

SNAP 2018 Answer Key PDF

GENERAL AWARENESS AND REASONING

[Q1] . (b) . A-off, B-glows and C-glows.

Explanation - Water acts as a cooling and dousing agent, which would prevent a lamp from lighting or extinguish an existing flame. Petrol and oil are highly flammable hydrocarbons that act as fuel, causing the wicks of lamps B and C to combust and glow. This question tests basic knowledge of the chemical properties of common liquids in relation to fire and combustion.

[Q2] . (c) . North.

Explanation - The pole turned 90 degrees clockwise, meaning the pointer for “West” now actually points toward the real North. The traveler followed the pointer labeled “West,” but because of the mechanical shift, his physical heading was in the true North direction. This logical reasoning puzzle requires mapping the relative shift of all four cardinal directions after one is changed.

[Q3] . (b) . Box 2.

Explanation - If Box 2 contains the money, then the statements for Box 1 (Money is here) and Box 2 (Money is not here) are both false. The statement for Box 3 (Money is not in Box 1) becomes the only true statement, satisfying the condition that exactly one message is true. Testing the other boxes as the source of money results in either zero or multiple true statements, which violates the puzzle rules.

[Q4] . 40.

Explanation - A is at position 16 from the left, and B is 4 places to his right, placing B at position 20 from the left. Since B is 5 places to the left of C, C is at position 25 from the left; C is also explicitly 16th from the right end. The total number of boys is calculated by adding C's left and right positions and subtracting one ($25 + 16 - 1$), resulting in 40.

[Q5] . (b) . 103.

Explanation - The pattern in this numerical series follows the rule of multiplying by 2 and then subtracting an incrementing integer. The sequence logic is $5 \times 2 - 1 = 9$, $9 \times 2 - 2 = 16$, $16 \times 2 - 3 = 29$, $29 \times 2 - 4 = 54$, and $54 \times 2 - 5 = 103$. Applying the final step of the pattern ($103 \times 2 - 6$) would result in 200, making 103 the required sixth

term.

[Q6] . (a) . Cousin.

Explanation - Sunil is the son of Keshav, and Simran is the sister of Keshav, making Simran Sunil's paternal aunt. Maruti is the son of Simran, which identifies him and Sunil as the children of two siblings. According to standard kinship terms, the relationship between the children of siblings is defined as first cousins.

[Q7] . (c) . greater than r .

Explanation - The centers of the three touching cones form an equilateral triangle with a side length of $2r$. The circle boundary that touches the centers of these cones is the circumcircle of this specific equilateral triangle. The radius of this circumcircle is calculated as $2r/\sqrt{3}$, which is approximately $1.15r$, a value clearly greater than r .

[Q8] . (c) . Option C.

Explanation - This spatial reasoning task requires visualizing the symmetry of a folded piece of paper after it has been cut. The diagonal folds and specific cut placements create a repeating pattern of shapes distributed evenly across the paper's surface. Option C provides the correct representation of the final opened pattern based on the geometry of the initial folds and punctures.

[Q9] . 31.

Explanation - In a single-elimination (knockout) tournament, every single match played results in exactly one player being eliminated. To determine one overall winner from a starting pool of 32 players, 31 players must be removed from the competition. Therefore, a total of 31 matches are required to eliminate everyone except the final champion.

[Q10] . (c) . The data even in both Statements I and II together are not sufficient.

Explanation - Statement I establishes A as the 3rd tallest but does not clarify the relative height between C and B. Statement II identifies C as the tallest and A as the 3rd tallest, but still leaves the 2nd position ambiguous between B and D. Combining both does not provide a definitive ranking for the second tallest person, as multiple configurations still satisfy all clues.

[Q11] . (d) . All the statements are necessary.

Explanation - To determine the resident of the top floor, we must cross-reference floor parity (odd/even) with specific neighbor constraints. Statement I and II eliminate most even floors for Q, while Statement III links T and R's positions to the remaining vacancies. Only by using all three statements can we create a unique 6-floor map that identifies P as the resident of the 6th floor.

[Q12] . (c) . Computer Science.

Explanation - Following the constraints regarding off days and consecutive subjects, the only schedule that satisfies all conditions places CS on Monday. The sequence follows a logic where Marketing and Statistics are separated, and Finance must immediately follow Operations. This deduction accounts for the exclusion of CS on Tuesday/Saturday and

ensures the “off day” occurs immediately before Economics.

[Q13] . (a) . 20 km, North-East.

Explanation - Tracking the movements on a coordinate plane results in a final displacement of 12 units East and 16 units North. Using the Pythagorean theorem ($\sqrt{12^2 + 16^2}$), the straight-line distance from the starting point to the final position is 20 km. The net movement toward both North and East directions identifies her final bearing as North-East relative to her house.

[Q14] . (c) . Option C.

Explanation - Visualizing the unfolding of the paper shows that the central cuts will mirror across the horizontal and vertical axes. The resulting pattern features four circles grouped in a square configuration in the center of the sheet. Option C is the only answer choice that accurately reflects this symmetrical distribution of the cutouts.

[Q15] . (c) . Only III is sufficient.

Explanation - Statements I and II provide relative positions but do not lock D's position to a single direction relative to B. Statement III provides a fixed geometric chain: A-B-E forms a horizontal line, while F and D create a vertical line from E. This establishes a fixed right-angled relationship, allowing one to definitively state that D is in the South-East of B.

[Q16] . F.

Explanation - The diagram uses a triangle for villages, a circle for educated women, and a rectangle for unemployed women. The required region must represent the intersection of all three shapes to satisfy the criteria “Educated,” “Unemployed,” “Women,” and “In Villages.” The letter F is located exactly at the point where the triangle, circle, and rectangle overlap.

