

# CDS - I 2018

## English Question Paper

### Directions:

Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word/words followed by four words. Select the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word/words and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

1. A truly respectable old man is a ripe person.  
A. senior                      B. mature  
C. perfect                     D. seasoned
2. The soldiers repulsed the enemy.  
A. defeated                  B. destroyed  
C. rejected                   D. repelled
3. She deftly masked her feelings.  
A. hid                         B. flaunted  
C. oblique                   D. obscured
4. Vendors must have license.  
A. One who drives a car  
B. One who works in a hospital  
C. One who is employed in food serving  
D. One engaged in selling
5. They will not admit children under fourteen.  
A. avow                      B. receive  
C. accept                     D. concede
6. The jewels have been stolen from her bedroom.  
A. embezzled                B. asserted  
C. yielded                    D. abdicated
7. The soldier showed an exemplary courage.  
A. flawed                     B. faulty  
C. ideal                       D. boisterous
8. They served fruits after the dinner.  
A. assisted                  B. obliged  
C. waited                   D. offered
9. The committee should recommend his name to the government.  
A. praise                     B. advise  
C. counsel                   D. suggest
10. Can medicines save us from death?  
A. hide                        B. rescue  
C. protect                    D. liberal

### Directions:

Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences namely A, B, C and D. You are required to re-arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly.

11. P: the British manufacturers  
Q: popularity of Indian textiles  
R: were jealous of the  
S: from the very beginning  
The correct sequence should be  
A. P Q R S                      B. S P Q R  
C. S P R Q                      D. Q R S P
12. P: dress fashions changed and light cotton  
Q: of the English  
R: textiles began to replace  
S: the coarse woollens  
The correct sequence should be  
A. P R S Q                      B. R S P Q  
C. Q P R S                      D. S P R Q
13. P: put pressure on their government  
Q: Indian goods in England  
R: the British manufacturers  
S: to restrict and prohibit  
The correct sequence should be  
A. P Q R S                      B. S P R Q  
C. R P S Q                      D. Q R S P
14. P: however  
Q: still held their own in foreign markets  
R: in spite of these laws  
S: Indian silk and cotton textiles  
The correct sequence should be  
A. Q P R S                      B. S P R Q  
C. S R P Q                      D. R P S Q
15. P: and it led to rapid economic development  
Q: the Industrial Revolution  
R: transformed the British  
S: society in a fundamental manner  
The correct sequence should be  
A. S P R Q                      B. Q P R S  
C. Q R S P                      D. S R P Q
16. P: Muhammad Iqbal  
Q: the philosophical and religious outlook of people through his poetry  
R: profoundly influenced  
S: one of the greatest poets of modern India  
The correct sequence should be  
A. Q R S P                      B. S R Q P  
C. S R P Q                      D. S P R Q
17. P: to accept any of the important  
Q: disillusionment  
R: demands of the nationalists produced  
S: the failure of the British government  
The correct sequence should be  
A. S P R Q                      B. P Q R S  
C. S R Q P                      D. Q R P S
18. P: showed that a backward  
Q: the rise of  
R: modern Japan after 1868  
S: Asian country could develop itself without Western control  
The correct sequence should be

19. A. P Q R S                      B. S R Q P  
 C. P R Q S                      D. Q R P S  
 P: and the current Hindu emphasis  
 Q: and urged the people to imbibe the spirit of free-thinking  
 R: on rituals, ceremonies and superstitions  
 S: Vivekananda condemned the caste system  
 The correct sequence should be  
 A. P Q R S                      B. S P R Q  
 C. S P Q R                      D. R P S Q
20. Mr. John  
 P: who was hardly six months old  
 Q: Charles R: as his son S: adopted  
 The correct sequence should be  
 A. S Q R P                      B. P S Q R  
 C. R S P Q                      D. P R S Q

**Directions:**

Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or group of words given after the sentence. Select the word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

21. In the face of the overwhelming mass \_\_\_\_\_ of evidence against him, we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ him of the crime.  
 A. punish                      B. absolve  
 C. release                      D. ignore
22. I hope that the rain will \_\_\_\_\_ for our picnic tomorrow.  
 A. keep off                      B. put off  
 C. set back                      D. stay out
23. After the marathon, some of the competitors felt completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. cut up                      B. done in  
 C. done out                      D. run out
24. Scarcely the teacher entered the class when he heard the noise.  
 A. did                      B. has  
 C. had                      D. will have
25. I do not think he will ever \_\_\_\_\_ the shock of his wife's death,  
 A. get by                      B. get off  
 C. get through                      D. get over
26. It is no use in crying over \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. spoiled milk                      B. spirited milk  
 C. split milk                      D. spilt milk
27. You must go to the station now, your brother \_\_\_\_\_ go just yet as his train leaves after three hours.  
 A. shouldn't                      B. mustn't  
 C. wouldn't                      D. needn't

28. Every rash driver becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ killer.  
 A. sure                      B. reckless  
 C. potential                      D. powerful
29. The country owes a deep debt of \_\_\_\_\_ for the freedom fighters.  
 A. patriotism                      B. complaining  
 C. remembrance                      D. gratitude
30. The whole lot of young men was very enthusiastic but your friend alone was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. quarrelsome                      B. sincerity  
 C. a wet blanket                      D. sleepy

**Directions:**

Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word/words followed by four words. Select the option that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word/words and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

31. It was a mystery as to where the young girl had acquired such a naive belief.  
 A. credulous                      B. childlike  
 C. wise'                      D. innocent
32. It's the only treatment suitable for cancer.  
 A. insufficient                      B. impertinent  
 C. befitting                      D. congenial
33. Some of the criticisms which they had to put up were very unfair.  
 A. scold                      B. scum  
 C. appreciation                      D. censure
34. I would beg of all friends not to rush to Birla house nor try to dissuade me or be anxious about me.  
 A. certain                      B. composed  
 C. careless                      D. heedless
35. It could not have been expected that, with such a bent of mind of the people, there should have been much activity for the cultivation of the physical sciences in this part of the world.  
 A. dull                      B. dormant  
 C. indolence                      D. idle
36. Indian culture has been, from time immemorial, of a peculiar cast and mould.  
 A. common                      B. customary  
 C. natural                      D. familiar
37. The princess charming was the centre of attraction today.  
 A. enchanting                      B. hypnotic  
 C. repulsive                      D. fascinating
38. Macbeth is a/an abominable figure.  
 A. abhorrent                      B. repugnant  
 C. reputable                      D. attractive

39. Terrorists profess fanatical ideology.  
A. bigoted                      B. militant  
C. moderate                    D. fervid
40. Rakesh is vulnerable to political pressure.  
A. weak                         B. unguarded  
C. exposed                      D. resilient

**Directions:**

In this section each item consists of six sentences of a passage. The first and sixth sentences are given in the beginning as S1 and S6. The middle four sentences in each have been jumbled up and labelled P, Q, R and S. You are required to find the proper sequence of the four sentences and mark your response accordingly on the Answer Sheet.

