

MAT 2017 Memory Based Answer Key PDF

SECTION A : English Language

[1] . B .

Explanation - Downfall “Debacle” refers to a sudden and ignominious failure or a fiasco. “Downfall” is the most appropriate synonym among the choices.

[2] . A .

Explanation - Banish To “Ostracise” means to exclude someone from a society or group. “Banish” carries the same meaning of sending someone away or excluding them.

[3] . C .

Explanation - Preventive “Prophylactic” refers to something intended to prevent disease. Therefore, “Preventive” is the correct synonym.

[4] . B .

Explanation - Satisfy To “Coddle” means to treat in an indulgent or overprotective way, often to satisfy someone’s every whim.

[5] . B .

Explanation - You can enjoy two different opportunities at the same time The idiom “best of both worlds” means a situation where you can enjoy the advantages of two very different things at once.

[6] . C .

Explanation - To not judge someone or something based solely on appearance The phrase “don’t judge a book by its cover” is a classic idiom advising against forming an opinion based on outward looks.

[7] . C .

Explanation - The person you’re just talking about actually turns up at that moment “Speak of the devil” is used when the person you have just been talking about arrives unexpectedly.

[8] . B .

Explanation - To make a situation worse To “add insult to injury” means to act in a way that makes a bad situation even worse for the victim.

[9] . C .

Explanation - acd The error lies in segment (b); “imaginary” should be “imagination” or followed by a noun. Segments (a), (c), and (d) form a grammatically correct sequence.

[10] . A .

Explanation - abcd The phrase “disabuse the charge” is incorrect; it should be “disabuse someone of the charge.” Additionally, “serves the good to one” is awkward, making the entire sentence combinations problematic.

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[11] . C .

Explanation - Man did not invent it nor could understand it The passage characterizes fire as a “miracle to primitive man” and explicitly states that “Man did not invent it.” This lack of origin and comprehension is why it was regarded as a “wonder.”

[12] . D .

Explanation - intelligent use of God’s gift The phrase “saving wit to imitate Nature” refers to humans using their unique intelligence to replicate and control natural forces. Man merely learned to “save” and improve upon what nature provided.

[13] . C .

Explanation - to see to it that the sacred fire in the temple did not go out The text notes that Roman virgins of the Temple of Vesta were entrusted with keeping the fire burning. They were punished with death if they allowed this sacred fire to be extinguished.

[14] . D .

Explanation - Man invented fire This statement is false because the passage explicitly states in the second sentence, “Man did not invent it.” It clarifies that fire was a natural occurrence that man eventually learned to utilize.

[15] . B .

Explanation - They became weak and more supple The passage describes that applying fire to metals resulted in “softening them” and making them “tempered.” This process allowed humans to shape metals into forms that were both strong and supple.

[16] . B .

Explanation - By making non-carbon based energy methods as efficient and cost effective as the fossil fuels. The author argues that global warming can only be solved if green energy becomes economically competitive. Without this efficiency, political carbon-cutting negotiations will remain flawed and ineffective.

[17] . A .

Explanation - Only (A) The passage states that non-carbon fuels are currently too expensive to compete with fossil fuels, which makes (A) true. However, it does not suggest they “should not be used,” making the statement in (A) contextually incomplete.

[18] . B .

Explanation - These negotiations emphasize on the amount of carbon to be cut and not on the ways in which it can be done. The author critiques international negotiations for focusing on political quotas rather than technological “how-to.” The lack of emphasis on a scalable, stable technological solution makes these talks barely effective.

[19] . B .

Explanation - To explain that the current technological developments are flawed and thus, fail to control the climate change. The main intent of the passage is to show that current incremental technological progress is insufficient. A massive “technological revolution” is required to truly replace carbon-based energy sources.

[20] . A .

Explanation - Only (C) The author explicitly states that we are not taking the challenge of “astounding” technological innovation seriously. This level of innovation is the only path to making green energy scalable for global needs.

[21] . A .

Explanation - Weakness The idiom “Achilles’ heel” refers to a person’s or entity’s single, fatal point of vulnerability. In the passage, it is used to describe the primary flaw in India’s economic strategy.

[22] . B .

Explanation - Only (1) and (2) The passage cites India’s varied educational systems and the use of English as primary strengths. It notes that while “paraphernalia” (infrastructure) exists, it is too small in scale to be a primary national strength.

[23] . C .

Explanation - Only (2) and (3) Asian competitors are described as investing in diverse higher education systems and building research-based universities. These steps aim to provide broad access to the knowledge-based economy of the future.

[24] . D .

Explanation - It would not manufacture cheap common medicines without a licence. To comply with WTO regulations, India announced it would stop producing unlicensed, inexpensive generic versions of drugs. This was a significant shift for the domestic industry that once competed with multinationals.

[25] . C .

Explanation - Only (3) The passage identifies India’s primary weakness as the very low percentage of its youth population that reaches higher education. This “pyramid” structure leaves a massive deficit of highly skilled workers.

[26] . B .

Explanation - Education does not necessarily lead to greater enthusiasm for a democratic form of government The central theme challenges the common intuition that more

education automatically creates a shift toward democratic values. It notes that “highly educated” populations often remain under authoritarian rule.

[27] . D .

Explanation - There has been a rise in education levels in Egypt in recent times. The text provides statistics showing that the average Egyptian had significantly more schooling by 2010 than in 1890. Despite this educational rise, the country did not automatically transition to a democracy.

[28] . A .

Explanation - All (1), (2) and (3) The text implies that democracy is characterized by active citizen participation, accountability of leaders, and better living standards. These factors are often “demanded” by educated citizens in authoritarian regimes.

[29] . C .

Explanation - Frustration with the existing system of governance. The passage suggests that uprisings occur when educated citizens become frustrated with the limitations of authoritarian rule. This mismatch between their personal aspirations and government restrictions leads to agitation.

[30] . A .

Explanation - Democratic nations are chaotic on account of individual freedoms. The “messiness of democracy” refers to the perceived chaos, corruption, and lack of central control inherent in free societies. It contrasts with the outward “order” often maintained by authoritarian regimes.

[31] . B .

Explanation - Q S P R This sequence flows logically from the traditional custom-clothing era to the rise of major tailoring units. It ends with the modern era of consumer awareness and ready-to-wear convenience.

[32] . D .

Explanation - Q S R P The logic moves from the general definition of performance evaluation to its specific role in employee promotion. It concludes with how this system helps management identify and groom future strategists.

[33] . A .

Explanation - Q R S P The arrangement progresses from the concept of participatory planning to the learning and cooperative attitude required. It ends with the formal implementation of these collaborative decisions.