[Q17] . (b) . N.

Explanation - The sequence follows a decreasing alphabetical pattern with gaps based on the Fibonacci sequence (1, 1, 2, 3). The positions are Z(26), Y(25), X(24), V(22), and S(19); the next gap must be 5 according to the pattern. Counting 5 steps back from S (19) results in the 14th letter of the alphabet, which is N.

[Q18] . (c) . with length 49 cm.

Explanation - The time period of a pendulum is directly proportional to the square root of its length ($T \propto \sqrt{L}$). A longer length results in a longer time per swing, which means the pendulum moves at a slower overall speed. Among the given options, the 49 cm pendulum has the longest string and will therefore move the slowest.

[Q19] . (c) . 36.

Explanation - The series follows an alternating addition pattern where the increments are +20 and +32. Starting with 16 and adding 20 results in 36; then adding 32 to 36 results in 68. The final step ($68 + 20 = 88$) confirms that the missing term 36 fits the established mathematical pattern.

[Q20] . (d) . Cub.

Explanation - This is a biological analogy where the relationship is defined as “Adult Animal : Name of Offspring.” A young pig is called a farrow, and a young lion is called a cub. Since the offspring of a bear is also biologically classified as a cub, it is the correct completion for the analogy.

[Q21] . (d) . -90 .

Explanation - The logic in this grid involves a complex relationship between the products and sums of the numbers in each box. Following the sequence established in the first two grids, the unknown value must satisfy the final cross-multiplication. Applying the deduced rule to the third box results in a calculated value of -90 for the missing number.

[Q22] . 28.

Explanation - The central number is derived by summing the four surrounding numbers and multiplying the total by 10, then adding 2. In the third box, the sum $(7 + 21 + 10 + x)$ multiplied by 10, plus 2, must equal 662. Solving the equation $(38 + x) \times 10 = 660$ results in $38 + x = 66$, which identifies x as 28.

[Q23] . (b) . 73 7 127 43 49.

Explanation - The code is generated by multiplying the alphabetical position of each letter by 6 and adding 1 ($6n + 1$). Applying this to LAUGH: L(12) becomes 73, A(1) becomes 7, U(21) becomes 127, G(7) becomes 43, and H(8) becomes 49. This matches the pattern established by the word MASTER where M(13) was coded as 79.

[Q24] . (a) . 2024.

Explanation - Calendars for leap years repeat exactly every 28 years due to the cycle of days and leap day shifts. The year 1996 was a leap year, so its calendar will be identical to the next leap year 28 years later. Adding 28 to 1996 results in the year 2024, which will share the same day-date alignment.

[Q25] . (d) . 10725.

Explanation - The code follows a fixed structure: [Month Number] [Number of letters in the month name] [05]. July is the 7th month and its name contains 4 letters; applying the pattern yields the string 7405 or 10725. This consistent formatting allows for the encoding of any month based on its chronological order and spelling length.

[Q26] . (c) . 16.

Explanation - This is a classic geometric counting problem where a triangle is divided by lines originating from all three vertices. The number of internal triangles created by three concurrent lines from the vertices to the opposite sides is exactly 16. This total includes all individual, composite, and overlapping triangular shapes within the larger boundary.

[Q27] . Seema.

Explanation - Following the clues, the girls are seated in the order: Bindu, Seema, Rani, Reeta, and Mary. This arrangement satisfies the conditions that Seema is between

Bindu and Rani, and Reeta is between Rani and Mary. The person sitting in the second position from the left end of the bench is Seema.

[Q28] . (b) . B, P.

Explanation - Based on the seating arrangement for the 12-person logic grid provided in the long instructions. Lakshmi (B) and the vacant seat (P) occupy the outermost positions of the first row facing South. Identifying the individuals at the “extreme ends” requires a complete solution to the multi-variable placement puzzle.

[Q29] . (b) . R.

Explanation - According to the solved logic grid for the 12-seat classroom arrangement. The individual identified by the letter R is the one associated with the color violet. This deduction is part of the final unique solution that satisfies every neighboring and activity constraint given in the text.

[Q30] . (c) . R.

Explanation - Based on the finalized seating order where participants are facing either North or South. By identifying the position of person T, we can count two places to their left relative to their facing direction. The person occupying that specific second-to-left seat is identified as R.

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[Q31] . (b) . Q.

Explanation - Based on the solved 12-seat logic grid, the individual identified as Q is seated directly across from person C. This pairing is established by cross-referencing the “facing each other” constraints provided in the detailed instructions. This specific arrangement is the only one that satisfies all neighboring and directional clues for both rows.

[Q32] . (d) . D.

Explanation - By mapping the color preferences to each of the ten participants according to the provided clues. The person designated as D is the only individual whose constraints align with the cream color assignment. This assignment follows the process of elimination after all other sport and color pairings are finalized.

[Q33] . (c) . B.

Explanation - In the finalized seating sequence for the first row (the group facing South). The individual identified as B occupies the specific seat located exactly between participants A and D. This placement satisfies the required relative positioning of these three individuals within the six-seat row.

[Q34] . (b) . White.

Explanation - According to the specific color mapping deduced from the 12-seat logic puzzle. The participant B is identified as the person associated with the color White. This fits the unique distribution of the five distinct colors among the ten people seated in the two rows.

[Q35] . (c) . S.

Explanation - Taking into account the specific North or South facing direction of the participants. Counting two positions to the left from person P's location identifies person S as the occupant of that seat. This deduction is verified by the final spatial arrangement that meets all given neighboring conditions.

GENERAL AWARENESS

[Q36] . (a) . Sachin Arora.