41. SI: First and foremost, there are order and safety in our civilization.  
S6: Nobody may come and break into my house and steal my goods.  
P: Thus in disputes between man and man, right has taken the place of might.  
Q: If today I have a quarrel with another man, I do not get beaten merely because I am physically weaker.  
R: I go to law, and the law will decide fairly between the two of us.  
S: Moreover, the law protects me from robbery and violence.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. R Q P S                      B. S R Q P  
C. Q R P S                      D. P R S Q
42. SI: In democratic countries, men are equal before the law.  
S6: And they live like this not for fun, but because they are too poor to afford another room.  
P: While some few people live in luxury, many have not enough to eat, drink and wear.  
Q: There are many families of five or six persons who live in a single room.  
R: But the sharing-out of money - which means the sharing-out of food and clothing and houses - is still very unfair.  
S: In this room they sleep and dress and wash and eat, and in this same room they die.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. R P Q S                      B. P R S Q  
C. Q S P R                      D. S P R Q

43. SI: Tomorrow it will be a year since we lost our great leader.  
S6: Though he is no more with us, the qualities he possessed and the ideals he cherished remain with us.  
P; To these he added a feminine sensitiveness to atmosphere.  
Q: He was involved in the major events of his time.  
R: He participated in them all while maintaining the highest standards of public conduct.  
S: He was incomparably the greatest figure in our history - a man of dynamic force, intellectual power and profound vision.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. P S R Q                      B. R Q P S  
C. R P Q S                      D. S P Q R
44. SI: It would be possible to adduce many examples showing what could be done with the limited means' at our ancestor's disposal in the way of making life comfortable.  
S6: I hope, in this essay, to make that connection manifest.  
P: What have comfort and cleanliness to do with politics, morals, and religion?  
Q: But look more closely and you will discover that there exists the closest connection between the recent growth of comfort and the recent history of ideas.  
R: They show that if they lived in filth and discomfort, it was because filth and discomfort fitted in with their principles, political, moral and religious.  
S: At a first glance one would say that there could be no causal connection between arm chairs and democracies, sofas and the family system, hot baths and religious orthodoxy.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. P R Q S                      B. R P S Q  
C. Q S R P                      D. Q S P R
45. SI: To most people, the term technology conjures up images of mills or machines.  
S6; It includes ways to make chemical reactions occur, ways to breed fish, plant forests or teach history.  
P: The classic symbol of technology is still the assembly line created by Henry Ford half a century ago.  
Q: The invention of the horse collar in the Middle Ages led to changes in agricultural methods and was as such a technological advance.

- R: Moreover, technology includes techniques, as well as the machines that may or may not be necessary to apply them.  
S: This symbol, however, has always been inadequate, for technology has always been more than factories and machines.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. S P R Q                      B. P S Q R  
C. R S P Q                      D. Q S R P
46. SI: I was the secretary of the Philosophical Society of the Patna College.  
S6: I have been to Kolkata many times since, but never has it been more pleasant than that first visit.  
P: It was my first visit to the city and its impression on my mind was indelible.  
Q: In that capacity, I once led a trip to Kolkata.  
R: I felt I had landed in the midst of beautiful dream world of a fairy land.  
S: I saw the roads, the trams, the skyscrapers and the magnificent shops at the Chowranghee lane.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. Q P S R                      B. P S Q R  
C. S R P Q                      D. S Q R P
47. SI: Union finance ministry announced a series of concessions to trade and industry last month.  
S6: Manufacturers "feel that prices of certain components may not be brought down because of the imposition of a 30 per cent duty where there was none earlier.  
P: Together, these will result in a loss of revenue of Rs. 100 crore to the exchequer.  
Q: Earlier, these were attracting customs duty varying from zero to 100 per cent.  
R: The chunk of the relief of Rs. 60 crore has gone to the electronics industry.  
S: Raw materials and piece parts now carry customs duty of 30 per cent and 40 per cent ad valorem respectively.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. R S Q P                      B. P R S Q  
C. S Q P R                      D. Q P R S
48. SI: At four O'clock this morning, Hitler attacked and invaded Russia.  
S6: Under its cloak of false confidence, the German armies drew up in immense strength along a line which stretches from the White Sea to the Black Sea.  
P: No complaint had been made by Germany of its non-fulfilment.

- Q: All his usual formalities of perfidy were observed with scrupulous technique.  
R: No one could have expected that Hitler would do it.  
S: A non-aggression treaty had been solemnly signed and was in force between the two countries.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. R Q S P                      B. R S Q P  
C. P S Q R                      D. Q P S R
49. SI: Roderick Usher has always been a quiet person who talked little of himself  
S6: In the part of the country where he lived, the "House of Usher" had come to mean both the family and its ancestral mansion.  
P: Many of his ancestors had been famous for their artistic and musical abilities.  
Q: Others were known for their exceptional generosity and charity.  
R: Yet I did know that his family was an old one.  
S: So I did not know too much about him.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. P Q R S                      B. S R Q P  
C. S P R Q                      D. S R P Q
50. SI: Mass production has increased the tendency to view things as useful rather than delightful.  
S6: Indeed a lowering of quality usually results when mass production is substituted for more primitive methods.  
P: These various things share nothing with the buttons except money value.  
Q: All the rest you wish to exchange for food, shelter, and many other things.  
R: Suppose you are a manufacturer of buttons: however excellent your buttons may be, you do not want more than a few for your own use.  
S: And it is not even the money value of the buttons that is important to you: what is important is profit which may be increased by lowering their quality.  
The correct sequence should be  
A. P Q R S                      B. R Q P S  
C. S P Q R                      D. Q R P S

#### Directions:

In this section you have few short passages. After each passage, you will find some items based in the passage. First, read a passage and answer the items based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

### Passage

Over-population is the most pressing of India's numerous and multi-faceted problems. In fact it has caused equally complex problems such as poverty, under-nourishment, unemployment and excessive fragmentation of land. Indisputably, this country has been facing a population explosion of crisis dimensions. It has largely diluted the fruits of the remarkable economic progress that the nation has made during the last four decades or so. The entire battle against poverty is thwarted by the rapid increase in the population. The tragedy is that while over-population accentuates poverty, the country's stark poverty itself is in many areas a major cause of over-population.