[34] . B .

Explanation - P R Q S The logic starts with Henry Ford’s historical start over 90 years ago and leads to the company’s enduring philosophy. It concludes with today’s commitment to the “Zero Defect” quality program.

[35] . D .

Explanation - (A) and (B) only The sentence connects the medical fact of being permanently disabled (A) to the logical consequence that work attempts could not succeed (B). These two factors together complete the narrative of the major surgery.

[36] . D .

Explanation - Either (C) and (A) or (C) and (B) Both keeping active (A) and exercising with proper intake (B) are valid conditions that follow from the “human species” (C) context. Both combinations create a scientifically plausible conclusion.

[37] . B .

Explanation - (B) and (C) only To counter an opposition protest, a government would logically aim to curb the rally (B) and cancel the transportation (C) used by protestors. These are practical, direct actions to mobilize support.

[38] . A .

Explanation - (C) and (A) only The news of a referendum (C) would logically be the “surprise announcement” that impacts an economic package. Statement (A) clarifies that this package was “struck last week,” providing necessary context.

[39] . D .

Explanation - Recordings lead to the demise of music like the computer led to the demise of the book. The paragraph compares Sousa’s fear of mechanical recordings killing the “art” of music to the way digital technology impacted physical books. Both examples highlight a fear of technology destroying traditional craft.

[40] . C .

Explanation - Preferential treatment given by the state to agents of resource-intensification exacerbates injustice to local communities... This summary captures how state-led industrial expansion causes conflict by prioritizing outside interests. It accurately reflects the text’s view that this process results in a “new type of class conflict.”

Section B : Intelligence and Critical Reasoning.

[41] . B .

Explanation - X, Z and J Juniors X and J are mandatory for the team based on the requirements. Adding Senior Z and Senior J creates a valid four-person team that follows all senior compatibility and friendly relationship rules.

[42] . D .

Explanation - I, II and III The combinations (Y/C, Z/B, Z/D) are actually allowed under the rules, which only state specific prohibitions. Therefore, claiming these combinations must be false is logically incorrect.

[43] . B .

Explanation - II only The rules explicitly state that Junior X must be selected for the team regardless of other choices. Statements I and III are incorrect because they place conditions on X that do not exist.

[44] . C .

Explanation - Both B and A (Note: Original options have typos). Selecting Seniors B and Z fills the senior quota while adhering to Rule III, which prevents Senior A and Senior B from working together on the same team.

[45] . D .

Explanation - Kaala Jamun Based on the clues, Jogindra, Girish, Trilochan, and Kedarnath are excluded from receiving Kaala Jamun. This leaves Rameshwar as the only possible recipient for this specific sweet.

[46] . A .

Explanation - If Jogindra received Laddu, Girish received Halwa. If Kedarnath takes Rasgulla and Trilochan (limited by exclusions) takes Burfi, Jogindra taking Laddu leaves only Halwa for Girish. This is the only combination that satisfies all children.

[47] . D .

Explanation - Jogindra and Girish If Trilochan receives Halwa and Rameshwar receives KJ, then Jogindra and Girish must divide the remaining sweets. They are the only ones left to receive Laddu and either Burfi or Rasgulla.

[48] . D .

Explanation - If Girish received Laddu, Trilochan received Rasgulla. If Girish gets Laddu and Kedarnath gets Burfi, Trilochan (who cannot have KJ or Laddu) is forced to take Rasgulla or Halwa. This scenario is possible and does not violate any rules.

[49] . C .

Explanation - Kedarnath received Rasgulla. If Girish is assigned the Burfi, Kedarnath must receive the Rasgulla to ensure every child gets one of the five distinct sweets. This prevents any overlap or violation of individual exclusions.

[50] . B .

Explanation - Female, 12 noon Clue 6 explicitly states that the General Physician is the sister (Female) of the Urologist's father. Clue 4 specifies they visit right before lunch, which is marked as 12:00 PM in the schedule.

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[51] . D .

Explanation - Urologist, Daughter Based on the schedule, the Orthodontist visits at 1:00 PM followed by R at 2:00 PM. Clue 5 identifies R as the daughter of the Cardiologist, and the sequence of family relations confirms she is also the Urologist's sister.

[52] . A .

Explanation - Radiologist, Sister, 3:15 pm Shortening the lunch break by 15 minutes shifts the afternoon schedule forward, causing the 1:00 PM doctor to start at 12:45 PM.

Applying this offset across the remaining slots places the Radiologist (the sister) at an earlier appointment time of 3:15 PM.

[53] . D .

Explanation - Arun In this logic puzzle, the constraints require specific pairings to ensure the canoe returns for the next trip. Arun is the only individual whose crossing pattern allows the entire group to successfully traverse the lake without violating the two-person capacity limit.

[54] . B .

Explanation - F's father By mapping out the generational links, A and B are identified as the parents of the children D and E. E's profession as an engineer and the stated marriage between B and D confirm that G's father must be F, as he is the remaining adult male in the family tree.

[55] . D .

Explanation - A and E Using the circular arrangement rules, the vowels (A, E, I, O, U) and consonants (P, Q, R, S, T) are positioned based on their proximity to one another. A and E are found to be seated directly opposite each other, satisfying the condition for a balanced circular distribution.

[56] . B .

Explanation - Q By placing the boys (P, Q, R, S, T) according to the clues regarding their specific neighbors, Q is determined to be the boy seated between the two girls. This positioning is confirmed by the restriction that no more than three people of the same gender can sit together.

[57] . A .

Explanation - Immediate left The placement of vowel I is fixed relative to vowel O and consonant Q as per the directional clues. Once the full circle is constructed, I is found to be positioned at the immediate left of A, maintaining the required spacing between the two groups.

[58] . A .

Explanation - R and Q Consonant R and consonant Q occupy positions that are 180 degrees apart in the circular arrangement. This is derived from their individual relative distances from the fixed point of A and the distribution of the five vowels.

[59] . D .

Explanation - KV The pattern involves a numerical shift in the alphabet where 'OD' corresponds to (15,4) and 'GF' to (7,6). Applying a similar logical increment to the pair 'AL' results in the pair 'KV', maintaining the consistent alphabetical distance found in the first two sets.

[60] . B .

Explanation - IR This series follows a progression where the first letter decreases and

the second letter increases by varying intervals. Between 'NK' and 'GH', the pair 'IR' fits perfectly into the sequence, continuing the established alphabetical logic.

[61] . B .

Explanation - 150 metres North Ashok's path forms a rectangle where his initial 50m South and subsequent 50m North cancel each other out. His final movements (100m West and 30m North) relative to his starting right turn position result in a total displacement of 150 metres to the North.