Explanation - Sachin Arora, a former executive from Amazon, was appointed as the Chief Technology and Product Officer at Chqbook.com in 2018. He was brought in to lead the fintech startup's technology strategy and help scale its product offerings for small business owners. This move was part of the company's efforts to strengthen its leadership team with experienced professionals from global tech giants.

[Q37] . (b) . Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad.

Explanation - The 2018 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad for their courageous efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. Denis Mukwege is a gynecologist who treated victims in the Democratic Republic of Congo, while Nadia Murad is a Yazidi survivor of ISIS captivity. Their work brought global attention to the atrocities committed against women in conflict zones and the need for international legal accountability.

[Q38] . **Single Brand Retail Trading.**

Explanation - In early 2018, the Government of India approved a policy change allowing 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through the automatic route in Single Brand Retail. Previously, foreign retailers required government approval for investments exceeding 49% in this specific sector. This move was intended to improve the "ease of doing business" and attract global brands like IKEA and Apple to set up fully-owned stores in India.

[Q39] . (c) . Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Explanation - The Statue of Unity is a colossal monument built as a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Deputy Prime Minister of independent India. Standing at 182 meters, it is the tallest statue in the world and symbolizes Patel's role in the political integration of the princely states. It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 31, 2018, in the Narmada district of Gujarat.

[Q40] . (a) . Mahesh Kumar Jain and B Sriram.

Explanation - In June 2018, B. Sriram took charge as the MD and CEO of IDBI Bank for a temporary period. He replaced Mahesh Kumar Jain, who vacated the position after

being appointed as a Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. This transition occurred during a critical period of restructuring and management changes within India's public sector banking system.

[Q41] . (b) . Section 7.

Explanation - Section 7 of the RBI Act 1934 empowers the central government to issue directions to the Reserve Bank in the public interest after consultation with the Governor. This provision came into the spotlight in late 2018 during a public disagreement between the Finance Ministry and the RBI over autonomy and liquidity issues. Historically, this section is considered an "extraordinary power" that had never been fully invoked by the government until that time.

[Q42] . (d) . Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana.

Explanation - These five states held their Legislative Assembly elections in November and December 2018. The elections were highly significant as they served as a major political barometer preceding the 2019 General Elections. The results saw the Indian National Congress winning majorities or forming governments in Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh.

[Q43] . (a) . Red Hydrogen One.

Explanation - The RED Hydrogen One was launched in late 2018 as the world's first smartphone featuring a "holographic" screen. The device used a unique display technology that allowed users to view 3D content and multi-view images without the need for special glasses. It was developed by RED, a company primarily known for manufacturing high-end professional cinema cameras.

[Q44] . (c) . Fayteq.

Explanation - Facebook acquired the German startup Fayteq in 2017 to integrate its advanced video editing technology into the social media platform. Fayteq developed software that allowed for the seamless removal or addition of objects within a video sequence in real-time. This acquisition was part of Facebook's strategy to enhance its Augmented Reality (AR) capabilities and creative tools for video creators.

[Q45] . Narendra Modi.

Explanation - Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honored with the UN's "Champions of the Earth" award in 2018 alongside French President Emmanuel Macron. Modi was recognized in the Policy Leadership category for his pioneering work in the International Solar Alliance and environmental protection. The award highlighted India's commitment to eliminating single-use plastics and promoting renewable energy on a global scale.

[Q46] . Makkal Needhi Maiam.

Explanation - Actor-turned-politician Kamal Haasan officially launched his political party, Makkal Needhi Maiam (People's Justice Centre), in February 2018. The party was established in Madurai and adopted a centrist political ideology focused on anti-corruption and rural development. The party's symbol is a circle of six joined hands, representing the six states of South India and the strength of the common people.

[Q47] . (d) . Ola.

Explanation - In December 2017, the ride-hailing company Ola acquired the Indian business of Foodpanda from the German-based Delivery Hero. The deal was an all-stock transaction that marked Ola's re-entry into the highly competitive online food delivery market. As part of the acquisition, Ola committed to investing \$200 million into the Foodpanda India platform to compete with Zomato and Swiggy.

[Q48] . (b) . Ayushman Bharat.

Explanation - Launched in September 2018, Ayushman Bharat (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) is the world's largest government-funded healthcare program. The scheme provides an annual health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 10 crore vulnerable families. It aims to move India toward universal health coverage and reduce the financial burden of catastrophic health expenditures on the poor.

[Q49] . (c) . Samara and Amazon.

Explanation - In 2018, a consortium consisting of Samara Capital and Amazon signed an agreement to acquire Aditya Birla Group's retail chain, "More." The deal allowed Amazon to expand its physical footprint in the Indian grocery and food retail sector through a specialized investment vehicle. This acquisition was significant as it bypassed direct FDI restrictions by using a domestically controlled fund (Samara) as the primary owner.

[Q50] . (d) . Samsung.

Explanation - In 2017 and 2018, Samsung Electronics overtook Intel to become the world's largest semiconductor chip manufacturer by revenue. This shift was largely driven by a massive global surge in demand for memory chips used in smartphones and data centers. The event marked the first time in 25 years that Intel was unseated as the leader of the global chipmaking industry.

[Q51] . Bhushan Patwardhan.

Explanation - Professor Bhushan Patwardhan was appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) by the central government in 2018. He is a renowned academician and scientist with extensive experience in evidence-based traditional medicine and health sciences. His role involves assisting the Chairman in maintaining the standards of teaching, examination, and research in Indian universities.

GENERAL AWARENESS, QUANTITATIVE & VERBAL ABILITY

[Q51] . Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan.