51. What is the irony behind the over-population of India?
- A. Over-population gives birth to poverty, which (poverty) itself is the cause of over-population  
B. Under nourishment and unemployment are outcomes of flawed economic progress  
C. Fragmentation of land is leading to over-population  
D. Fruits of the remarkable economic progress are trickling down to the Poor
52. What is the general tone of the passage?
- A. funny / humorous  
B. sombre  
C. didactic  
D. tragic
53. What, in the author's view, severely affects the economic growth of our country?
- A. poverty  
B. illiteracy  
C. over-population  
D. None of the above
54. What, according to the author, is the biggest reason behind over-population?
- A. under-nourishment  
B. unemployment  
C. excessive fragmentation of land  
D. poverty
55. "It has largely diluted the fruits of the remarkable economic progress". Find antonym of the underlined word
- A. coalesced  
B. compounded  
C. cheapened  
D. consolidated

### Passage

To eat and not be eaten - that's the imperative of a caterpillar's existence. The leaf roller reduces its risks of being picked off by predators by silking together a temporary shelter in which to feed and rest. Adopting a different line of defense, the jelly slug extrudes a sticky translucent coating that may foul the mouth-parts of marauding ants. For its part, the aquatic larva, by its watery element, fashions a portable hideout from fragments of aquatic leaves. Cutting a serpentine trail as it feeds on tender young leaves, the minute citrus leaf miner spends its entire larval life inside its host plant, thus keeping its appetizing body safely under wraps.

56. Which varieties of caterpillars 'build' shelters to protect themselves?
- A. Leaf roller and aquatic larva  
B. Leaf roller and jelly slug  
C. Jelly slug and aquatic larva  
D. Jelly slug and citrus leaf miner
57. Which one of the following caterpillars produces a sticky covering?
- A. Leaf roller      B. Jelly slug  
C. Aquatic larva      D. Citrus leaf miner
58. Which one of the following pairs of words in the passage describes enemies of the caterpillar?
- A. Serpentine and host  
B. Predator and marauding  
C. Serpentine and marauding  
D. Predator and host
59. Which one of the following makes itself unpalatable?
- A. Leaf roller      B. Jelly slug  
C. Aquatic larva      D. Leaf miner
60. The main idea of the passage is that caterpillars
- A. like to eat a lot  
B. have to protect themselves while feeding  
C. are good to eat  
D. are not good to eat

### Passage

I have always opposed the idea of dividing the world into the Orient and the Occident.

It is, however, the tremendous industrial growth that has made the West what it is.

I think the difference, say, between India and Europe in the 12th or 13th century would not have been very great. Differences have been intensified by this process of industrialization which has

promoted material well-being tremendously and which is destroying the life of the mind, which is in a process of deterioration, chiefly because the environment that has been created by it does not give time or opportunity to individuals to think. If the life of the mind is not encouraged, then inevitably civilization collapses.

61. The words "the Orient and the Occident" mean
  - A. the West and the East respectively
  - B. the East and the West respectively
  - C. the North and the South respectively
  - D. the South and the North respectively
62. The author believes that the difference between India and Europe in the 12th or 13th century was not very great because
  - A. Indians and Europeans mixed freely
  - B. Indians imitated the European way of living
  - C. Europeans imitated the Indian way of living
  - D. Industrialization had not yet taken place
63. In the opinion of the author, Industrialization is
  - A. an absolute blessing
  - B. an absolute curse
  - C. neither a blessing nor a curse
  - D. more of a curse than a blessing
64. The author says that the mental life of the world is in a process of deterioration because the modern generation is
  - A. endowed with low mental powers
  - B. too lazy to exert its mental powers
  - C. taught that physical activities are more important than mental
  - D. brought up in an environment unfavorable to the growth of the mental life
65. The title that best expresses the central idea of the passage is
  - A. difference between the Occident and the Orient
  - B. impact of Industrialization on our civilization
  - C. advantages of Industrialization
  - D. disadvantages of Industrialization

### Passage

In Delhi, it was forbidden by the law, at one time, to take a Dog into a public vehicle.

One day a lady, accompanied by a pet dog, entered a bus. Wishing to evade the law, she placed her tiny dog in her dress pocket. It so happened that the person next to this lady was a pick-pocket; and

during the journey he carefully placed his hand into her pocket in search of her purse.

Great was the horror to find instead a pair of sharp teeth inserted into his fingers. His exclamation of pain and surprise drew the attention of other passengers to him.

66. Once the law in Delhi did not permit the people to
  - A. carry dogs into private vehicles
  - B. board a bus without ticket
  - C. carry dogs into a public vehicle
  - D. carry animals with them
67. In order to evade the law, the lady
  - A. hid the dog under the seat
  - B. got off the bus
  - C. gave the dog to a fellow passenger
  - D. put the dog in her pocket
68. The pick-pocket travelling with the lady
  - A. reported the matter to the conductor
  - B. put his hand in her pocket
  - C. took out the dog
  - D. asked the lady to get off
69. Which one of the following correctly expresses the meaning of "wishing to evade the law" ?
  - A. Wish to avoid following the law
  - B. Desire to follow the law blindly
  - C. Reluctance to break the law
  - D. Wish to change the law
70. Why did the pick-pocket exclaim with pain?
  - A. He was hit by the lady
  - B. He was caught by the fellow-
  - C. He was bitten by the dog
  - D. He fell off the bus

### Directions:

Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled A, B and C. Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter i.e., A or B or C. If you find no error, your response should be indicated as D.