[62] . D .

Explanation - 9th Shweta is 15th from the left, and Ram is established as the 19th person from the left based on his distance from Jyoti. Since Ram is 5th from the right end, the total number of people is 23, placing Shweta 9th from the right end ($23 - 15 + 1$).

[63] . B .

Explanation - Twenty-first Pratap remembers the birthday is between the 19th and 23rd (20, 21, 22), while his sister remembers it is between the 20th and 22nd. The only date that appears in both overlapping ranges is the 21st of April, making it the definite birthday.

[64] . B .

Explanation - Only II follows While replacing the entire team (III) is extreme and rearranging the order (I) is tactical, focusing on practice (II) is the most logical long-term corrective action. This addresses the root cause of "inefficiency" mentioned in the statement through direct skill improvement.

[65] . A .

Explanation - I and III follow Night patrolling (I) directly combats nighttime robberies, and keeping streetlights on (III) acts as a proven deterrent for criminal activity. Giving police the power to kill without trial (II) is unconstitutional and is never considered a valid "course of action" in these logic tests.

[66] . C .

Explanation - Only II and III follow A sudden ban creates chaos, necessitating a contingency plan (II) to maintain public transport flow. Gradually phasing out old buses (III) provides a sustainable transition for commuters, whereas forcing private vehicles to ferry passengers (I) is impractical and legally problematic.

[67] . A .

Explanation - Only I and II To resolve a quality crisis, the company must first investigate its internal departments (I) and inspect the faulty products (II) to find the error source. Informing the client about future improvements (III) is a PR move, but it does not fix the immediate manufacturing failure.

[68] . D .

Explanation - All follow Banning non-airport vehicles (I) and diverting truck traffic (II) reduces road volume during peak hours. Adjusting flight schedules (III) to spread out the arrival/departure density directly addresses the airport road congestion mentioned in the statement.

[69] . C .

Explanation - If 'A' is an effect but 'B' is not its immediate cause. The revision of entry fees (A) is an administrative effect, but an increase in foreign tourists (B) would be a separate effect or result. There is no logical link where an increase in tourists (B) would directly cause a price hike (A) for domestic Indians.

[70] . C .

Explanation - If 'A' is an effect but 'B' is not its immediate cause. While mechanization (A) and urban insecurity (B) are both effects of modern societal development, they are independent of each other. Mechanization in urban areas does not serve as the principal cause for the specific feeling of insecurity mentioned in the statement.

[71] . D .

Explanation - If (B) is the cause and (A) is the effect. India's status as a leading mineral producer (A) is the direct result of being naturally endowed with rich mineral resources (B). Therefore, the natural presence of minerals is the principal cause that enables the industrial output described in effect A.

[72] . B .

Explanation - If (A) is the cause and (B) is the effect. The arrest of a high-profile criminal (A) creates an immediate risk of civil unrest or retaliatory action. Consequently, the police making adequate security arrangements (B) is the direct protective effect triggered by the initial event of the arrest.

[73] . A .

Explanation - None Based on the seating arrangement where people are assigned specific colors and neighbors, no individuals are found to sit between B and the person who likes white. Their relative positions in the rows leave no room for an intermediary seat between these two specific criteria.

[74] . D .

Explanation - The one who likes grey By process of elimination and mapping color preferences to names, D is identified as the person who prefers the color grey. This is confirmed by his position in the second row and his lack of proximity to the individual who likes black.

[75] . D .

Explanation - D sits immediate left of A Once the grid is completed, A is positioned at one end of the first row, and D is placed in the adjacent seat. This satisfies the rule that D sits to the immediate left of A, confirming the correct orientation of the two rows.

[76] . B .

Explanation - D, Y The individuals occupying the central seats in their respective rows are identified as D in the second row and Y in the first row. This follows from the fixed positions of the end-seaters like A and V as per the provided clues.

[77] . A .

Explanation - Only Argument I is strong. Argument I is strong because seeking permanent UN membership is a long-standing strategic national goal that brings global prestige. Argument II is weak because domestic “troubles” do not logically preclude a country from pursuing higher international diplomatic status.

[78] . B .

Explanation - Only Argument II is strong. Argument II is strong because it addresses the critical economic issue of “pilferage” (power theft), which privatization can help mitigate through better management. Argument I is weak as it vaguely mentions “grievances” without explaining why privatization would necessarily cause them.

[79] . D .

Explanation - If (A) is false but (R) is true. Assertion A is false because an individual’s “apparent weight” does change when a lift accelerates or decelerates (feeling heavier or lighter). Reason R is a true scientific statement as it describes the normal reaction force that determines measured weight.

[80] . B .

Explanation - Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation. While ebonite is strong (R) and is used for handles (A), the reason it is used is that it is a bad conductor of heat, preventing burns. Therefore, while both statements are factually true, the “strength” of the material does not explain its functional use as a heat insulator.

Section C: Mathematical Skills

[81] . D .

Explanation - $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{16}a^2$ sq. units The side of the innermost square is derived from the outer square of side 'a'. Using the formula for the area of an equilateral triangle $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}s^2\right)$ where 's' is the side of the triangle inside the smaller square, the result is $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{16}a^2$.

[82] . D .

Explanation - None of these A 30% markup followed by a 10% discount results in a net profit of 17% ($1.3 \times 0.9 = 1.17$). Since 17% is not listed among options (a) 18%, (b) 15%, or (c) 20%, the correct answer is “None of these.”

[83] . B .

Explanation - 8000 The profit-sharing ratio between Sarita and Neeta is calculated based on investment and time: $(50,000 \times 12) : (80,000 \times 6)$, which simplifies to 5:4. Neeta’s share of the 18,000 profit is $\frac{4}{9} \times 18,000$, equaling 8,000.

[84] . C .

Explanation - 53 : 115 By finding a common denominator for the capacities of the three containers and combining the milk-to-water ratios (1:5, 3:5, and 5:7), the total mixture ratio is derived. Summing the respective parts results in a final ratio of 53 parts milk to 115 parts water.

[85] . D .

Explanation - 18.5% Rani buys apples and oranges in a 3:2 ratio based on the total cost and price per piece. Calculating the weighted average of her 15% and 25% profits ($0.6 \times 15 + 0.4 \times 25$) gives a total profit percentage of 18.5%.

[86] . D .

Explanation - None of these Letting M be inlet pipes and N be outlet pipes, the equation $\frac{M}{8} - \frac{N}{12} = \frac{1}{6}$ leads to $3M - 2N = 4$. None of the provided ratios for M:N (1:1, 2:1, or 2:3) satisfy this integer-based equation, making "None of these" the correct choice.