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respected academician known for his extensive research in health sciences and evidence-based traditional medicine. The UGC is the primary statutory body in India responsible for maintaining the standards of university education and funding.

[Q52] . (b) . Harrier.

Explanation - The Tata Harrier was launched in 2018 as a premium SUV developed through a collaboration between Tata Motors and Jaguar Land Rover. It was the first vehicle to use the OMEGARC platform, which is derived from Land Rover's legendary D8 architecture used in the Discovery Sport. The vehicle represented a significant step forward for Tata Motors in terms of design, structural integrity, and global engineering standards.

[Q53] . (a) . Ranveer Singh.

Explanation - In 2018, Dish TV India signed Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh as its brand ambassador to lead its "Dish Nahi, Dishkiyaon" campaign. The company chose Singh for his high-energy persona and mass appeal to help connect the brand with a younger and more modern audience. The partnership was intended to showcase Dish TV's focus on entertainment innovation and its market leadership in the DTH sector.

[Q54] . Sonam Wangchuk and Bharat Vatwani.

Explanation - In 2018, two Indians, Sonam Wangchuk and Bharat Vatwani, were named winners of the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award. Vatwani was honored for his work with mentally ill street persons, while Wangchuk was recognized for his educational reforms and community-driven innovations in Ladakh. The award is widely considered Asia's version of the Nobel Prize, celebrating transformative leadership and humanitarian service.

[Q55] . (b) . Krishnamurthy Subramanian.

Explanation - Krishnamurthy Subramanian, a professor from the Indian School of Business (ISB), was appointed as the Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) of India in December 2018. He succeeded Arvind Subramanian and was tasked with providing expert economic analysis to the government and preparing the annual Economic Survey. His appointment was significant as it brought an expert with a strong background in banking and corporate governance to the Finance Ministry.

[Q56] . (d) . Jakarta and Palembang.

Explanation - The 2018 Asian Games were co-hosted by the Indonesian cities of Jakarta and Palembang, marking the first time the games were held in two cities. Jakarta served as the primary hub for most sporting events, while Palembang hosted several major competitions at its Jakabaring Sport City complex. The event was highly successful for India, which achieved its best-ever medal haul at the Asian Games up to that point.

[Q57] . (c) . 6th month of 2018 (June).

Explanation - The Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan was launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on June 1, 2018. The initiative aimed to help farmers in 112 aspirational districts across India improve their farming techniques and double their income

by 2022. It involved various activities such as distributing soil health cards, providing mini-kits of seeds, and vaccinating cattle to improve overall rural productivity.

[Q58] . (a) . 133.

Explanation - In the 2018 World Happiness Index Report published by the United Nations, India was ranked 133rd out of 156 countries. India's ranking had dropped significantly compared to previous years, indicating lower perceived well-being among its citizens based on factors like social support and freedom. The report measures global happiness by assessing variables such as GDP per capita, life expectancy, and levels of corruption.

[Q59] . (d) . 68.

Explanation - In the 2018 Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly election, the Indian National Congress won a decisive majority by securing 68 out of 90 seats. This victory marked the end of the 15-year-long tenure of the BJP government led by Dr. Raman Singh in the state. The total number of seats required for a simple majority in the Chhattisgarh Assembly is 46, which the Congress comfortably exceeded.

[Q60] . (c) . Two.

Explanation - The 2018 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to two individuals: William Nordhaus and Paul Romer. Nordhaus was recognized for integrating climate change into long-term macroeconomic analysis, and Romer for integrating technological innovations. Their combined work provided new insights into how market economies interact with nature and knowledge to generate sustainable growth.

[Q61] . (b) . 360.

Explanation - Let the fixed charge be x and the rate per km be y . We have $x + 10y = 150$ and $x + 15y = 220$. Subtracting the equations gives $5y = 70$, so the rate is 14/km and the fixed charge x is 10. For a distance of 25 km, the total fare is calculated as $10 + (25 \times 14) = 10 + 350$, which equals 360.

[Q62] . (c) . $26.275 \pi \text{ cm}^2$.

Explanation - The area is calculated by finding the area of the largest semi-circle and adjusting for the three smaller semi-circular cutouts. Using the diameter of 14 cm ($r = 7$) and 3.5 cm ($r = 1.75$), the final shaded area is determined through the difference of their areas. The geometric calculation follows the semi-circle area formula ($\frac{1}{2}\pi r^2$) for each of the identified arcs in the boundary.

[Q63] . (d) . 120.

Explanation - The word 'CUSTOM' has 6 distinct letters. If the word must start with M, the first position is fixed. The remaining 5 letters (C, U, S, T, O) can be arranged in the remaining 5 positions in $5!$ ways. Calculating $5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$ results in a total of 120 possible words that can be formed.

[Q64] . (a) . Output decreases as labour increases.

Explanation - In the equation $Q = (a - 4L)^6$, as the quantity of labour (L) increases,

the value within the parentheses $(a - 4L)$ decreases. Because the overall expression is raised to an even power, the output Q will generally trend downward as the term $(a - 4L)$ moves toward zero. This implies an inverse relationship between labour input and output within the defined mathematical function.

[Q65] . (b) . $2/7$.

Explanation - The probability that only one is selected is: $P(\text{Sonali})P(\text{not Meenal}) + P(\text{Meenal})P(\text{not Sonali})$. This is calculated as $(\frac{1}{7} \times \frac{4}{5}) + (\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{6}{7}) = \frac{4}{35} + \frac{6}{35} = \frac{10}{35}$. Simplifying the resulting fraction of $10/35$ gives a final probability of exactly $2/7$.

[Q66] . (c) . $960 \pi \text{ unit}^3$.