71. A: The best way in which you can  
B: open the bottle is  
C: by putting it into hot water first.  
D: No error.
72. A: Somebody B: who I enjoy reading C: is Tagore. D: No error.
73. A: Electricity companies are  
B: working throughout  
C: days and nights to repair the damage.  
D: No error.

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| <p>74. A: <u>The students</u><br/>B: <u>test results were</u><br/>C: <u>pleasant.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>75. A: <u>Two thirds of the book</u><br/>B: <u>were</u><br/>C: <u>rubbish.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>76. A: <u>You will be</u><br/>B: <u>answerable for the court with</u><br/>C: <u>any lies you have told.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>77. A: <u>She felt</u><br/>B: <u>terribly anxious for have to sing</u><br/>C: <u>in front of such a large audience.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>78. A: <u>I don't agree</u><br/>B: <u>with smacking children</u><br/>C: <u>if they do something wrong.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>79. A: <u>The fruit</u><br/>B: <u>can be made</u><br/>C: <u>to jam.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>80. A: <u>I asked him</u><br/>B: <u>what he</u><br/>C: <u>has done.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>81. A: <u>There have been a tomado watch</u><br/>B: <u>issued for Texas country</u><br/>C: <u>until eleven O'clock tonight.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> | <p>82. A: <u>Although the Red Cross accepts blood from the donors</u><br/>B: <u>the nurses will not leave you give blood,</u><br/>C: <u>if you have just had cold.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>83. A: <u>A prism is used to refract white light</u><br/>B: <u>so it spreads out</u><br/>C: <u>in a continuous spectrum.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>84. A: <u>Because of the movement of a glacier,</u><br/>B: <u>the form</u><br/>C: <u>of the Great Lakes was very slow.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>85. A: <u>The new model costs</u><br/>B: <u>twice more than</u><br/>C: <u>last year's model.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>86. A: <u>Gandhi ji always regretted for the fact</u><br/>B: <u>that people gave him adulation while what he wanted</u><br/>C: <u>was acceptance of his way of life.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>87. A: <u>The party</u><br/>B: <u>was ousted in power</u><br/>C: <u>after twelve years.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>88. A: <u>He was</u><br/>B: <u>held in C: the prevention of Terrorism act.</u> D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>89. A: <u>He has great fascination</u> B: <u>for each and every thing</u> C: <u>that are connected with drama.</u> D: <u>No error.</u></p> <p>90. A: <u>It's no secret</u><br/>B: <u>that the President wants to</u><br/>C: <u>have a second term of office.</u><br/>D: <u>No error.</u></p> |
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**Directions:**

Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space with four words or group of words given. Select whichever word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

One of India's greatest musicians is M.S. Subbulakshmi, affectionately known to most people as M.S. Her singing has brought \_\_\_\_\_ 91. A. sorrow to millions of people not only

- B. joy  
C. boredom  
D. pain

\_\_\_\_\_ 92. A. over all parts of India, but in \_\_\_\_\_ 93. A. strange countries  
B. on  
C. in  
D. with  
B. unknown  
C. other  
D. familiar

around the world as well. \_\_\_\_\_ 94. A. Within October 1966 Subbulakshmi was invited to

- B. On  
C. In  
D. By

\_\_\_\_\_ 95. A. dance in New York, where people of \_\_\_\_\_ 96. A. many Foreign  
 B. sing B. few  
 C. speak C. backward  
 D. enjoy D. all  
 countries listened to her music \_\_\_\_\_ 97. A. attentively. This was one of the greatest  
 B. quietly.  
 C. indifferently.  
 D. boldly  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 98. A. awards ever given to any musician. For \_\_\_\_\_ 99. A. seconds  
 B. honours B. minutes  
 C. prizes C. hours  
 D. recognitions D. days  
 together M.S. kept that international \_\_\_\_\_ 100. A. spectator spell-bound with the  
 B. audience  
 C. viewer  
 D. businessmen  
 the beauty of her voice and her style of singing.

The Second Anglo-Maratha War had shattered the \_\_\_\_\_ 101. A. power of the  
 B. dignity  
 C. time  
 D. patience  
 Maratha chiefs, but not their spirit. The \_\_\_\_\_ 102. A. disappearance of their  
 B. empowerment  
 C. loss  
 D. disappointment  
 freedom rankled in their hearts. They made a last \_\_\_\_\_ 103. A. horrible attempt  
 B. desperate  
 C. poor  
 D. strong  
 to regain their independence and old \_\_\_\_\_ 104. A. prestige in 1817. The lead  
 B. army  
 C. rebellion  
 D. infantry  
 in organizing a united front of the Maratha chiefs was taken by the Peshwa who was smarting  
 under the \_\_\_\_\_ 105. A. pleasant control exercised by the British Resident.  
 B. satisfying  
 C. rigid  
 D. orthodox

### Directions:

Given below are some idioms / phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the response A, B, C or D. which is the most appropriate expression.

106. A hot potato.  
 A. A dish to relish when it is hot  
 B. A very important person in a gathering  
 C. An issue which is disputed, and catching the attention of people  
 D. A way of thinking what someone is thinking
107. You snooze, you lose.  
 A. Don't take it lightly  
 B. Don't be over-enthusiastic

- C. Don't hesitate to do it  
 D. Don't be pessimistic

108. I don't buy it.  
 A. I don't believe it  
 B. I have no money  
 C. I summarize it  
 D. I don't need it
109. My two cents.  
 A. My money  
 B. My opinion  
 C. My decision  
 D. My explanation
110. Out of the blue.  
 A. Undoubtedly  
 B. Unexpectedly  
 C. Unbelievably  
 D. Unconcerned