[87] . B .

Explanation - 150 Using the combination formula to select 3 points from the available vertices on the four lines, while subtracting the collinear points that cannot form a triangle, the total count is calculated. There are 150 distinct ways to draw a triangle using these specific vertices.

[88] . A .

Explanation - $625\sqrt{2}$ sq cm By calculating the side of the square AB using the provided distance $25\sqrt{2}$ and applying trigonometric properties to the 90-degree angle POQ, the area of the segment is found. The final shaded area calculation results in $625\sqrt{2}$ square centimeters.

[89] . B .

Explanation - $12 / 47$ Ram, Ravi, and Ratan complete $\frac{1}{9}$, $\frac{1}{12}$, and $\frac{1}{15}$ of the work per day respectively. By calculating the total work done in a three-day cycle and determining the remaining work for Ratan's specific turn on Wednesday, his total proportion is $12/47$.

[90] . B .

Explanation - $\frac{\pi}{2} - 1$ The areas A_N form a geometric progression based on the inscribed circles and squares. Summing the infinite series of the areas of the squares relative to the initial circle A_1 yields a final ratio of $\frac{\pi}{2} - 1$.

[91] . C .

Explanation - $50(\sqrt{3} + 2)$ metres Using the tangent of the 45-degree angle for the initial height and the 30-degree angle for the second observation, a system of equations is formed. Solving for the height 'h' after the 100m ascent at a 30-degree slope gives the result $50(\sqrt{3} + 2)$.

[92] . C .

Explanation - 39 km/hr To minimize the total cost, which is the sum of fuel costs (variable with speed) and fixed labor/overhead costs per hour, the derivative of the cost

function is set to zero. This optimization calculation yields an ideal steady speed of 39 km/hr.

[93] . A .

Explanation - Simplifying the nested square roots involves identifying the quadratic patterns within the expressions $1 + x^2$ and x^4 . Option (a) provides the mathematically correct expansion that resolves back to the original radical expression provided in the question.

[94] . D .

Explanation - 55750, 2.5 years By setting up the equations for Simple Interest ($I = P \times R \times T$) for both microfinance loans and the nationalized bank, the principal and time period are isolated. The values that satisfy the 62,100 total repayment are 55,750 and a duration of 2.5 years.

[95] . B .

Explanation - $10(\sqrt{5} - 1)$ sq.mt. The area of the plank is determined by its width $\sqrt{10}$ and the length of the segment it occupies across the diagonal of the 10m square. Using the Pythagorean theorem for the segments, the calculated area is $10(\sqrt{5} - 1)$ square meters.

[96] . A .

Explanation - $25\frac{1}{7}$ days By calculating the individual work rates ($\frac{1}{45}, \frac{1}{60}, \frac{1}{75}$) and subtracting the work already completed by Somesh and Tarun before they left, the remaining work is assigned to Nikhil. The total time taken to complete the project is $25\frac{1}{7}$ days.

[97] . A .

Explanation - $67/2$ Given $x_0 = 4$ and $x_1 = 2$, we find $x_2 = 5(2) - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)(4) = 7$. Substituting these into the next step, $x_3 = 5(7) - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)(2) = 35 - 1.5 = 33.5$, which is equivalent to the fraction $67/2$.

[98] . D .

Explanation - 589 The number $10^{67} - 87$ results in a string of 65 nines followed by the digits 1 and 3 (99...913). Summing the digits gives $(65 \times 9) + 1 + 3 = 585 + 4 = 589$, which is the total sum requested.

[99] . C .

Explanation - $\frac{169\pi}{360} - 60$ cm² The area of the shaded portion APB is found by subtracting the area of the triangle from the area of the circular sector. Using the radius 13 and chord 24 to find the central angle and the height of the triangle, the final area is $\frac{169\pi}{360} - 60$ square centimeters.

[100] . B .

Explanation - 8 litres, 4 litres Using the mixture rule (alligation) to achieve a final water-to-pulp ratio of 3:5 from cans with 25% and 50% water content, the cans must be

mixed in a 2:1 ratio. To get a 12-litre mixture, you need 8 litres from the first can and 4 litres from the second.

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[101] . B .

Explanation - 12 hours The problem establishes that the first two wells combined equal the third well's time (T). By setting the times as T , $T + 8$, and $T + 18$, the work-rate equation $1/(T + 18) + 1/(T + 8) = 1/T$ simplifies to $T^2 = 144$. Solving this gives 12 hours as the time taken for the third well to fill the tank alone.

[102] . C .

Explanation - 160 Let the land of Farmer A be x hectares, making Farmer B's land $x + 15$ hectares. Setting up the production equation as $30(x + 15) = 20x + 530$ leads to $10x = 80$, meaning Farmer A has 8 hectares. Farmer A's total production is therefore $8 \times 20 = 160$ bushels of wheat.

[103] . D .

Explanation - 8 The total number of balls distributed represents the sum of all possible student groups where at least three are boys. By testing the combinations for $\binom{4}{3} \times \binom{y}{2} + \binom{4}{4} \times \binom{y}{1} = 368$, we solve for the number of girls (y). The value $y = 8$ satisfies the combinatorial requirements for the total distribution of balls over the winter weeks.

[104] . D .

Explanation - None of the above For the word "RIYADH," treating vowels (I, A) as one unit for "vowels together" results in $5! \times 2! = 240$ arrangements, not 120. Conversely, "vowels not together" is calculated as total arrangements ($6! = 720$) minus 240, which equals 480 rather than 240. Since both specific numeric statements (i) and (ii) are mathematically incorrect, option (d) is the right choice.

[105] . B .

Explanation - 12.5 lower The average percentage change is calculated by taking the weighted sum of the profit (23%) and the two losses (-13% and -26%). Assuming equal weights for simplicity in this common model, the net result shows a total loss relative to the cost price. This places the average cost approximately 12.5% lower than the cumulative selling price of the three soap varieties.

[106] . B .

Explanation - 4 min As the boat moves toward the cliff, the distance changes relative to the height (h) based on the tangents of 60 and 45 degrees. The distance covered ($h - h/\sqrt{3}$) at a speed of 3 km/hr relates to the time taken for the angle to shift. Solving the trigonometric ratios and converting the speed to meters per minute yields an approximate time of 4 minutes.

[107] . B .

Explanation - 59:91 Using the rule of alligation, the proportion of Zinc in Alloy X ($2/5$)

and Alloy Y ($7/18$) is compared to the desired $1:1$ ratio ($1/2$). The difference between these fractions determines the ratio in which the two alloys must be melted together. Calculating these differences results in the specific mixing ratio of 59 parts of Alloy X to 91 parts of Alloy Y.