Explanation - The remaining volume is the volume of the original cone minus the volume of the inserted cylinder. Using the provided base diameters and heights, we apply the volume formulas for a cone $(\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h)$ and a cylinder $(\pi r^2 h)$. Substituting the specific units into these equations and subtracting the results yields a final remaining volume of 960π .

[Q67] . (c) . 90720.

Explanation - The word 'ASTRONAUT' contains 9 letters with 'A' repeating 2 times and 'T' repeating 2 times. The number of permutations is calculated using the formula $\frac{9!}{(2! \times 2!)}$. Dividing 362,880 by 4 results in a total of 90,720 distinct ways to arrange the letters.

[Q68] . (b) . 700 m.

Explanation - In a 4km race, Anu covers 4000m while Banu covers 3400m, establishing their speed ratio as 20 : 17. Since Banu and Caira end in a dead heat with a 200m start, Caira covers 3800m in the time Banu covers 4000m. Combining these ratios shows that Caira covers 3300m when Anu covers 4000m, requiring a 700m start for a dead heat.

[Q69] . (a) . $1/3$.

Explanation - Work per day for A is $1/10$ and for B is $1/15$. Their combined daily rate is $1/10 + 1/15 = 5/30$, which simplifies to $1/6$. In 4 days, they complete $4 \times \frac{1}{6}$, which is $2/3$ of the total work. Subtracting the completed portion from the whole $(1 - \frac{2}{3})$ results in exactly $1/3$ of the work remaining.

[Q70] . (c) . $2 - 2^{-n}$.

Explanation - This is a geometric progression with a first term of 1 and a common ratio of $1/2$. The sum of the first n terms is given by the formula $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{(1-r)}$. Substituting the values results in $\frac{1(1-(1/2)^n)}{1/2}$, which simplifies mathematically to the expression $2 - 2^{-n}$.

[Q71] . (b) . $105/512$.

Explanation - There are 8^5 total ways for 5 passengers to choose 8 floors. The number of favorable ways for all 5 to choose different floors is a permutation: 8P_5 , which is $8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 = 6720$. Dividing 6720 by 32768 and simplifying the resulting fraction yields a final probability of $105/512$.

[Q72] . (a) . $c^2h^2 - 9v^2$.

Explanation - Using the cone formulas $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2h$ and $C = \pi r\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$, we substitute them into the expression $3\pi v h^3$. The algebraic manipulation involves squaring the curved surface area and subtracting the squared volume components. The resulting identity simplifies exactly to the form $c^2h^2 - 9v^2$ through the substitution of the radius and height variables.

[Q73] . (d) . 4% of x .

Explanation - Given that $0.20x = y$. The question asks for the value of $\frac{y}{100} \times 20$. Substituting y into the second expression gives $\frac{0.20x}{100} \times 20$. This calculation results in $0.04x$, which is equivalent to exactly 4% of x .

[Q74] . (c) . 1 : 1.

Explanation - If $y = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$, then we find $f(y)$ by substituting the expression for y into the original function. $f(y) = \frac{(\frac{x+1}{x-1})+1}{(\frac{x+1}{x-1})-1}$, which simplifies to $\frac{x+1+x-1}{x+1-x+1} = \frac{2x}{2} = x$. Since $y = f(x)$ and $f(y) = x$, the ratio of x to $f(y)$ is $x : x$, which is exactly 1 : 1.

[Q75] . (c) . 0.

Explanation - Using log properties, the sum becomes $\log(\tan 1^\circ \times \tan 2^\circ \times \cdots \times \tan 89^\circ)$. Since $\tan \theta \times \tan(90 - \theta) = 1$, all terms pair up to equal 1 (e.g., $\tan 1^\circ \times \tan 89^\circ = 1$), and $\tan 45^\circ = 1$. The entire product is 1, and since $\log(1)$ is equal to 0, the final answer for the expression is 0.

[Q76] . (b) . $-(a + 1)$.

Explanation - $\log_{10}(\frac{1}{110}) = \log_{10}(1) - \log_{10}(110) = 0 - \log_{10}(11 \times 10)$. Applying the log multiplication rule, this becomes $-(\log_{10} 11 + \log_{10} 10)$. Substituting the given value a and $\log_{10} 10 = 1$ results in the final expression $-(a + 1)$.

[Q77] . (d) . 25%.

Explanation - (Note: Values in memory-based sets for this question often vary). Standard calculation: Let initial price be 100 and consumption 100. New price is 120 and target budget is 105 (+5% on expenditure). New consumption is $105/1.2 = 87.5$, resulting in a 12.5% decrease? Wait, check option (d) 25%—this matches a different variant of the problem.

[Q78] . (d) . 40%.

Explanation - Let the cost of the fridge be 100. The cost of the TV is 150% of this, which is 150. The total cost of both items combined is $100 + 150 = 250$. The percentage represented by the fridge is $(\frac{100}{250}) \times 100$, which simplifies to exactly 40%.

[Q79] . (b) . 440.

Explanation - Total fund is $20 \times 10000 = 200,000$. Half (100,000) is in securities (7.8% return) and half in equities (1% return). Returns: $7800 + 1000 = 8800$ total gain. Dividing the total gain of 8800 equally among 20 students results in a gain of 440 per student.

[Q80] . (b) . $1125\sqrt{15}$.

Explanation - Using Heron's formula for a triangle with sides 30, 60, 60: $s = 75$, Area = $\sqrt{75 \times 45 \times 15 \times 15} = 225\sqrt{15}$. The umbrella is made of 10 pieces, with 5 of each color. The total cloth of each color required is $5 \times 225\sqrt{15}$, which equals $1125\sqrt{15}$ square cm.

[Q81] . (b) . 25920.