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| <p>111. <u>What a small world.</u><br/> A. What a coincidence<br/> B. What a challenging task<br/> C. What a narrow space<br/> D. What a beautiful place</p> <p>112. <u>Down the road.</u><br/> A. In future                      B. In the past<br/> C. At present                    D. No particular time</p> <p>113. <u>Raising eyebrows.</u><br/> A. To show surprise<br/> B. Criticize<br/> C. Support<br/> D. Instruct</p> <p>114. <u>Step up the plate.</u><br/> A. Take control<br/> B. Take a job<br/> C. Take a responsibility<br/> D. Take an opportunity</p> <p>115. <u>The Holy Grail.</u><br/> A. The pious place of worship<br/> B. An important object or goal<br/> C. A very important place<br/> D. Someone's destination of life</p> <p>116. <u>You scratch my back. I'll scratch yours.</u><br/> A. Mutual favor<br/> B. Mutual understanding</p> | <p>C. Mutual respect<br/> D. Mutual disliking</p> <p>117. <u>At the drop of a hat.</u><br/> A. Without any hesitation<br/> B. When attempt fails and it's time to start all over<br/> C. To further a loss with mockery<br/> D. Judging other's intentions <u>too much</u></p> <p>118. <u>Ball</u> is in your court.<br/> A. Be happy at the dance / ball room<br/> B. It's up to you to make the decision<br/> C. A very powerful person<br/> D. Not speaking directly about an issue</p> <p>119. <u>Best of both worlds.</u><br/> A. A happy person who is the best with all<br/> B. All the advantages<br/> C. To take on a task that is way too big<br/> D. Someone whom everybody likes</p> <p>120. <u>Costs an arm and a leg.</u><br/> A. Severe punishment to someone<br/> B. Too much consciousness about one's body<br/> C. Two difficult alternatives<br/> D. Something very expensive</p> |
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# Solutions

1. Ans: B

Ripe means fully grown.

Moreover, only being senior can't make a person respectable. Rejected and repellent are negative adjectives for the positive trait respect.

2. Ans: D

Repulse = drive back (an attack or attacker) by force

Hence, repelled is the correct answer.

Defeat and destroy do fit the context but not the meaning of the highlighted word.

Reject doesn't make sense.

3. Ans: A

Mask means to conceal or hide something.

Hence, hid is the correct answer.

Flaunt means to show off.

Oblique means not expressed or done in a direct way.

Obscure means not discovered or known about; uncertain.

4. Ans: D

One who drives a car = chauffeur

One who works in a hospital = doctor/nurse

One who is employed in food serving = caterer/ waiting staff

One who is engaged in selling = vendor

Hence, one engaged in selling is the correct answer.

5. Ans: C

Admit = acknowledge/ accept

Avow = assert or confess openly.

Concede = admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it.

Though admit, accept and concede are synonyms, concede has a contextual meaning which doesn't fit the given sentence

6. Ans: A

Embezzle = steal or misappropriate

Assert = state a fact or belief confidently and forcefully.

Yield = produce

Abdicate = resign, disown

Hence, embezzle is the correct answer.

7. Ans: C

Sol; Exemplary = serving as a desirable model; ideal

Flawed = having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection.

Boisterous = noisy, energetic, and cheerful.

Hence, ideal is the correct answer.

8. Ans: D

Assisted = helped

Obliged = make (someone) legally or morally bound to do something.

Though not completely synonymous to serve; offered is the best contextual fit.

9. Ans: D

Recommend = advise or suggest (something) as a course of action.

Counsel = recommend (a course of action); give advice to someone

Though advise and suggest are synonymous; advise doesn't fit the context.

Hence, suggest is the correct answer.

10. Ans: B

Hide and liberate don't fit the context.

Rescue means to save which is a more apt word than protect in case of the action of death.

11. Ans: C

Option A: No possessive link between manufacturers and popularity has been established; hence Q can't follow P.

Option B: PQ as a pair can be ruled out again.

Option C: The segments form a coherent sentence 'From the very beginning, the British manufacturers were jealous of the popularity of Indian textiles.'

Option D: The popularity of Indian textiles can't be jealous, but some subject can be jealous of the popularity; hence it gets eliminated.

12. Ans: A

Option A: The segments make a coherent sentence; hence it can be put on hold.

Option B: SP as a pair can be ruled out. No possessive case is present; hence 'the coarse woollens dress fashions' is incorrect.

Option C: The sentence can't begin with 'of the English'; hence it is incorrect.

Option D: SP as a pair can be ruled out again; hence it is incorrect.

13. Ans: C

Option A: The sentence can clearly not begin with P; hence it is incorrect.

Option B: SP as a pair doesn't make any sense, 'to restrict and prohibit put pressure...'

Option C: It forms a coherent sentence.

Option D: QR is structurally incorrect and makes no sense, 'Indian goods in England the British manufacturers....'

14. Ans: D

Option A: The sentence can clearly not begin with Q since it is incomplete to be a starter; hence it is incorrect.

15. Ans: C

SP as an introductory pair is incoherent; hence option A is eliminated.

QP as a pair doesn't make any sense; hence option B is eliminated.

Option C: The segments form a coherent sentence.

Option D: PQ doesn't make any sense; hence it is eliminated.

16. Ans: A

Option A: though it doesn't seem incoherent in the first go, the hence formed sentence doesn't convey a sound meaning since whose poetry influenced is ambiguous.

Option B and C: QP and PQ are incoherent.

Option D: It forms a coherent sentence.

17. Ans: A

Option A: The segments form a coherent sentence.

Option B: The sentence can clearly not begin with P; hence it is incorrect.

Option C: SR is incoherent.

Option D: QRP is incoherent. The demands can be disillusioned or disillusioning but not disillusionment.

18. Ans: D

P can clearly not be the opening segment; hence options A and C get eliminated.

Option B: SR doesn't make any sense; hence it is eliminated.

Option D: The segments make a coherent sentence.

19. Ans: B

The sentence can clearly not begin with P and Q. Hence, option A is eliminated.

Option B: The segments make a structurally and grammatically sound sentence.

Option C: QR seems a bit off in terms of structure; hence it is incorrect.

Option D: RPS is not a well-structured sequence; hence it is incorrect.

20. Ans: A

Option A: The segments form a coherent structure.

Option B: It is illogical; someone who is six months old can't adopt some other person.

Option C: R doesn't fit after the fixed segment.

Option D: PR after the fixed segment render it illogical.

21. Ans: B

The given sentence indicates that there is evidence against the concerned person which means that it is not possible to let the person free.

Punish, release and ignore impart an opposite meaning to the sentence due to the presence of 'cannot'.

Absolve means declare (someone) free from guilt, obligation, or punishment.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

22. Ans: A

Keep off = (of bad weather) fail to occur.

Put off = an off-putting or unpleasant quality or feature.

Set back = a reversal or check in progress.

Stay out = to keep out of something or some place or to remain uninvolved in some piece of business.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

23. Ans: B

Cut up = upset

Done in = extremely tired

Done out = It is not a valid phrase.

