast. 'Definite' would be appropriate in the given statement. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

Directions for Questions 3 to 7: In the question below, a sentence is given with four words highlighted in bold. One of these four words may either be wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. If all the words are correctly spelt and appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark (E) as your answer.

3. A **monument** in **remember** of the St Lucian **soldiers** lost in the Second World War was **erected** years ago.

(1) Monument

(2) Soldiers

(3) Remember

(4) Erected

(5) All are correct

Answer key: 3

Solution:

The usage of 'remember' is grammatically incorrect in the given sentence. 'Of' shows a belongingness and a noun ('remembrance') would precede before the said preposition and not a verb 'remember'. Hence, option c) is the right answer.

4. **Football** is the world's most **popular** ball game in numbers of **participants** and **spectators**.

- (1) Popular
- (2) Participants
- (3) Spectators
- (4) Football
- (5) All are correct

Answer key: 4

Solution:

The correct spelling of the first emboldened word is 'football' which refers to the game played between two teams of eleven people, where each team tries to win by kicking a ball into the other team's goal. Hence, d) is the correct answer.

5. **Parliament** is debating a **proposition** which would **prohibit** smoking in public **plases**.

- (1) Proposition
- (2) Parliament
- (3) Plases
- (4) Prohibit
- (5) All are correct

Answer key: 3

Solution:

The correct spelling of the fourth emboldened word is 'places' which refers to an area, building, etc. Hence, c) is the correct answer.

6. **Economists** have looked at factors that increase **animocity** between the rich and poor and **situations** in which they can live **harmoniously**.

- (1) Economists
- (2) Animocity
- (3) Harmoniously
- (4) Situations
- (5) All are correct

Answer key: 2

Solution:

The correct spelling of the second emboldened word is 'animosity' which means strong dislike, opposition or anger. Hence, b) is the correct answer.

7. The **disappearance** of tens of thousands of **flights** from China's **skies** in recent weeks points to how the coronavirus has **hobbled** a nation.

- (1) Disappearance
- (2) Flights
- (3) Skies
- (4) Hobbled
- (5) All are correct

Answer key: 5

Solution:

All the emboldened words are correctly spelt in the given sentence. Hence, e) is the correct answer.

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Reasoning Section

Directions for Questions 1 to 5: Study the following information and answer the given questions. Eight people, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, are seated around a circular table, facing the centre.

Two persons are seated between A and B, where B sits towards the right of A. A sits second to the left of C. Number of people seated between A and C equals the number of people seated between C and D. Both F and C are not immediate neighbours of H. H sits second to the right of G.

1. Who among the following is an immediate neighbour of C?

- (1) E
- (2) G
- (3) F
- (4) G
- (5) None of the above

Answer key: 3

Solution:

F is an immediate neighbour of C.

2. Who sits opposite to H?

- (1) C
- (2) D
- (3) A
- (4) B
- (5) None of the above

Answer key: 4

Solution:

B sits opposite to H.

3. In which position is D seated with respect to A?

- (1) 2nd to the left
- (2) 2nd to the right
- (3) 3rd to the right
- (4) 4th to the left
- (5) None of the above

Answer key: 4

Solution:

D sits 4th to the left of A.

4. How many people are seated between E and F, when counted clockwise direction from F?

- (1) 3
- (2) 4
- (3) 2
- (4) Cannot be determined
- (5) More than 4

Answer key: 3

Solution:

Two people are seated between E and F, when counted clockwise direction from F.

5. _____ sits 3rd to the right of H?

- (1) G
- (2) A
- (3) C
- (4) D
- (5) E

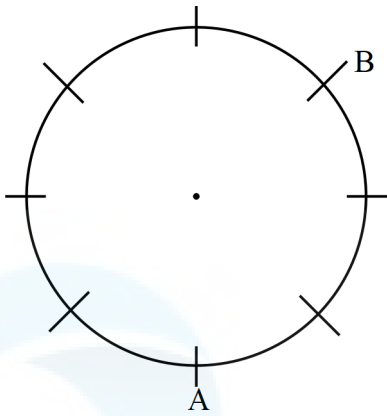
Answer key: 3

Solution:

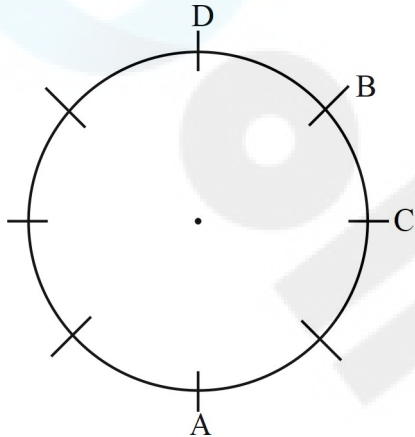
C sits 3rd to the right of H.