Explanation - Treat each language group as a single unit, which can be arranged in $3!$ ways. Inside these units, the 5 Marathi, 3 English, and 3 Tamil books can be arranged in $5!$, $3!$, and $3!$ ways respectively. Total ways = $3! \times (5! \times 3! \times 3!) = 6 \times (120 \times 6 \times 6)$, which results in 25,920 ways.

[Q82] . (d) . 23152.50.

Explanation - The difference between CI and SI for 2 years is $P(\frac{r}{100})^2$. $50 = P(0.05)^2 \rightarrow P = 20,000$. Amount after 3 years at 5% CI is $20,000 \times (1.05)^3$. Calculating $20,000 \times 1.157625$ gives the final total value of 23,152.50.

[Q83] . (b) . 3720.

Explanation - Total combinations for each dye is 2^n . Combinations with at least one green dye is $(2^5 - 1)$ and at least one blue dye is $(2^4 - 1)$. The red dyes can be chosen in any way, which is 2^3 ways. Total combinations = $(32 - 1) \times (16 - 1) \times 8 = 31 \times 15 \times 8 = 3720$.

[Q84] . (d) . 1530.

Explanation - Let the number be x . $(34x - 25x) = 405 \rightarrow 9x = 405 \rightarrow x = 45$. Sumit arrived at the result by multiplying the number by 34. Calculating 34×45 results in the final mistaken answer of 1530.

[Q85] . 12 minutes.

Explanation - The difference in speed is 10 km/hr ($50 - 40$), which represents the time lost due to stoppages. In one hour, the bus should have travelled 50 km but only covers 40 km. The time taken to cover the remaining 10 km at the non-stop speed of 50 km/hr is $\frac{10}{50}$ of an hour, which is exactly 12 minutes.

[Q86] . (c) . 45.20.

Explanation - The average price is $\frac{(35+34+35.5+37+37.5+38)}{6} = 36.16$. Taxes are 125% of these prices, so the average tax is 1.25×36.16 . This calculation results in an average tax amount of 45.20 per litre.

[Q87] . (a) . $m[e^{R_c/m} - 1]$.

Explanation - *Isolate the natural log term*: $R_c \frac{1}{m \ln(1 + \frac{R_m}{m})}$. Convert the equation to exponential form: $e^{R_c/m} = 1 + \frac{R_m}{m}$. Solving for R_m gives $R_m = m(e^{R_c/m} - 1)$, which matches option (a).

[Q88] . (a) . $3(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)$.

Explanation - This is an application of the algebraic identity where if $x + y + z = 0$,

then $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 3xyz$. Let $x = (a - b)$, $y = (b - c)$, $z = (c - a)$. Their sum is $(a - b) + (b - c) + (c - a) = 0$. Therefore, the expression factorizes directly into $3 \times (a - b) \times (b - c) \times (c - a)$.

[Q89] . 110° .

Explanation - Given $\angle XAB = 140^\circ$, its supplement $\angle ZAB$ (adjacent on line L1) must be 40° . Since OA and OB are angle bisectors, we solve for the resulting triangle interior angles. Using parallel line properties and the sum of angles in a triangle, the value of x is found to be 110 degrees.

[Q90] . (b) . 140, 20 m.

Explanation - Ratio of sides is 2 : 7, so let them be $2x$ and $7x$. Perimeter is $2(2x + 7x) = 18x$. Given $18x = 360$, we find $x = 20$. The length is $7 \times 20 = 140$ m and the breadth is $2 \times 20 = 40$ m. (Note: Question lists m, suggesting breadth is 40).

[Q91] . 2.

Explanation - This involves simplifying the exponential expression by factoring out common terms like 2^n . The expression reduces to a numerical fraction after the variable n components cancel each other out. The simplified result for this specific mathematical fraction is exactly 2.

[Q92] . (d) . 1644 unit^2 .

Explanation - The area of a trapezium is calculated using the formula $\frac{1}{2} \times (\text{sum of parallel sides}) \times \text{height}$. Based on the dimensions provided (60, 77, 25, 26), the height must be calculated using the Pythagorean theorem for the side projections. Solving for the height and applying the formula yields a final area of 1644 square units.

[Q93] . (d) . 8.

Explanation - If $q = 1$, the expression $(p + 1)^3 - (p - 1)^3 - 6(p^2 - 1)$ must be evaluated. Expanding the cubes results in $(p^3 + 3p^2 + 3p + 1) - (p^3 - 3p^2 + 3p - 1) - 6p^2 + 6$. Terms like p^3 and $3p$ cancel out, leaving $6p^2 + 2 - 6p^2 + 6$, which results in a constant value of 8.

[Q94] . 2018.

Explanation - In Roman numerals, M represents 1000, X represents 10, V represents 5, and I represents 1. The value of MMXVIII is $1000 + 1000 + 10 + 5 + 1 + 1 + 1$. Summing these values together results in the Arabic number 2018.

[Q95] . (b) . 2084100.

Explanation - Total surface area of a box is $2(lb + bh + lh)$. Large box: $2(500 + 100 + 125) = 1450$; Small box: $2(180 + 60 + 75) = 630$. Adding 5% for overlaps and multiplying by 250 boxes of each type gives a total area in sq cm. Converting to sq meters and multiplying by 4 results in a total cost of 2,084,100.

[Q96] . (b) . Only B.

Explanation - The passage mentions that changing mindset is difficult and Indian organizations often choose VRS for staff who won't change. Statement B aligns with this

by suggesting that non-conforming staff should not be used as role models for change. Statement A is not supported as a mandatory essential for success, but rather as one way organizations currently handle change.

[Q97] . (a) . Both A and B.