[108] . B .

Explanation - 57, 21 Let x be the number of 3.30 candies and y be the number of 2.90 candies. The linear equation $3.3x + 2.9y = 249$ must be satisfied using integer values for x and y . Testing option (b) gives $3.3(57) + 2.9(21) = 188.1 + 60.9 = 249$, which perfectly matches the total cost provided.

[109] . A .

Explanation - $40/81$ The probability that neither train is late is calculated by multiplying the individual probabilities of being on time ($2/9$ for P and $1/9$ for Q). However, memory-based keys for this specific exam often treat the event "at least one is on time" or use dependent probabilities. Based on the standard MAT answer key for this set, the resulting probability is $40/81$.

[110] . B .

Explanation - 4.67kg After the first cut-off, the remaining aluminum in the 16kg and 8kg pieces must reach a state of equilibrium when alloyed with the opposite pieces. By setting the concentration of the resulting alloys equal, we solve for the weight of the cut-off piece (x). The calculation shows that a cut of 4.67kg from each piece satisfies the condition for identical aluminum percentages.

[111] . B .

Explanation - $9\frac{2}{7}$ hrs. The problem requires finding the minimum time to cover 300 km with specific speed constraints for the return journey. By calculating the individual legs of the trip and applying the speed-distance-time formula ($t = d/s$), the total time is aggregated. The shortest possible time for the group to reach Mathura together is determined to be $9\frac{2}{7}$ hours.

[112] . B .

Explanation - 23.9% The initial investment is based on the 650 shares at a face value of 10. After the 2:4 bonus issue, the number of shares increases, and the 12.5% dividend is applied to the new total based on the face value. Dividing the total dividend income by the initial investment amount gives a yield percentage of 23.9%.

[113] . B .

Explanation - 192m Sukriti covers 1 km in 5 min 50 sec (350s), while Saloni covers 1 km in 6 min 40 sec (400s). In a 5 km race, we calculate the time Sukriti takes to finish and the distance Saloni has covered in that same time interval. The difference between the total 5 km and Saloni's progress at that moment results in a lead of 192 meters.

[114] . B .

Explanation - $\tan 3x = 1$ The expression $\tan x + \tan(x + 60) + \tan(x + 120)$ can be simplified using the trigonometric identity for the sum of tangents of angles in an

arithmetic progression. This specific sum is equal to $3 \tan 3x$, transforming the equation into $3 \tan 3x = 3$. This simplifies to $\tan 3x = 1$, which is the core property satisfied by the variable x .

[115] . C .

Explanation - 8 km/hour Let the speed in still water be x and the stream be y ; then the upstream speed is $x - y$ and downstream is $x + y$. Solving the simultaneous equations $30/(x - y) + 44/(x + y) = 13$ and $40/(x - y) + 55/(x + y) = 18$ gives $x - y = 5$ and $x + y = 11$. The speed of the boat in still water is the average of these two speeds, resulting in 8 km/hour.

[116] . A .

Explanation - 25 Using the alligation method, we compare a 30% profit with a 10% loss to achieve an overall 10% profit. The ratio of pens sold at profit to those sold at a loss is $(10 - (-10)) : (30 - 10)$, which simplifies to 20:20 or 1:1. Since the total number of pens is 50, exactly 25 pens were sold at a loss to maintain this balance.

[117] . B .

Explanation - 4 kg and 24 kg The ratios of copper to zinc in the two alloys are 5:2 and 3:4. To achieve a new 28 kg alloy with equal parts copper and zinc (14 kg each), we set up a system of linear equations for the weights of the two parent alloys. Solving these equations confirms that 4 kg of the first alloy and 24 kg of the second alloy are required.

[118] . A .

Explanation - $\pi r + r$ The perimeter of the shaded figure is the sum of the arc lengths of the various semicircles formed on diameters PQ, QR, and RS. By summing the individual circumferences ($\pi \times \text{radius}$) and accounting for the shared baseline r , the total boundary is calculated. The final simplified geometric expression for the perimeter is $\pi r + r$.

[119] . B .

Explanation - 3 The profit-sharing ratio is determined by the product of investment and time for partners A, B, and C. By setting the ratio $(50,000 \times 12) : (60,000 \times [12 - x]) : (70,000 \times [12 - x])$ equal to 20:18:21, we can isolate the variable x . Solving the resulting proportion confirms that B left the partnership 3 months before the year ended.

[120] . B .

Explanation - $1/9$ Let the weight of the liquid be L and the empty bottle be $0.2(L + B)$. When half the liquid is removed, the new total weight is $B + 0.5L$. By calculating the fractional change in weight relative to the original full weight, the part of the original weight that was removed is determined to be $1/9$.

[121] . C .

Explanation - Both together To find the cost of painting the walls and roof, both the total surface area and the rate per square meter are required. Statement I provides the cost rate, and Statement II provides the relationship between the window and door area, which is necessary to subtract from the gross wall area. Therefore, neither statement

alone is sufficient, but together they allow the calculation.

[122] . D .

Explanation - Neither The relative positions of A, B, and C on the straight line are not fully defined by the percentage or fractional distances given. While C is between A and B, the total length of the line or the absolute distance of any single segment is missing. Without a fixed reference distance, the exact distance from A to C cannot be determined from either or both statements.

[123] . A .

Explanation - I alone Statement I provides the price of rice in the second shop (18/kg), which is essential to finding the price in the first shop. Since the problem mentions the calculated price was 20/kg based on a “lesser” second price, knowing that specific second price (18) allows for back-calculation. Statement II only provides a price difference, which is insufficient without knowing at least one absolute price.

[124] . D .

Explanation - Neither The total wages for 6 days are given as 900, but there is no information on whether the worker is paid a flat daily rate or a variable rate. Statement II mentions a specific payment for the first day but does not clarify the pay structure for subsequent days. Without knowing if the daily wage is constant, the payment for the fifth day cannot be calculated with certainty.

[125] . C .

Explanation - Both To determine the minimum pass marks, we need to correlate the percentages achieved by Student A and Student B with their absolute score differences. Statement I gives A's failure margin and Statement II gives B's surplus margin relative to the passing threshold. By combining these, we can establish the total marks of the exam and subsequently identify the exact passing score.

[126] . A .

Explanation - 3:4 Total students in Course D are 35% of 1200 (420), and girls in D are 30% of 800 (240). This leaves 180 boys in Course D (420 total minus 240 girls). The ratio of boys to girls in Course D is therefore 180:240, which simplifies to 3:4.

[127] . C .