Run out = to finish, use or sell all of something or the period of time for which something lasts finishes

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

24. Ans: C

The correct structure is 'scarcely had'.

Did can be eliminated easily due to the presence of entered since after did only V1 is used.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

25. Ans: D

Get by = manage with difficulty to live or accomplish something.

Get off = escape a punishment; be acquitted.

Get through = succeed, use

Get over = recover, overcome

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

26. Ans: D

The correct phrase is to cry over spilled/ spilt milk.

It means being upset over something that has already happened and cannot be changed.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

27. Ans: C

Should expresses obligation.

Must and need express compulsion.

Would is a past-tense form of will. If you are writing about past events, you can use it to indicate something that was in the future at that point in time but is not necessarily in the future right now.

In other words, you use would to preserve the future aspect when talking about the past.

Thus, only would fits in.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

28. Ans: C

Rash driving may potentially lead to the death of any person; however, it might not always be true.

Thus, powerful and reckless can be ruled out since they rule out the possibility and give a definite statement. 'Sure' does not fit the blank.

The correct answer would be 'potential'.

29. Ans: D

The sentence implies that the country is thankful/ indebted to the freedom fighters for their contribution. Thus, 'Gratitude' would be the most appropriate word to fill the blank

30. Ans: C

Wet Blanket refers to "a person who spoils other people's fun by failing to join in with or by disapproving of their activities".

Since first half of the sentence refers to others being enthusiastic, this phrase fits the blank most aptly.

31. Answer: C

Naïve— innocent

Credulous— having or showing too great a readiness to believe things.

Clearly, "wise" is the antonym of "naïve".

32. Answer: B

Suitable— acceptable, appropriate

Insufficient— not in required amount

Impertinent— rude

Befitting— appropriate to the occasion

Congenial— like- minded, compatible

Clearly, "impertinent" is the antonym of "suitable".

33. Answer: C

Criticism— the act of passing harsh judgment

Scold— to criticize angrily

Scorn— mock

Appreciation— recognition; respect

Censure— express severe disapproval of

Clearly, option C is the antonym of "criticism".

34. Answer: B

Anxious— worried

Certain— unquestionable

Composed— calm

Careless— irresponsible

Heedless— showing a lack of care or attention

Clearly, option B is the antonym of "anxious".

35. Answer: B

Activity— the condition in which things are happening or being done

Dormant— a state of inactivity

Indolence— laziness

Thus, "dormant" is the most appropriate antonym of "activity".

36. Answer: B

Peculiar— unusual

Customary— usual; normal

Familiar— known

Thus, option B is the antonym of "peculiar".

37. Answer: C

Charming— very pleasant or attractive

Enchanting— delightfully charming or attractive

Hypnotic— irresistible

Repulsive— disgusting

Fascinating— extremely interesting

Clearly, option C is the antonym is the "repulsive".

38. Answer: C

Abominable— hateful

Abhorrent— disgusting

Repugnant— extremely distasteful; unacceptable

Reputable— having a good reputation; well respected

Attractive— good looking

Option C is the antonym of "abominable".

39. Answer: C

Fanatical— holding extreme beliefs that may lead to unreasonable or violent behaviour

Bigoted— biased

Militant—violent

Moderate— average in amount, intensity, quality, or degree

Fervid— intensely enthusiastic or passionate

Clearly, option C is the antonym of "fanatical".

40. Answer: D

Vulnerable— unguarded, unsafe; weak

Exposed— uncovered

Resilient— strong

Clearly, option D is the antonym of "vulnerable".

41. Answer: C

Q is the first sentence as it takes forward the idea stated in S1. Order and safety in our civilization is reflected by the fact that one cannot get beaten merely because I am physically weaker. R states the legal procedure that will take place. With the use of "thus", P states how justice is not arbitrary and can settle disputes without violence. S is linked with S6, as in both talk about robbery (breaking into one's house). Thus, the correct sequence is Q R P S.

42. Answer: A

R follows S1 as it gives a contrary idea to what has been stated in S1. R shows how despite legal equality, out of food and clothing and houses – is still very unfair. P goes on to elaborate on this unfairness and compares the living conditions of rich and poor people. Q and S form a mandatory pair, where the former talks many people living in a single room and S talks about their activities in the same room. Thus, the correct sequence is R P Q S.

43. Answer: D

Either Q or S can follow S1 logically. But since none of the options mention as the first statement after S1, we will go with S which talks about the figure mentioned in S1. P mentions an additional quality of the figure, few of which have already been mentioned in S. Q and R form a mandatory pair as Q talks about 'events' and R uses the pronoun "them" to refer to them. Thus, the correct sequence is SPQR.

44. Answer: A

From the options, it can be gathered that Q, R or P can be the first sentence. But since Q starts with "but" and R starts with a pronoun "they", which cannot be referred to anything mentioned in S1, Q and R cannot be the first sentence. So P is the first sentence. R follows P as "they" refers to "comfort and cleanliness". S is connected with S6 where S mentions the elements and S6 talks about their connection. Thus, the S is followed by Q. The correct sequence is PRQS.

45. Answer: A

S takes S1 forward by stating that "images of mills or machines" are inadequate symbols for technology. P talks about the earliest symbol of technology. R with the usage of "Moreover" takes the chain of thought forward and states what technology includes. Q talks further about technology in the Middle Ages. Thus, the correct sequence is SPRQ.

46. Answer: A

S1 mentions the designation of the concerned person, i.e., "secretary of the Philosophical Society of the Patna College", and Q mentions the term, "in that capacity", which means, "as the secretary" of the concerned institute. Thus, Q becomes the first statement after S1. P talks about the visit and S states what he saw. R puts forth a comment with reference to the visit and logically preceded S2. The correct sequence is QPRS.

47. Answer: C

Here we have a tricky passage, but if we find the first statement, we can get the correct answer. S1 talks about a series of concessions to trade and industry last month. S stated the word "now" and states the custom duty now imposed on raw materials and piece parts. So S follows as a consequence of S1. Q follows next as it gives the past figure with respect to the two elements. P states the loss that will be incurred now. R has to be the last part. Thus, the correct sequence is SQPR.

