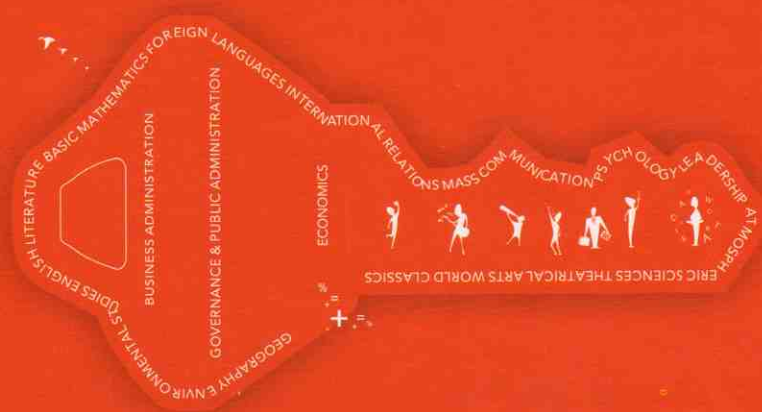




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QUESTION PAPER

TIME	: 120 MINUTES
NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	: 140
SECTIONS	: 04

Please open the Question Paper only when you are instructed to do so.
Rough work may be done in the margin of the Question Paper only.
Answer Sheet is provided separately.

Please use HB Pencil to blacken your choice of answer.

The Question Paper has to be returned with the Answer Sheet attached.

**The paper carries 4 sections.
The number of questions in each section are :**

SECTION - 1	VERBAL ABILITY	30 QUESTIONS
SECTION - 2	QUANTITATIVE ABILITY AND SCIENCE	20 QUESTIONS
SECTION - 3	LOGICAL REASONING	40 QUESTIONS
SECTION - 4	GENERAL AWARENESS	50 QUESTIONS

Directions: Read the following paragraph carefully and write briefly the words/expressions that are highlighted. Following the paragraph practice the five questions (1 to 5) given below according to the instructions given.

Comprehension

After writing several military articles, the young author found a happy and cheerful old farmer who was well known for his skill as an orator. The young man described the various techniques of oratory which he had picked up from his father and arranged them into a book. He said to the old man, "You are an orator, aren't you?" "I have been an orator since I was a boy," the old man replied. "You are an orator, aren't you?" "I have been an orator since I was a boy," the old man replied.

Content about the old farmer's technique, the change in his mind about the orator, until they reached a deep river, crossed by a rather flimsy and rickety old bridge. The orator, looking at the old man and certainly paying no heed to the old man's point of view, stepped back onto the old bridge and said to the old man, "Now it is your turn." He began to carefully step back onto the old bridge. Stepping with care and the orator's technique and looking at the old man, the young man said, "I have learned to step with care, don't you see?"

"You are an orator, aren't you?" the old man asked. "I have been an orator since I was a boy," the young man replied.

SECTION 1

1. Which of the following definitions do not match the meaning of the word given in brackets?

- A. Amused
- C. Terrified

VERBAL ABILITY

10. The word "orator" means a person who

- A. Always talks
- B. Gives a speech in public
- C. Does a play
- D. Travels

11. The idiom "to hit the bull's eye" means

- A. To achieve the target
- B. To get a bull
- C. To get much targets
- D. To get a target

12. Select the option which has a synonym of the word in brackets.

13. Vigorous, Forcefully, Blunt, Forceful

- A. Quiet, unobtrusive, long-drawn
- B. Vigorous, direct, forcible, unapologetic
- C. Beautiful, easy, simple, returns
- D. A strong, confident, serious

14. The lesson that the Zoo master taught the young teacher is that

- A. It is important to be well-prepared and organized
- B. It is important to be well-prepared and organized
- C. It is important to be well-prepared and organized
- D. It is important to be well-prepared and organized

Directions: Read the following paragraph /passage and note carefully the words/expressions that are highlighted. Following the paragraph/passage are five questions (1 to 5). Answer them according to the instructions given.

Concentration

After winning several archery contests, the young and rather boastful champion challenged a Zen master who was renowned for his skill as an archer. The young man demonstrated remarkable technical proficiency when he hit a distant bull's eye on his first try, and then split that arrow with his second shot. "There," he said to the old man, "see if you can match that!" Undisturbed, the master did not draw his bow, but rather motioned for the young archer to follow him up the mountain.

Curious about the old fellow's intentions, the champion followed him high into the mountain until they reached a deep chasm spanned by a rather flimsy and shaky log. Calmly stepping out onto the middle of the unsteady and certainly perilous bridge, the old master picked a far away tree as a target, drew his bow, and fired a clean, direct hit. "Now it is your turn," he said as he gracefully stepped back onto the safe ground. Staring with terror into the seemingly bottomless and beckoning abyss, the young man could not force himself to step out onto the log, no less shoot at a target.

"You have much skill with your bow," the master said, sensing his challenger's predicament, "but you have little skill with the mind that lets loose the shot."