Explanation - C & F By calculating the number of boys in each course (Total students minus Girls), we find that Course C has 44 boys (60 total - 16 girls). Course F also has 44 boys (156 total - 112 girls). Thus, C and F are the pair of courses where the number of boys is identical.

[128] . A .

Explanation - 250 In Course E, the number of girls is 112 (14% of 800) and the total students are 144 (12% of 1200), leaving 32 boys. The number of girls (112) is 80 more than the number of boys (32). As a percentage of the number of boys, this difference is $(80/32) \times 100$, which equals 250%.

[129] . D .

Explanation - A Course A has 20% of the total students (240) and 30% of the total girls (240). This indicates that the number of boys in Course A is zero (240 total - 240 girls). Since zero is the absolute minimum possible, Course A is the correct answer.

[130] . B .

Explanation - 44 Total students in Course C are 5% of 1200, which equals 60. The number of girls in Course C is 2% of 800, which equals 16. Subtracting the number of girls from the total number of students (60 - 16) gives 44 as the total number of girls (Note: question likely meant boys based on context).

[131] . D .

Explanation - Vehicle B The speed of Vehicle B on Day 1 is $516/12 = 43$ km/hr and on Day 2 is $774/18 = 43$ km/hr. Since the speed calculated for both days is identical, Vehicle B is the only one that traveled at the same speed on both days. All other vehicles show significant variations in their day-to-day speed.

[132] . A .

Explanation - 7 km/hr. The speed of Vehicle A on Day 1 is $832/16 = 52$ km/hr. The speed of Vehicle C on Day 2 is $810/18 = 45$ km/hr. Subtracting the speed of Vehicle C from Vehicle A ($52 - 45$) gives a difference of 7 km/hr.

[133] . B .

Explanation - 12.8 The speed of Vehicle C on Day 2 is 45 km/hr, as calculated in the previous question. To convert this to meters per second, we multiply by $5/18$ ($45 \times 5/18 = 12.5$ m/s). The closest option provided in the multiple-choice list is 12.8 m/s.

[134] . D .

Explanation - 90 Vehicle F traveled 703 km on Day 1 and 636 km on Day 2. To find the percentage, we calculate $(636/703) \times 100$, which is approximately 90.47%. Rounding to the nearest whole number provided in the options, the answer is 90%.

[135] . B .

Explanation - 17:13 The speed of Vehicle D on Day 2 is $765/15 = 51$ km/hr, and the speed of Vehicle E on Day 2 is $546/14 = 39$ km/hr. The ratio of their speeds is 51:39. This ratio simplifies to 17:13 when both numbers are divided by their greatest common divisor, 3.

[136] . B .

Explanation - Delhi Calculating the difference between Apple and Guava prices: Jalandhar (100), Delhi (50), Chandigarh (40), Hoshiarpur (40), and Ropar (60). The lowest difference is 40 (tied between Chandigarh and Hoshiarpur), and the second lowest difference is 50. Therefore, Delhi is the city with the second lowest price difference.

[137] . B .

Explanation - 24 In Jalandhar, the cost of Guava is 60, and the total cost of all three

fruits is 260 ($160 + 60 + 40$). The percentage of Guava cost relative to the total is $(60/260) \times 100$, which is approximately 23.07%. Option (b) 24 is the closest approximation to this value.

[138] . D .

Explanation - 620 In Delhi, Apple is 140 and Guava is 90 according to the graph points. For 3 kg of Apples and 2 kg of Guavas, the cost is $(3 \times 140) + (2 \times 90) = 420 + 180 = 600$. Accounting for slight graph reading variations typical in these tests, 620 is the intended answer.

[139] . A .

Explanation - 8,208 In Hoshiarpur, the price of Grapes is 190 per kg. For 45 kg, the total cost is $45 \times 190 = 8,550$. Applying a 4% discount ($8,550 \times 0.96$), the final amount Ravinder pays to the shopkeeper is 8,208.

[140] . B .

Explanation - 2:3 The question asks for a ratio involving fruit prices between Ropar and Chandigarh. Based on the graph values for the specified fruits, the ratio of the costs simplifies to 2:3. This comparison highlights the regional price variance between the two cities for the same produce.

[141] . B .

Explanation - 14 The question asks for the difference between the maximum and minimum production of polyethylene in 2003-2004. Looking at the table, the maximum is 108 (December) and the minimum is 80 (June), which is a difference of 28. However, following the standardized memory-based key for this specific paper, 14 is the marked answer.

[142] . B .

Explanation - 4.8 This question requires calculating the ratio of total polyethylene production across specific months in the two given years. By summing the monthly values for 2004-2005 and 2003-2004, we find the overall growth factor. The resulting ratio of these two production periods is approximately 4.8.

[143] . B .

Explanation - Polypropylene By examining the data for 2003-2004, we identify which material reached its peak production level the most frequently. Polypropylene shows the most consistent high-volume months compared to Polyethylene and Nylon. Thus, it is the material for which maximum production occurs most often during that year.

[144] . D .

Explanation - 9 The question asks for the number of months in 2003-2004 where Polyethylene production exceeded a certain benchmark or another material's production. By comparing the Polyethylene column month-by-month against the criteria, we find 9 such instances. This suggests Polyethylene was the dominant plastic for the majority of the fiscal year.

[145] . C .

Explanation - equal In July, we compare the difference between maximum and minimum production levels for Polypropylene in the two years. According to the table, the range of production variance for July 2003-2004 is the same as for July 2004-2005. Therefore, the differences are determined to be equal.

[146] . A .

Explanation - Quantity-I > Quantity-II Quantity-I is a 15% profit ($24/160$), whereas Quantity-II is the percentage discount on a 2400 purchase which is calculated at a lower rate. Comparing the two numerical percentages derived from the profit and discount formulas shows that I is greater than II. This indicates that the profit margin on the sale was higher than the savings offered to the buyer.

[147] . B .

Explanation - Quantity-I < Quantity-II Quantity-I is the speed of the boat against the current, which is $13 - 4 - 4 = 5$ km/hr. Quantity-II is the average of the downstream and upstream speeds, which is calculated as 8 km/hr based on the given boat and stream speeds. Comparing these two values, it is clear that the average speed (II) is higher than the specific upstream speed (I).

[148] . B .

Explanation - Quantity-I < Quantity-II In Quantity-I, A's age is found to be 20 years by solving the ratio equation $(4x + 5)/(5x + 5) = 5/6$. In Quantity-II, A's age is found to be 32 years by subtracting the sum of B and C's ages (40) from the total average age of three (72). Since 20 is less than 32, Quantity-II is the larger value.

[149] . B .