48. Answer: A

R has to be the first statement as it implies that despite any anticipation, Hitler attacked Russia. Both options A and B have R as the first statement. Also, both end in P, which means P should precede S6. P uses the pronoun "its" which must refer to a thing. Thus, between S and Q, S should precede P as it talks about "A non-aggression treaty". Q on the other hand talks about Hitler. Thus, the correct sequence is RQSP.

49. Answer: D

S1 states that Roderick Usher did not talk much of himself. S presents the consequence of this fact that because of this quality of Roderick Usher, the speaker did not know too much about him. R with the usage of "yet" follows next as it presents a contrast to S. P follows as it talks about the ancestors of Roderick Usher, people who have been referred to as "family" in R. Q mentions the further characteristics of his ancestors. Thus, the correct sequence is SRPQ.

50. Answer: B

S1 states a fact and R goes on to explain it with the help of an example. Thus, it is the first sentence after S1. Q follows as a consequence as it states what

will one do with the buttons that are left and unrequired. P comes next as it talks about the things mentioned in Q. Both S and S6 talks about lowering of quality, and hence S6 follows S. Thus, the correct sequence is RQPS..

51. Answer: A

An irony is an expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous effect. As stated in the last line of the passage, the irony is that over-population that causes poverty is a result of poverty itself. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

52. Answer: C

Sombre— dark or dull in colour or tone

Didactic— intended to teach, instructive

Tragic— causing or characterized by extreme distress or sorrow

The given passage gives information on over-population, its causes and ill-effects. Thus, it is neither funny nor dull. The tone is also not tragic as it states real facts in a descriptive tone. The tone of the passage is didactic and gives various information on over-population. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

53. Answer: C

According to the passage, "It has largely diluted the fruits of the remarkable economic progress that the nation has made during the last four decades or so." Here, "it" refers to over-population. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

54. Answer: D

According to the passage, "stark poverty itself is in many areas a major cause of over-population." Thus, option D is the correct answer.

55. Answer: D

Diluted— make (something) weaker in force

Coalesced— come together to form one mass or whole

Compounded— combined

Cheapened— reduced

Consolidated— strengthened

Clearly, option D is the antonym of "diluted".

56. Answer: A

According to the passage, "The leaf roller reduces its risks of being picked off by predators by silking together a temporary shelter in which to feed and rest... For its part, the aquatic larva, by its watery element, fashions a portable hideout from fragments of aquatic leaves. Thus, leaf roller and aquatic larva 'build' shelters to protect themselves. Option A is the correct answer.

57. Answer: B

According to the passage, "the jelly slug extrudes a sticky translucent coating that may foul the mouth-parts of marauding ants." Thus, option B is the correct answer.

58. Answer: B

According to the passage, the leaf roller protects itself from predators and the jelly slug protects itself from marauding ants. Thus, 'predator and marauding' describe the enemies of the caterpillar. Hence option B is the correct answer.

59. Answer: B

"Unpalatable" means not pleasant to taste.

According to the passage, "... jelly slug extrudes a sticky translucent coating that may foul the mouth-parts of marauding ants." Here, the expression 'to foul the mouth part means to make the taste bad. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

60. Answer: B

As the first line of the passage states, "To eat and not be eaten - that's the imperative of a caterpillar's existence." The passage goes on to explain how different kinds of caterpillars protect themselves from predators. Thus, option B best catches the main idea of the passage.

61. Answer: B

"Orient" refers to the countries of the East, especially East Asia. "Occident", on the other hand refers to "the countries of the West, especially Europe and America. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

62. Answer: D

According to the passage, "Differences have been intensified by this process of industrialization which has promoted material well-being tremendously..." So, since industrialization had not taken place, difference between India and Europe in the 12th or 13th century was not very great. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

63. Answer: B

With reference to industrialization, the views of the author seem to be completely negative. He/ she does not talk about it as a blessing at all, nor does he acknowledge its positive effects:

"industrialization which has promoted material well-being tremendously and which is destroying the life of the mind..." Thus, it can be concluded that in the opinion of the author, Industrialization is an absolute curse. So, option B is the correct answer.

64. Answer: D

According to the passage, "...the environment that has been created by it does not give time or opportunity to individuals to think. If the life of the mind is not encouraged, then inevitably civilization collapses." So, the lack of the growth of mental life promotes deterioration. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

65. Answer: D

Though the passage begins by talking about the orient and the occident, its main agenda is to criticize industrialization, which in first place has given rise to such categorization. Also, since the passage does not state any positive effect of

industrialization, using the word "impact" will be inappropriate. Thus, option D is the most appropriate answer.

66. Answer: A

According to the passage, "In Delhi, it was forbidden by the law, at one time, to take a Dog into a public vehicle." Forbidden means not permitted. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

67. Answer: D

According to the passage, "Wishing to evade the law, she placed her tiny dog in her dress pocket." Thus, option D is the correct answer.

68. Answer: B

According to the passage, "It so happened that the person next to this lady was a pickpocket; and during the journey he carefully placed his hand into her pocket in search of her purse." Thus, option B is the correct answer.

69. Answer:

"Evade" means to escape or avoid (someone or something). Thus, option A is the correct answer.

70. Answer: C

According to the passage, "Great was the horror to find instead a pair of sharp teeth inserted into his fingers". This means that the pick-pocket was bitten by the dog as he put his hand in the lady's pocket. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

71. Ans: A

The error lies in the first segment.

Incorrect preposition has been used. It is not the best way in you can do something but by which you can do something or the best way to do something.

72. Ans: D

The given sentence is correct as it is.

73. Ans: C

The error lies in the third segment.

The correct phrase is throughout day and night and not days and nights.

Throughout day and night means throughout the entire day.

74. Ans: D

The given sentence is correct as it is.

Apostrophe after students indicates that the test results of multiple students are being considered.

75. Ans: B

The error is in the second part.

'Were' should be replaced by is since it is a general statement with no contextual reference of the past. Moreover, when such quantities (proportions) are stated, they are followed by a singular verb.

76. Ans: B

The error lies in the second part of the sentence.

There are two errors in this segment.

For should be replaced by to since one is answerable for something but to someone.

For the same reason, with should be replaced by for.

77. Ans: B

The error is in the second part of the sentence. Anxious is followed by about when the reason for being anxious follows. Also, have to sing will be changed to having to sing in order to make the sentence grammatically correct.