1. Which of the following adjectives do not match the personality of the young archer?

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| A. Arrogant | B. Boastful |
| C. Terrified | D. Humble |

2. The Zen master took the young archer into

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| A. A hut in a village | B. Close to a deep chasm in the mountain |
| C. Onto a playground | D. Nowhere |

3. The idiom 'To hit the bull's eye' means

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| A. To achieve the best result possible | B. To hit a bull in the eye |
| C. To not reach the target | D. To work in a farm |

4. Select the option which has synonyms of this set of words.

Perilous; Proficient; Shaky; Flimsy

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| A. Great; incompetent; firm; clear | B. Dangerous; gifted; unstable; unconvincing |
| C. Beautiful; easy; sturdy; random | D. Access; jargon; shatter; movies. |

5. The lesson that the Zen master taught the young archer was that:

- A. it is important to be arrogant and immature
- B. it is good to be scared and fearful of challenges
- C. it is important to have skill and control over mind
- D. it is not good to be an archer

Directions: Read the following paragraph /passage and note carefully the words/expressions that are highlighted. Following the paragraph/passage are ten questions. Answer them according to the instructions given.

Even in an era of unprecedented global political thaw, the idea that North and South Korea might soon unify is difficult to absorb. Such is the legacy of distrust, subversion, death and intense ideological enmity that the temptation is to dismiss the notion as wishful thinking. Yet there is surprisingly widespread inclination to accept the idea as something more than just blather. Unification is clearly on the cards. For this, the primary requirement is reducing tension between the two Koreaes. Then, the North must accept U.N. safeguards accord regarding its nuclear facilities. Finally, South Korea should show flexibility, though Seoul should keep its eyes wide open. No nation has more reason than the South to be cautious.

In each question below (questions 6 to 10) a word/an expression, which is capitalized, is followed by four words/expressions numbered A to D. Select the word/expression that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the original word/expression as used in the passage.

6. UNPRECEDENTED

- A. Nonpareil B. Trite C. Unique D. Far-reaching

7. THAW

- A. Freeze B. Peace C. Enmity D. Tension

8. INTENSE

- A. Tense B. Superficial C. Profound D. Extensive

9. FLEXIBILITY

- A. Posturing B. Adaptability C. Rigidity D. Simplicity

10. CAUTIOUS

- A. Imprudent B. Incredulous C. Vigilant D. Unprotected

Direction: In each question below (questions 11 to 15) a word/an expression, which is capitalized, is followed by four words/expressions numbered A to D. Select the word/expression that is most nearly the same in meaning to the original word/expression as used in the passage.

11. IDEOLOGICAL

- A. Doctrinal B. Intellectual C. Emotional D. Deep-rooted

12. TEMPTATION

- A. Attraction B. Conviction C. Fascination D. Inclination

13. BLATHER

- A. Rumour B. Unrealistic dream C. Nonsense D. Wishful thinking.

14. ON THE CARDS

- A. As a gamble B. In the list C. Recorded D. Probable

15. SAFEGUARDS

- A. Non-proliferation B. Protective stipulations C. Controls D. Safety devices.

Directions: Each question below (16 to 20) carries a list of four words separated by semi-colons. This is followed by four alternatives, A to D, given as answer choices, only one of which goes with all the four words listed. Choose that word and mark your answer accordingly.

Solved Example:

Duty; heart; cow; rites

- A. Multiply B. Sacred C. Innocent D. Umbrella

The Answer is : B (SACRED)

Explanation:

- a) Sacred duty - duty that must not be violated.
 b) Sacred heart - The heart of Christ.
 c) Sacred cow - something immune from criticism.
 d) Sacred rites - religious rites

16. beetle; refined; head; man

- A. Factory B. Insect C. Top D. Lady

17. affairs; assets; prevailing; density

- A. reputation B. present C. mass D. current

18. predict; right; beautiful; priest

- A. father B. prophesy C. divine D. wrong

19. dish; mixture; cream; day

- A. salad B. sunny C. sauce D. night

20. immediately; head; shot; failure

- A. alert B. spin C. time D. drop

Directions: In each question given below (21 to 25) are given four different spellings of a word, only one of which is correct. Choose the correct option.

21. A. miscellaneous B. misselaneous C. miscelanium D. miscellaneous
 22. A. maneuver B. maneure C. manoeuver D. manoeuvre
 23. A. abattire B. abatwar C. abattoir D. abattoire
 24. A. accasionally B. occasionally C. ocassionaly D. occasionalli
 25. A. handkerchief B. hunkerrchif C. handkerchief D. handkerchif

Directions: Each of the following sentences (26 to 30) has a mistake in grammar, usage, diction (choice of words), or idiom. No sentence, however, contains more than one error. Each sentence has been broken up into four parts sequentially, A, B, C, and D. Choose the part that has the mistake. For determining your answer, follow the requirements of Standard Written English.

26. Identify the part which is grammatically incorrect:

- A. There is always enough jobs B. to do in our workshop
 C. and everybody is kept busy D. most of the time.

27. Identify the part which is grammatically incorrect:

- A. Ganges, which is one of B. the most important rivers in India,
 C. flows through a few states D. before it empties itself into the Bay of Bengal.

28. Identify the part which is grammatically incorrect:

- A. Although he is learning B. how to ride a horse
 C. for more than a year now D. he has not acquired any confidence as a rider.

29. Identify the part which is grammatically incorrect:

- A. Not one B. of these students of this class
 C. has ever sang D. in any competition before.

30. Identify the part which is grammatically incorrect:

- A. You are acquainted B. Of the rules
 C. And I should be glad D. If you would observe them.