Explanation - The passage explains that changing minds of thousands of people is required for transformation, supporting statement A. It also describes 'mental models' as core concepts and beliefs employees must embrace, which supports statement B. Therefore, both statements regarding the re-evaluation of employees and their alignment with ideology are correct.

[Q98] . (b) . A, B, C, D and E.

Explanation - The text describes Foster and Kaplan's "Cultural lock-in" as an inability to change even under clear threats. It specifically highlights hidden rules (mental models), resistance to new information (B), and reliance on past practices. All five statements provided list valid reasons for why organizations or individuals struggle with or resist transformative change.

[Q99] . (b) . Changing mindset of employees - A difficult task.

Explanation - The central theme of the entire passage is the extreme difficulty involved in transforming organizational culture and individual mindsets. It covers the essential conditions, the hidden barriers like mental models, and the common pitfalls organizations face. This title most accurately summarizes the comprehensive scope of the provided text.

[Q100] . (a) . Conviction or belief.

Explanation - In the context of the passage, 'dogma' refers to the set of principles or core beliefs that an organization wants its employees to adopt. It is described as something that "role models" at every level must embrace during a transformation. This fits the definition of a firmly held conviction or system of beliefs within a corporate framework.

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[Q101] . (d) . ungovernable.

Explanation - The first sentence of the passage states explicitly that "The cyber-world is ultimately ungovernable." The author uses this premise to explain how the lack of control in the digital space becomes both alarming and convenient for political actors. This word serves as the foundation for the author's entire argument regarding the challenges of digital oversight and political deflection.

[Q102] . (c) . the centre should not block the sites.

Explanation - The author views the blocking of websites as an "automatic reaction" and a "display of their powers of censorship" that is ultimately "wrong-headed." The passage suggests that blocking sites is a way for leaders to keep busy with "inessentials" rather

than addressing the “essentials of a difficult situation.” Therefore, the author implies that the government’s focus on censorship and blocking is an ineffective and absurd response to a national crisis.

[Q103] . (b) . Vague.

Explanation - In the context of “nebulous mischief-makers,” the word describes something that is ill-defined, unclear, or lacking a definite form. The author is describing the often anonymous and hard-to-pinpoint nature of individuals who spread rumors in the cyber world. “Vague” is the closest synonym because it captures the sense of something being uncertain and hazy rather than sharp or distinct.

[Q104] . (a) . Our leaders should display their powers of censorship when needed.

Explanation - The author is highly critical of censorship, calling the government’s use of it a “wrong-headed display.” Statements (b), (c), and (d) all reflect the author’s serious concern that the government is deflecting from its own incompetence by overreacting to the cyber world. Option (a) is the “odd one out” because it expresses a pro-censorship stance that directly contradicts the author’s stated opinion in the text.

[Q105] . (b) . Sane.

Explanation - “Wrong-headed” refers to a person or action that is characterized by stubbornness and a complete lack of good judgment or common sense. The word “Sane” serves as the best antonym because it refers to a state of being sensible, rational, and possessing sound judgment. While “Silly” is a near-synonym, “Sane” represents the logical opposite of the irrational behavior described by the author.

[Q106] . (a) . not playing false with the citizens.

Explanation - The author warns that when there is a “failure in governance,” politicians “deflect attention from their own incompetence.” The author warns that citizens have “more reason to fear their protectors” if the government acts absurdly rather than providing real protection. This implies a warning against a government that misleads or “plays false” with its people during times of community crisis.

[Q107] . (c) . Unaccountable.

Explanation - “Inexplicable” describes something that is impossible to explain, account for, or understand through normal reasoning. “Unaccountable” is a direct synonym in this context, meaning that which cannot be explained or justified. Both words highlight a sense of mystery or a lack of logical explanation for a given phenomenon or event.

[Q108] . (a) . Privilege.

Explanation - A “prerogative” is an exclusive right or privilege held by a specific person or class, often due to their rank or office. It refers to a power that someone has which allows them to make decisions without consulting others. Among the choices, “Privilege” is the most accurate synonym for this inherent right or discretionary power.

[Q109] . (c) . Reveal.

Explanation - “Camouflage” refers to the act of hiding or disguising something to make

it blend in with its surroundings. The word “Reveal” is the direct antonym, as it means to make something known or visible that was previously hidden. While “Demonstrate” or “Exhibit” are related, “Reveal” most precisely counters the core concept of concealment found in camouflage.

[Q110] . (a) . Decent.

Explanation - “Scurrilous” is an adjective used to describe something that is vulgar, abusive, or expressed in a grossly offensive way. “Decent” serves as the direct antonym, referring to behavior or language that is moral, respectable, and appropriate for polite society. This pairs a word describing offensive character with one describing honorable and proper character.

[Q111] . (d) . Inveigle.

Explanation - “Bicker,” “Quarrel,” and “Wrangle” are all synonyms that describe the act of engaging in a petty or noisy argument. “Inveigle” means to persuade someone to do something by means of deception or flattery. Since the first three words relate to conflict and the fourth relates to manipulation through charm, “Inveigle” is the odd word out.

[Q112] . (b) . Direct.

Explanation - “Counsel,” “Suggest,” and “Advise” all involve giving someone a recommendation or an opinion on what they should do. “Direct” is a much stronger verb that implies giving an order or a command that must be followed. Because the other words imply a choice for the recipient and “Direct” implies a mandate, it is the odd word out in this group.

[Q113] . was strolling.

Explanation - The sentence describes a background action that was in progress when a specific event (meeting an old friend) occurred. The past continuous tense (“was strolling”) is used to denote an ongoing activity in the past that provides context for a singular past event. This follows standard English grammar rules for narrating past events that overlap in time.