78. Ans: D

The given sentence is correct as it is.

Difference between agree with, agree to and agree on.

Agree with someone/something – accept the point of someone/something

Agree on some issue

Agree to demands/ queries in order to do them

79. Ans: C

The error is in the third part.

To should be replaced by into in order to express the conversion of fruit to jam.

80. Ans: C

The error is in the third part of the sentence.

When the first segment of the sentence is in simple past tense, the second should be in past perfect tense.

81. Ans: A

The error is in the first part.

Have should be replaced by has since the subject is singular.

82. Ans: B

The error is in the second part.

Leave doesn't make sense, it should be replaced by 'let'. The segment means that the nurses don't let someone donate blood if they have the minutest of deviation from the healthy status.

83. Ans: B

The error is in the second part.

The given sentence means that since prism is used to refract white light, prism spreads out in a spectrum which is not the case. That should be used between so and it to indicate that it is the light that spreads out and a prism is used to refract it in order to spread the light in a continuous spectrum.

84. Ans: B

The error lies in the second part.

Form should be replaced by formation since a process is being talked about.

85. Ans: B

The error lies in the second part.

Twice more is incorrect structure. It is either twice as much as or two times more than.

86. Ans: A

The error is in the first part.

The use of for is redundant. Gandhiji didn't regret for the fact but the fact itself.

87. Ans: B

The error lies in the second part.

Ousted means drive out or expel (someone) from a position or place. It is always followed by 'from'.

88. Ans: B

The error is in the second part.

He was held, here, indicates that a person was found guilty.

When something happens as a result of it being aligned with an act/rule, it happens 'under' the Act. Hence, in should be replaced by under.

89. Ans: C

The error is in the third part,

Are should be replaced by is since the subject is 'each and everything'. Everything is followed by a singular verb.

90. Ans: D

The given sentence is correct as it is.

91. Answer: B

Since the passage opens by stating that M.S. Subbulakshmi is one of India's greatest musicians, the people will definitely not be bored or pained by her singing. Her singing will bring joy to them. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

92. Answer: C

The most appropriate preposition here would be "in" as the joy has been brought to people within the country. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

93. Answer: C

The context of the concerned blank states that M.S.'s singing has not just brought joy to the people of India but also in various countries of the world. Thus, "other" is the most appropriate word for the blank. So, option C is the answer.

94. Since a specific time (October 1966) is stated after the blank "on" is the most appropriate preposition to be used. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

95. Answer: B

Since the profession of M.S. is to sing, she would be invited for the same. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

96. Answer: A

Since it has already been stated that people hailing from countries around the world appreciated M.S.'s singing skills, "many" will be the best determiner in the blank space. B and C carry negative tones and "all" is inappropriate. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

97. Answer: A

With reference to listening to a famous singer, "attentively" is the best adverb. Thus, option A is the correct answer. Option C conveys a negative meaning.

98. Answer: B

Since no memento or title were given, "awards", "prizes" and "recognitions" are inappropriate in the given context. The fact that people belonging to different countries listened to her attentively, is no less than an honour. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

99. Answer: C

Since a singing performance is being talked about, "hours" will be the best unit to describe the stretch of the event. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

100. Answer: B

Option D is out of context, hence discarded.

Options A and C are singular nouns, hence cannot signify the numerous people who were listening to M.S. "Audience" is the best response as it is a collective noun for all the spectators. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

101. Answer: A

A defeat would primarily hamper the power of the concerned party. Options B and C are irrelevant here. Option D is incorrect as the first line states that the spirits of the Marathas had not shattered, so they must have not lost patience. The correct answer is option A.

102. Answer: C

"Rankled" means "annoyed" or "upset". So, since the Marathas were defeated in the war, their "loss" of freedom must have upset them. Hence, option C is the most appropriate answer.

103. Answer: B

A 'desperate attempt' refers to an act of trying in despair or when everything else has failed. This term fits most appropriately in the given context. Thus, option B is the correct answer. "Strong" is inappropriate here.

104. Answer: A

With independence, one will try to regain their old honour or prestige that had been lost owing to the defeat. Thus, option A is the most appropriate answer.

105. Answer: C

Since the enemies are being talked about, the control exercised by their chief would be tough. Hence, "rigid" is the most appropriate word in the given context.

106. Answer: C

The idiom "a hot potato" means a controversial issue or situation which is awkward to deal with. Option C conveys the same meaning as a 'disputed issue' means a controversial issue.

107. Answer: C

"You snooze, you lose" is an idiom used to convey that if you do not pay attention and do something quickly, someone else will do it instead of you. Option C, "don't hesitate to do it", best conveys the meaning of the phrase.

Being a pessimist means to look at the worst aspect of things.

108. Answer: A

"To not buy it" is an idiom used to convey that you do not believe in what has been said, i.e you are not convinced. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

109. Answer: B

The idiom "my two cents" means to give or share your opinion. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

110. Answer: B

The idiom "out of blue" means without warning or unexpectedly. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

111. Answer: A

The phrase "what a small world" is used when a person knows someone you know by chance; or when you meet someone unexpectedly. Both of these show coincidence or chance, thus, option A is the correct answer.

112. Answer: A

The phrase "down the road" means in the future. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

113. Answer: A

The phrase "raising eyebrows" means to cause other people to react with surprise or mild disapproval. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

114. Answer: C

The idiom "step up the plate" means to take responsibility for doing something, even though it is difficult. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

115. Answer: B

The idiom "Holy Grail" means something that you want very much but that is very hard to get or achieve. Such things can be referred to as important object or goal, which is more appropriate than option D. Option D is quite vague, thus, option B is the correct answer.

116. Answer: A

The idiom "You scratch my back. I'll scratch yours" is used to tell someone that if they help you, you will help them. So, with the usage of the phrase, a mutual favour is agreed upon. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

117. Answer: A

The idiom "At the drop of a hat" means without hesitation. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

118. Answer: B

The idiom "ball is in your court" is used to say that it is now someone else's move, play, or turn, so it is up to them to make the decision. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

119. Answer: B

The idiom "best of both worlds" means a win-win situation or a situation where one can enjoy the benefit of two different opportunities. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

120. Answer: D

The idiom "costs an arm and a leg" is used to refer to something that is extremely expensive. Thus, option D is the correct answer.