Common solution:

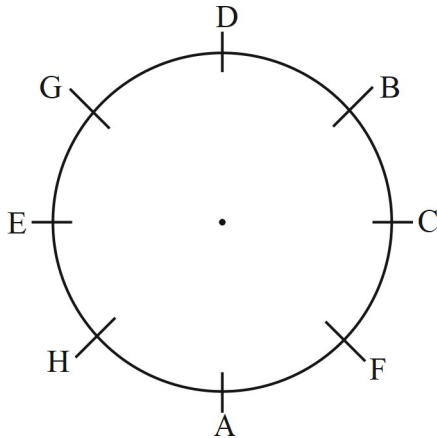
Two persons are seated between A and B, B sits towards the right of A.



Number of people seated between A and C equals the number of people seated between C and D.
A sits second to the left of C.



H sits second to the right of G.
Both F and C are not immediate neighbours of H.

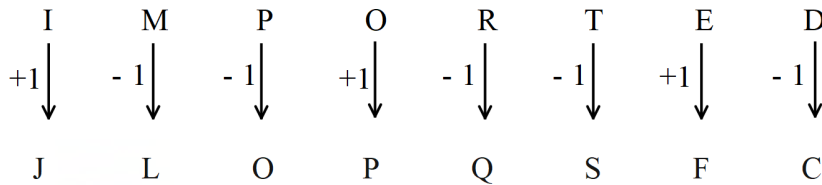


Directions for Questions 6 to 7: Study the following information and answer the given questions.

6. In the word 'IMPORTED', if all the vowels are replaced by the next letter and the consonants by the previous letter as per the English Alphabetical series, then arrange the letters of the newly formed word in English alphabetical order from the left to the right, then what will be the 5th letter from the left?
- (1) L
 - (2) P
 - (3) O
 - (4) J
 - (5) Q

Answer key: 3

Solution



Arranging the letters in alphabetical order from the left to the right, we have C F J L O P Q S. Hence, the 5th letter from the left end of the word is O.

7. In the word 'OBJECTS', there are how many pair of letters which are in the same order as in the original sequence of English Alphabetical series (in both forward and backward directions)?

- (1) 1
- (2) 0
- (3) 2
- (4) 3
- (5) More than 3

Answer key: 3

Solution:



Hence, there are two pair of letters which are in the same order as in the original sequence of English Alphabetical series in both forward and backward directions.

Directions for Questions 8 to 9: Study the following information and answer the given questions.

E is 15m to the South of B. C is 20m to the West of B. D is 25m to the North of C. A is 35m to the West of D. S is 15m to the West of G. G is 20m to the South of A.

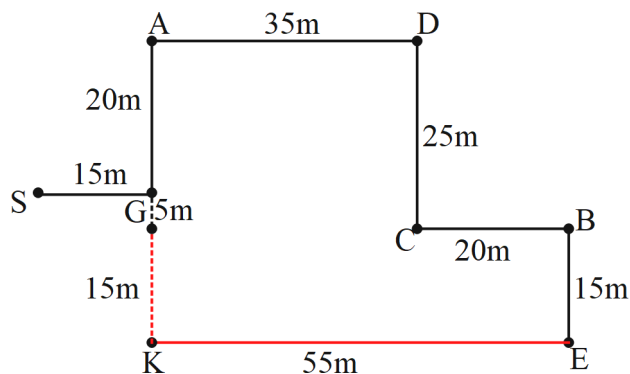
8. If K is placed at 55m to the West of E, then what is the distance between K and G?

- (1) 20m
- (2) 15m
- (3) 35m
- (4) 25m
- (5) None of the above

Answer key: 1

Solution:

$$CD - AG = 5m$$



9. What is the direction of B with respect to S?

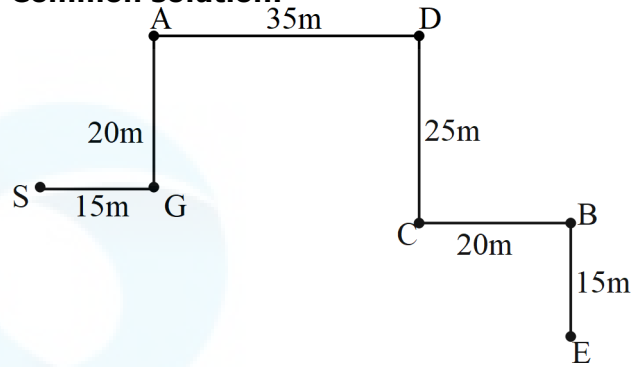
- (1) South
- (2) North-East
- (3) West
- (4) East
- (5) South-East

Answer key: 5

Solution:

B is to the South-East of S.

