Verbal ability/Verbal reasoning/ Grammar/ Vocabulary

Directions for questions 1 to 3: Each question has a sentence with TWO blanks followed by four parts of words as choices. From the choices, select the pair of words that can best complete the given sentence.

1. The best punctuation is that of which the reader is least conscious; for when punctuation, or lack of it, ___________ itself, it is usually because it ________
   A) obtrudes, offends  B) conceals, recedes  C) enjoins, fails  D) effaces, counts

2. The U.S chamber which is prepared to organize public debates to __________ the myths about outsourcing, says that to create jobs it is ________ that America remains open to the world economy where 95 percent of its potential customers live.
   A) shatter, immaterial  B) demolish, critical  C) develop, crucial  D) dismantle, incumbent

3. If smile is to __________ saunter is to __________
   A) laugh, stroll  B) succeed, fail  C) be mirthful, be tired  D) guffaw, sprint

Directions for questions 4 to 6 : Sentences given in each question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labeled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of the sentences from among the four given choices to construct a coherent paragraph.

4. I. In rejecting the functionalism in positivist organization theory, either wholly or partially, there is often a move towards a political model of organization theory.
   II. Thus, the analysis would shift to the power resources possessed by different groups in the organization and the way they use these resources in actual power plays to shape the organizational structure.
   III. At the extreme, in one set of writings, the growth of administrators in the organization is held completely unrelated to the work to be done and to be caused totally by the political pursuit of self interest.
   IV. The political model holds that individual interests are pursued in organizational life through the exercise of power and influence.
   A) I, IV, II, III  B) III, II, I, IV  C) IV, II, III, I  D) I, II, IV, III

5. I. Since then, intelligence tests have been mostly used to separate dull children in school from average or bright children, so that special education can be provided to the dull.
   II. In other words, intelligence tests give us a norm for each age.
   III. Intelligence is expressed as intelligence quotient, and tests are developed to indicate what an average child of a certain age can do... What a five year old can answer, but a four year old cannot, for instance.
   IV. Binet developed the first set of such tests in the early 1900s to find out which children in school needed special attention.
   V. Intelligence can be measured by tests.

6. I. Mahatma Gandhi rightly said that the prosperity of India depends upon the prosperity of her villages.
   II. He exhorted social workers saying that the emancipation of India lay in the emancipation of her villages.
   III. If we are really interested in national development, villages are to be given the first priority.
   IV. India is predominantly a rural society with about 70 % of the people living in rural areas and if things are determined as per majority, it may well be said that India lives in her village.
   A) IV, I, II, III  B) III, I, II, IV  C) III, I, IV, II  D) IV, II, I, III

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Directions for questions 7 to 10: A word and five jumbled choices are given. One of the choices, when properly arranged, gives the meaning of the word. Identify the correct choice and mark its number as your answer.

7. COUNSEL
   A) LIEPNE  B) OHSETNR  C) AGLEN  D) CIDVAE

8. CONQUEST
   A) FETEAD  B) TORCIVY  C) AEDDNM  D) TCONTCREA

9. LEWD
   A) DICENTEN  B) MFEEAIETNE  C) DOMEST  D) MUREDE

10. TEMERITY
    A) MGTIYIUAB  B) DUACIAYT  C) CIITEN  D) RDTMEOA

Directions for question 11 to 12: Each question has a sentence that is split into four parts. One of them has an error. Mark the number of the erroneous part as your answer. Mark (E) if there is no error.

11. Beside being/ a voracious leader/ he is also interested/ in classical music. No error.
    (A)                    (B)        (C) (D)                (E)

12. The only way in which / we can remove the cause / from suffering is by purifying the heart / and following the moral law. No error.
    (A)                    (B)        (C)                (D)        (E)

Directions for question 13 to 15: In each of the following questions, five jumbled words are given. Rearrange them and identify the word which is the ‘odd man’. Mark its number as your answer.

13. A) velerc  B) ginieItntle  C) tecua  D) rmseoo
14. A) oairicl  B) itnceeoataff  C) ofe  D) bleiama
15. A) smgolsoieis  B) gistrolouen  C) olnoiocstg  D) isogloecantyg

Directions for questions from 16 to 20: Each question has a set of four sequentially ordered statements. Each statement can be classified as one of the following.

Facts : which deal with pieces of information that one has heard, seen or read, and which are open to discovery or verification (the answer option indicates such a statement with an “F”).

Inferences : which are conclusions drawn about the unknown, on the basis of the known (the answer option indicates such a statement with an “I”)

Judgements : which are opinions that imply approval or disapproval of persons, objects, situations and occurrences in the past, the present or the future (the answer option indicates such a statement with a “J”)

16. I. China observed the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic on 1st October.
   II. The celebrations, which have been under preparation for more than a year, rival those of the Beijing Olympics.
   III. The expenses may seem lavish at a time when the rest of the world is just recovering from a financial crisis, but the fact is that China has a great deal to celebrate.
   IV. Despite major challenges, China has evolved into the world’s third most powerful economy.
   A) FIJF  B) FJIF  C) FIJI  D) FIFJ
17. I. Gandhian principles and thought do not seem to be very thought provoking for youngsters any more.
   II. Gujarat Vidyapith, established by the Mahatma in 1920, has seen a sharp drop in students over the years.
   III. It is mandatory for applicants to pass a test on Gandhian philosophy before getting admission in Vidyapith, not many are able to make it.
   IV. A cursory glance at the list of students also reveals another startling fact-not-a single of the 700 strong staff of the Vidyapith has reposed faith in the institute when it comes to educating their own children
   A) JFFI B) JJFI C) JFJJ D) JFFJ