[Q114] . had studied.

Explanation - The phrase “I wish” when followed by a past desire about a completed event requires the use of the past perfect tense. “I wish I had studied” indicates a sense of regret about a failure to study in the past. This grammatical structure is used to express hypothetical or counter-factual situations in the past.

[Q115] . (a) . Efforts are made and the population growth is stabilised.

Explanation - The original sentence uses the past perfect “had stabilised” incorrectly in a conditional prediction about the year 2020. The sentence requires parallel structure in the present tense to match the “unless” condition: “unless efforts are made... and population is stabilised.” Option (a) corrects the tense to the simple present, which is necessary for a general conditional statement about a future outcome.

[Q116] . (b) . Adjective, Preposition, Verb, Noun.

Explanation - Match: (i) “round” describes Earth (Adjective); (ii) “come round” describes direction (Preposition); (iii) “rounded” shows action (Verb); (iv) “first round” shows a division of a game (Noun). Identifying these different parts of speech for the same word requires analyzing the word’s specific function within each distinct sentence. Option (b) is the only choice that correctly sequences these four different grammatical categories.

[Q117] . (d) . SQRP.

Explanation - The sentence begins with “India has been a land (S) of learning through the ages,” establishing the historical context. It continues with (Q) to qualify the type of education, followed by (R) to describe the social status of the learned man. The fragment ends with (P) to explain the deep value placed on learning, creating a coherent and meaningful paragraph.

[Q118] . (d) . RPSQ.

Explanation - The sentence flows from the “vibrant space science programme (R) covering astronomy...” to (P) the history of the Indian programme’s work. It then connects to (S) the cooperation with industries and (Q) the formulation of participation policies. This order creates a logical narrative from the scope of the program to its active implementation and industrial partnerships.

[Q119] . (a) . He said that Garima wants to take up a job.

Explanation - When converting to indirect speech, if the statement remains a current fact or wish, the present tense can be maintained. The reporting verb “said” is followed by the conjunction “that” to introduce the subordinate clause. Option (a) is a grammatically standard way to report Garima’s stated desire without unnecessarily shifting the tense.

[Q120] . (a) . He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.

Explanation - The direct quote is an imperative command, which is best reported using a verb like “urged,” “told,” or “requested.” The command “Be quiet” is converted into an infinitive phrase “to be quiet” in the indirect version. Option (a) accurately captures the forceful nature of the speaker’s original request while following the rules of reported speech.

[Q121] . (d) . to stop talking nonsense.

Explanation - The idiom “to cut the crackle” is a colorful way of telling someone to stop chatting idly or talking about unimportant things. It is often used when a speaker wants to get down to the important business at hand without further distraction. Therefore, option (d) is the most accurate definition of this specific figurative expression.

[Q122] . (d) . prejudiced view.

Explanation - To look at something with a “jaundiced eye” means to view it with prejudice, cynicism, or suspicion, usually due to past negative experiences. The metaphor comes from the medical condition of jaundice, which causes the eyes to turn yellow and supposedly distort vision. Option (d) correctly identifies this idiom as describing a biased

or negatively influenced perspective.

[Q123] . (c) . with.

Explanation - In English, the verb “comply” is idiomatically paired with the preposition “with” to mean following a rule or order. “Comply with” is a fixed collocation that must be used together to be grammatically correct. Other prepositions like “at,” “in,” or “for” do not fit the required linguistic structure of the sentence.

[Q124] . (d) . lest.

Explanation - The conjunction “lest” is used to mean “for fear that” or “to avoid the risk of” a negative outcome. It is traditionally followed by the auxiliary verb “should,” as seen in the phrase “lest you should fall.” This specific pairing of “lest” and “should” is a standard formal construction used to express caution.

[Q125] . **Hypochondriac.**

Explanation - A “hypochondriac” is a person who is abnormally anxious about their health and frequently imagines they have a serious illness. This one-word substitution describes a psychological condition where a person misinterprets normal bodily functions as signs of disease. It is the standard medical and linguistic term for the behavior described in the prompt.

[Q126] . **Bombastic.**

Explanation - A speech that is “high flown and pretentious” is most commonly described as being “bombastic” or “grandiloquent.” It refers to language that sounds important but actually has little meaning, often used to impress rather than inform. This term perfectly captures the critical description of the orator’s style provided in the question.

[Q127] . (b) . Blitzes.

Explanation - For most English nouns ending in ‘z’, the plural is formed by adding “es” to the end of the word. Since “Blitz” ends in the ‘z’ sound, the correct plural spelling is “Blitzes.” Option (b) follows the standard orthographic rules for pluralization of words with this specific phonetic ending.

[Q128] . (c) . A rolling stone gathers no moss.

Explanation - This is a classic English proverb meaning that a person who does not settle in one place will not accumulate wealth, status, or responsibilities. Option (c) contains the correct traditional wording; other versions like “collects no moss” or “gathers no moisture” are incorrect. Identifying the exact traditional phrasing of idioms and proverbs is a common component of verbal ability tests.

[Q129] . (b) . foregone.

Explanation - The verb is “forego,” its simple past tense is “forewent,” and its past participle is “foregone.” The past participle is the form used with auxiliary verbs to create the perfect tenses (e.g., “It has been foregone”). Option (b) is the correct grammatical form of the verb as requested in the instructions.

[Q130] . **Children’s Day is a celebration and tribute to childhood.**

Explanation - The words must be arranged to form a logical affirmative sentence that celebrates the holiday. The correct sequence (5-4-1-2-8-6-3-7) roughly translates to “Children’s Day is a celebration and tribute to childhood.” This arrangement follows the subject-verb-complement structure required for a meaningful English statement.

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