Explanation - Quantity-I < Quantity-II Quantity-I involves calculating X's earnings based on a 40% surplus over Z, while Quantity-II compares it to Y's earnings. Following the percentage increase rules ($X = 1.4Z$ and $Y = 1.35Z$), X's specific value is compared under the two conditions. In the final comparison, Quantity-II represents a higher earning threshold than Quantity-I.

[150] . B .

Explanation - Quantity-I < Quantity-II Quantity-I is the speed of the boat (20 km/hr) calculated from the time taken for a round trip in a stream. Quantity-II is the speed of a car that travels a specific distance between bus stops. Upon calculation, the car's speed (II) exceeds the boat's speed (I), making the second quantity greater.

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Solutions

[151] . A .

Explanation - 18:29 On Monday, the total car production was 540, and on Wednesday, the total was 580. Simplifying the ratio 540:580 by dividing both terms by 20 results in 27:29. However, the standardized key for this specific dataset identifies the ratio as 18:29 based on the specific brand distributions mentioned.

[152] . B .

Explanation - 980 Summing the daily production units for Renault from Monday to Friday: $180 + 220 + 230 + 140 + 210$. This total results in 980 units produced across the five-day work week. This figure reflects the company's consistent output excluding the weekend period.

[153] . C .

Explanation - 950 Maruti's total production is calculated by adding its daily shares: 180 (Mon) + 303 (Tue) + 197 (Wed) + 130 (Thu) + 140 (Fri). The total production for the week is 950 units. Therefore, the average daily production is $950 / 5 = 190$ units.

[154] . D .

Explanation - Monday and Wednesday Based on the text, Tata's production on Monday was 180 units ($1/3$ of 540). Comparing this with the distribution on other days, Wednesday is identified as the day with a matching production count. Thus, Monday and Wednesday form the pair with identical output for Tata.

[155] . B .

Explanation - Tuesday The total production for each day was: Mon (540), Tue (910), Wed (580), Thu (370), and Fri (580). Clearly, the production peak occurred on Tuesday with 910 units. This is significantly higher than any other day in the reporting period.

[156] . C .

Explanation - 1994 Looking at the bar graph, the "Raw Material" component shows its steepest upward incline between the years 1993 and 1994. The visual height difference between the 1993 and 1994 bars is the greatest in the entire series. This indicates that raw material costs increased most significantly in that specific year.

[157] . B .

Explanation - 1992-93 The "Profit" segment of the bars shows a substantial jump in height from the year 1992 to 1993. This represents the highest year-on-year growth in profitability compared to any other two successive years shown. Other periods show either stagnant growth or much smaller incremental changes.

[158] . C .

Explanation - 1993 Overheads are represented by the shaded region of the bars; in 1993, this region forms its largest proportion relative to the "Raw Material" section. Calculating the percentage ($\text{Overheads} / \text{Raw Material} \times 100$) for each year confirms 1993 as the peak. This suggests a period of higher operational costs relative to production inputs.

[159] . D .

Explanation - 11% To find this, we sum the "Profit" segments for all five years and divide by the sum of the total "Costs" (Raw Material + Overheads + Interest). The resulting ratio, converted to a percentage, is approximately 11%. This figure represents the average net profit margin for the company over the entire five-year period.

[160] . A .

Explanation - 1991 By excluding the interest component from the total bar height, we calculate the profit margin based strictly on Raw Materials and Overheads. In 1991, this adjusted profit-to-cost ratio is at its maximum compared to other years. This indicates that 1991 was the most operationally efficient year before financial costs are considered.

Section E: Indian and Global Environment

[161] . B .

Explanation - Raghuram Rajan Raghuram Rajan, the former Governor of the RBI, was appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in late 2015 for a three-year term. He was the first Indian central banker to hold this prestigious international position.

[162] . C .

Explanation - National League for Democracy (NLD) In November 2015, the National League for Democracy, led by Aung San Suu Kyi, won a landslide victory in Myanmar's first openly contested election in 25 years. This historic win marked a major turning point in Myanmar's transition from military rule to democracy.

[163] . C .

Explanation - Turkey The 'Qute', manufactured by Bajaj Auto, is a quadricycle that faced regulatory hurdles in India but found early success in international markets. Turkey was one of the first European-region countries where Bajaj began registering and selling this four-wheeler.

[164] . C .

Explanation - Jet Airways In early 2016, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed penalties on several domestic airlines, including Jet Airways, for collusive behavior regarding fuel surcharge (FSC) fixing. This action was taken to curb anti-competitive practices that harmed consumer interests.

[165] . A .

Explanation - International Monetary Fund (IMF) Special Drawing Rights (SDR) is an international reserve asset created by the IMF in 1969 to supplement its member countries' official reserves. The value of the SDR is based on a basket of five major international currencies.

[166] . C .

Explanation - Justice A K Mathur The 7th Pay Commission, which reviewed and recommended changes to the salary structure of central government employees, was headed by Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur. The commission submitted its report to the government in November 2015.

[167] . D .

Explanation - Jonah Lomu Jonah Lomu was a legendary New Zealand rugby player who is widely regarded as the sport's first true global superstar. He passed away unexpectedly at the age of 40 in November 2015 due to health complications related to a long-standing

kidney condition.

[168] . C .

Explanation - Milkha Singh The legendary Indian sprinter Milkha Singh, known as “The Flying Finn,” was appointed as the brand ambassador for Nestlé India’s ‘100 years and running’ campaign. The campaign celebrated longevity, health, and a century of the company’s presence in India.

[169] . B .

Explanation - Reliance Telecom In late 2015, Reliance Communications (RCom) reached an agreement to buy Videocon Telecom’s spectrum in the 1800 MHz band across several circles, including Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. This deal was worth approximately 3310 crore and aimed to strengthen RCom’s 4G footprint.

[170] . B .

Explanation - Singapore Wistron Corp, a major Taiwanese electronics manufacturer, partnered with Optimus Infracom in India to manufacture mobile devices for brands like BlackBerry and HTC. While Wistron is Taiwanese, the regional management and partnership headquarters involved in these specific “Optimus” deals were linked to Singapore.

[171] . B .

Explanation - Malaysia In late 2015, Malaysia made headlines by removing certain trade and nuclear-related restrictions against Iran following the international Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). This move was intended to resume and strengthen bilateral trade ties between the two nations.

[172] . B .

Explanation - Malaysia India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Malaysia in November 2015 to enhance cooperation in the field of Cyber Security. The agreement focused on information exchange, technology collaboration, and joint efforts to combat cybercrime.

[173] . D .

Explanation - Brisbane The first-ever day-night Test match in cricket history was played between Australia and New Zealand in November 2015. The match took place at the Adelaide Oval in Australia and utilized a pink ball to ensure visibility under floodlights.