18. I. Getting the right material is expected to be a major challenge for the export of roast and ground (R & G) or instant coffee from India.
   II. The country’s R and G coffee exports are miniscule at 200 tonnes against 1.79 lakh tone of green coffee exports.
   III. Given that there are a large number of NRI’s spread through out the globe, there is potential for instant coffee exports.
   IV. India, ranked the sixth largest coffee producer, should explore ways and means of improving its export performance-notably value added products like instant coffee.
   A) FFFJ B) FFJI C) FJIJ D) FFIJ

19. I. With people switching over from traditional to alternative therapies aspiring doctors too have changed track.
   II. Allopathy is no more the in-thing for wannabe doctors, or so it seems, if the rising popularity of Unani, Homeopathy and Ayurveda courses in the city is anything to go by.
   III. Believe it or not, there are as many as ten students vying for each seat for these courses now, while in the previous years many seats were left vacant.
   IV. While many of them have dollar dreams, there are also those who chose to stick to traditional medicine to cater to some people who still believe in this natural healing process.
   A) IIFF B) JIFJ C) JJFF D) IJFI

20. I. The Hindi film industry can never be rid of piracy as its tentacles are far too widespread across India, South East Asia and the Middle East.
   II. This does not mean that efforts to curb the menace have not been made over the years.
   III. Realising that the best chance to fight this menace is a stringent legal action, both government and the industry have stepped up action over the past few months.
   IV. Maharashtra has, as of July 16, under a new ordinance, included video piracy as an offence under the stringent Maharashtra Prevention of Dangerous Activities (MPDA)
   A) JFIF B) IJIF C) JFJI D) IFIF
Quantitative Aptitude

Directions for questions 21 to 40: Answer each of the questions independently:

21. The number of positive integer valued pairs (x,y) satisfying $4x - 17y = 1$ and $x \leq 1000$ is
   A) 59    B) 57    C) 55    D) 58

22. A child was asked to add first few natural numbers (i.e., $1 + 2 + 3 + \ldots$) so long his patience permitted. As he stopped, he gave the sum as 575. When the teacher declared the result wrong, the child discovered he had missed one number in the sequence during addition. The number he missed was
   A) Less than 10    B) 10    C) 15    D) more than 15

23. Each side of a given polygon is parallel to either the X or the Y axis. A corner of such a polygon is said to be convex if the internal angle is 90° or concave if the internal angle is 270°. If the number of convex corners in such a polygon is 25, the number of concave corners must be
   A) 20    B) 0    C) 21    D) 22

24. At a bookstore, ‘MODERN BOOK STORE’ is flashed using neon lights. The words are individually flashed at the intervals of $2\frac{1}{2}$s, $4\frac{3}{4}$s and $5\frac{1}{8}$s respectively, and each word is put off after a second. The least time after which the full name of the bookstore can be read again is
   A) 49.5 s    B) 73.5 s    C) 1744.5 s    D) 855 s

25. In one day series, Kumble, Harbhajan and Zaheer took a total of 21 wickets among the three of them. Kumble took more wickets than Harbhajan who took more wickets than Zaheer. Incidentally the numbers of wickets taken by them form an A.P. had Zaheer taken 1 more wicket, Harbhajan 2 more and Kumble 15 more wickets, the number of wickets taken by them would have been in G. P? Find the number of wickets taken by Kumble.
   A) 10    B) 12    C) 8    D) 11

26. Which of the following is false?
   A) $(255)^{49} < (250)^{50}$    B) $(240)^{38} < (234)^{39}$
   C) $(31)^{29} < (30)^{30}$    D) $(60)^{61} < (61)^{60}$

27. Seven boxes numbered 1 to 7 are arranged in a row. Each is to be filled by either a black or blue coloured balls such that no two adjacent boxes contain blue colored balls. In how many ways can the boxes be filled with the balls?
   A) 23    B) 42    C) 34    D) 33

28. Vinod picks up a card at random from a set of cards numbered 1 to 150. If the number on the card that he picks up is a multiple of 7, he wins Rs. 30. If it is a multiple of 13, he wins Rs. 60 and if it is a multiple of 7 and 13, he wins Rs. 100. In the long run, what is the amount Vinod will gain on an average, if he has to pay Rs. 5 as a participation fee for each draw?
   A) profit of Rs. 2.24    B) profit of Rs. 3.67
   C) loss of Rs. 5.00    D) loss of Rs. 3.33

29. Mangalam, a Maths historian observes the tip of the hour hand and minute hand of an ancient clock displayed on a pedestal at 6 o’clock from a point which is 2 m away from the pedestal. Using a sextant, he found the angles of elevation to be 45° and 60° respectively. The approximate value of the diameter of the dial in centimeters is
   A) 126.4    B) 63.2    C) 146.4    D) none of these

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