Common solution:



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Quantitative Aptitude Section

1. 400, 394, 378, 352, 316, ?

- (1) 290
- (2) 280
- (3) 270
- (4) 260
- (5) 250

Answer key: 3

Solution:

Logic in the series:

$$400 - 6 = 394$$

$$394 - 16 = 378$$

$$378 - 26 = 352$$

$$352 - 36 = 316$$

$$316 - 46 = 270$$

2. 18, 31, 42, 49, 54, ?

- (1) 56
- (2) 57
- (3) 60
- (4) 60
- (5) 64

Answer key: 2

Solution:

Logic in the series:

$$18 + 13 = 31$$

$$31 + 11 = 42$$

$$42 + 7 = 49$$

$$49 + 5 = 54$$

$$54 + 3 = 57$$

3. 6, 8, 14, 26, 46, ?

- (1) 84
- (2) 82
- (3) 80
- (4) 78
- (5) 76

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Answer key: 5

Solution:

Logic in the series:

6 8 14 26 46 76
 2 6 12 20 30
 4 6 8 10

Hence, missing term of the series = 76

4. 76, 80, 107, 123, ?, 284

(1) 248

(2) 250

(3) 252

(4) 254

(5) 256

Answer key: 1

Solution:

Logic in the series:

$$76 + 2^2 = 80$$

$$80 + 3^3 = 107$$

$$107 + 4^2 = 123$$

$$123 + 5^3 = 248$$

$$248 + 6^2 = 284$$

5. 72000, 36000, 12000, 3000, 600, ?

(1) 180

(2) 160

(3) 150

(4) 120

(5) 100

Answer key: 5

Solution:

Logic in the series:

$$72000 \div 2 = 36000$$

$$36000 \div 3 = 12000$$

$$12000 \div 4 = 3000$$

$$3000 \div 5 = 600$$

$$600 \div 6 = 100$$

Directions for Questions 6 to 10: Table give below shows the number of male and female employees in five different companies:

Companies	Male employees	Female employees
A	500	250
B	200	350
C	400	300
D	250	800
E	750	400

6. What is the average number of female employees in companies C, D and E together? (1) 600

(2) 400

(3) 500

(4) 700

(5) 300

Answer key: 3

Solution:

Total number of female employees in companies C, D and E together = $300 + 800 + 400 = 1500$

Required average = $1500/3 = 500$

7. What is the difference between total male employees in companies B and C together and female employees in company E?

(1) 200
(2) 250
(3) 150
(4) 120
(5) 180

Answer key: 1

Solution:

Total male employees in companies B and C together = $200 + 400$
= 600 Female employees in company E = 400
Required difference = $600 - 400 = 200$

8. Total male employees in companies A, B and C together is approximately what percent less than the female employees in companies A, B and D together?

(1) 13%
(2) 31%
(3) 17%
(4) 27%
(5) 21%

Answer key: 5

Solution:

Total male employees in companies A, B and C together = $500 + 200 + 400 = 1100$
Total female employees in companies A, B and D together = $250 + 350 + 800 = 1400$
Difference = $1400 - 1100 = 300$
Required percent = $(300/1400) * 100 = 21\%$

9. What is the ratio of male employees in companies D and E together to the female employees in companies B and E together?

(1) 3: 2
(2) 8: 7
(3) 5: 2
(4) 4: 3
(5) 7: 3

Answer key: 4

Solution:

Male employees in companies D and E together = $250 + 750 = 1000$
Female employees in companies B and E together = $350 + 400 = 750$
Required ratio = $1000: 750 = 4: 3$

10. Total number of employees in company C is how much less than the total employees in company E?

(1) 350
(2) 450
(3) 250
(4) 400
(5) 300

Answer

key: 2

Solution:

Total number of employees in company C = $400 + 300 = 700$
Total number of employees in company E = $750 + 400 = 1150$
Required difference = $1150 - 700 = \text{Rs.}450$

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