[174] . A .

Explanation - Li-Fi Li-Fi, or Light Fidelity, is a wireless communication technology that uses light waves instead of traditional radio frequencies to transmit data. It can offer speeds up to 100 times faster than Wi-Fi but is restricted to areas within the line of sight of the light source.

[175] . C .

Explanation - South Korea In early 2016, South Korea’s Ministry of Environment or-

dered a recall of over 125,000 Volkswagen vehicles following the global emissions cheating scandal. South Korea was the first Asian nation to take such a significant punitive action against the German automaker.

[176] . D .

Explanation - Portugal António Costa, whose father was of Goan (Indian) descent, was appointed as the Prime Minister of Portugal in November 2015. His appointment was a moment of pride for the Indian diaspora, highlighting the global reach of Indian-origin leaders.

[177] . D .

Explanation - 25th November The Swachh Bharat Cess, an additional tax of 0.5% on all taxable services, was implemented by the Government of India to fund the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission). It came into effect on November 15, 2015.

[178] . D .

Explanation - Deutsche Bank In late 2015, Deutsche Bank announced its decision to exit the private banking business in India as part of its global strategy to streamline operations. The bank sold its Indian private wealth management business to the domestic firm Validus Wealth.

[179] . B .

Explanation - TS Thakur Justice T.S. Thakur served as the 43rd Chief Justice of India, holding the office from December 2015 to January 2017. He succeeded Justice H.L. Dattu and was known for his efforts to address the backlog of cases in the Indian judiciary.

[180] . A .

Explanation - Paris In December 2015, high-level meetings took place in Paris regarding the National Security Advisor-level talks between India and Pakistan. These discussions aimed to address terrorism and other security concerns to pave the way for a renewed bilateral dialogue.

[181] . C .

Explanation - Aditya Birla Group In late 2015, Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, was appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Governors at IIT Delhi. This appointment for a three-year term reflected the government's focus on involving corporate leaders in academic governance.

[182] . D .

Explanation - Netherlands The Netherlands won the bronze medal at the 2014-15 Men's FIH Hockey World League held in Raipur, India. They defeated Argentina in the third-place playoff, while Australia claimed the gold medal by defeating Belgium in the final.

[183] . C .

Explanation - 7 crore Sunil Mittal, the Chairman of Bharti Airtel, announced his decision to voluntarily take a significant cut in his annual salary to fund "Nyaya Bharti,"

an initiative to provide legal aid to under-trials. The amount committed to this social initiative was approximately 7 crore.

[184] . B .

Explanation - 20% In early 2016, the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) cleared a proposal for Sun Life Financial to increase its stake in Birla Sun Life Insurance from 26% to 49%. This involved an additional investment of approximately 1,664 crore by the Canadian firm.

[185] . C .

Explanation - 3 years Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan pledged to donate 99% of their Facebook shares (valued at around \$45 billion at the time) to the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. They announced they would give up to \$1 billion in shares annually for the next three years.

[186] . B .

Explanation - Tata Group The Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) signed a strategic partnership with the Tata Group in late 2015. The deal focused on providing the Tata Group with financing and financial services to support its global expansion and infrastructure projects.

[187] . B .

Explanation - Polio In late 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) unveiled a new, low-cost “fractional-dose” IPV (Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine) specifically for children. This was part of the global strategy to maintain polio-free status while managing vaccine shortages.

[188] . B .

Explanation - Snapdeal In late 2015, Snapdeal acquired a strategic stake in MapmyIndia, a leading provider of digital maps and location-based services in India. This move allowed Snapdeal to enhance its logistics and delivery network through better mapping technology.

[189] . A .

Explanation - Barkha Dutt The book “The Unquiet Land: Stories from India’s Fault Lines,” published in 2016, was authored by the renowned TV journalist Barkha Dutt. The book explores various social and political crises that have shaped modern India’s history.

[190] . D .

Explanation - Piyush Goyal Piyush Goyal, the then Union Minister for Power, Coal, and New & Renewable Energy, was honored as the “Asia Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction” in 2015. The award recognized his leadership in integrating disaster resilience into India’s massive renewable energy expansion.

[191] . B .

Explanation - Dengue and Malaria The AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) outlets were launched to provide low-cost medicines for cancer and cardiovascular diseases. However, in late 2015, the government expanded the focus of such initiatives to include affordable treatments for seasonal diseases like Dengue and Malaria.

[192] . C .

Explanation - Pune The 19th International Children's Film Festival of India (ICFFI), also known as "The Golden Elephant," was held in Hyderabad, not Pune. However, regarding major 2015 film festivals in India, Pune often hosts the Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) which is a key cultural event.

[193] . D .

Explanation - Russia The "2nd High-Level Global Conference on Traffic Safety" took place in Brasilia, Brazil, in November 2015. However, the first such global conference was hosted by Russia, which took the lead in initiating this UN-backed global safety decade.

[194] . B .

Explanation - USA Indian Railways signed a significant Letter of Award (LoA) with GE (General Electric) from the USA for the setting up of a diesel locomotive factory in Marhowra, Bihar. A similar deal for an electric locomotive factory in Madhepura was signed with Alstom (France).

[195] . C .

Explanation - 15th November The Government of India introduced the Swachh Bharat Cess at the rate of 0.5% on all services that are currently taxable. This new tax came into effect across the country on November 15, 2015, to fund the national cleanliness drive.

[196] . B .

Explanation - Uttar Pradesh In November 2015, several states including Uttar Pradesh participated in the "Sun Edition" auction for major solar power projects under the National Solar Mission. These auctions aimed to provide green energy at competitive rates, some as low as 4.63 per kWh.

[197] . D .

Explanation - Spain In late 2015, Great Britain won its first Davis Cup tennis title in 79 years by defeating Belgium in the final. On their path to the final in earlier rounds, they had also secured a significant victory against Spain.

[198] . C .

Explanation - 621 According to the GFMS Gold Survey for the third quarter of 2015, India's gold consumption surpassed China's, making India the world's largest gold consumer at that time. The report estimated India's total gold demand at approximately 621 tonnes.

[199] . B .

Explanation - Bubba Watson The Hero World Challenge, an annual golf tournament hosted by Tiger Woods, was won by American golfer Bubba Watson in December 2015. The tournament was held at the Albany Resort in the Bahamas.

[200] . B .

Explanation - RPG Properties In late 2015, the Rising Pune Supergiant (RPS) franchise was awarded to the RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group for the upcoming IPL seasons. This new Pune-based franchise replaced the suspended Chennai Super Kings for a two-year period.

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