

Fill In the Blanks

DIRECTIONS (Qs.1-18): Each of the following items is followed by four words or group of words. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word or group of words.

[2010 – NDA/ NA I]

1. Although I was ____ of his plans, I encouraged him, because there was no one else who was willing to help.
(a) skeptical (b) remorseful
(c) fearful (d) excited
2. You have no business to ____ pain on a weak and poor person.
(a) inflict (b) put
(c) direct (d) force
3. Her uncle died in a car accident. He was quite rich. She suddenly ____ all her uncle's money.
(a) succeeded (b) caught
(c) gave (d) inherited
4. There was a major accident. The plane crashed. The pilot ____ did not see the tower.
(a) likely (b) probably
(c) scarcely (d) hurriedly
5. The car we were travelling in ____ a mile from home.
(a) broke off (b) broke down
(c) broke into (d) broke up
6. What are you ____ in the kitchen cupboard?
(a) looking in (b) looking on
(c) looking to (d) looking for
7. I did not see the point of ____ waiting for them, so I went home.
(a) hanging around (b) hanging on
(c) hang together (d) hanging up
8. He lost confidence and ____ of the deal at the last minute.
(a) backed out (b) backed on
(c) backed down (d) backed onto

[2010 – NDA/ NA II]

9. Your present statement does not ____ what you said last week.
(a) accord to (b) accord in
(c) accord with (d) accord for
10. I had a vague ____ that the lady originally belonged to Scotland.
(a) notion (b) expression
(c) imagination (d) theory
11. The prisoner showed no ____ for his crimes.
(a) hatred (b) obstinacy
(c) remorse (d) anger

12. It is inconceivable that in many schools children are subjected to physical ____ in the name of discipline.
(a) violation (b) exercise
(c) violence (d) security
13. We have not yet fully realised the ____ consequences of the war.
(a) happy (b) pleasing
(c) grim (d) exciting
14. Happiness consists in being ____ what we have?
(a) contented to (b) contented with
(c) contented fo (d) contented in
15. His rude behaviour is a ____ his organization.
(a) disgrace for (b) disgrace on
(c) disgrace upon (d) disgrace to
16. No child is ____ understanding. One has to wait and provide proper guidance.
(a) dull to (b) dull in
(c) dull of (d) dull for
17. I am fully ____ the problems facing the industry.
(a) alive with (b) alive to
(c) alive for (d) alive on
18. The Romans were ____ science.
(a) bad in (b) bad to
(c) bad for (d) bad at

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 19-28): Apply suitable preposition/phrasal verb in the blank of each item.

[2013 – NDA/ NA II]

19. Universities in Germany and Denmark will have an input ____ the project.
(a) for (b) into
(c) about (d) at
20. He gave me a leg ____ when I was completely new to the business.
(a) up (b) down
(c) off (d) for
21. You should have nothing to do with those criminals; they all have violent attitudes and long records. They are men ____ the same kidney.
(a) with (b) in
(c) of (d) on
22. He didn't have the guts to stand ____ his friend when he was in trouble.
(a) with (b) for
(c) by (d) beside
23. He broke out of the prison ____ dressing as a woman.
(a) in (b) as
(c) by (d) with
24. When electricity failed, emergency generators ____.

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- (a) cut out (b) cut off
(c) cut on (d) cut in
25. We need two more hands to ____ the heavy rush of work.
(a) cope up (b) cope with
(c) cope to (d) cope in
26. Twenty-five candidates ____ each other for the first prize.
(a) compete for (b) compete with
(c) compete to (d) compete on
27. We must eliminate the ____ rich and poor.
(a) disparity between (b) disparity for
(c) disparity in (d) disparity from
28. As an innovator, he ____ the beaten track and explored new religions.
(a) deviated from (b) deviated to
(c) deviated in (d) deviated for

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 29-32): Each of the following items is followed by four words or group of words. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option.

[2014 – NDA/ NA I]

29. When the police arrived, the thief ____ away.
(a) strolled (b) moved
(c) galloped (d) ran
30. His ____ as an officer was not quite satisfactory.
(a) acting (b) doing
(c) deed (d) record
31. The two children stood at the ____ of the table.
(a) conclusion (b) terminal
(c) end (d) termination
32. The old man was ____ weak to open the door.
(a) very (b) far
(c) much (d) too

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 33-44): In the following passage, certain words are missing. For each blank, choose the word that best fits the meaning of the passage from the given options (a), (b), and (c).

[2014 – NDA/ NA I]

Passage

Drobny defied the critics. He had played through the Wimbledon fortnight and reached the final. Could he win just one more match and take the crown, or would he fail again at the last test and justify those who said that he lacked that little extra something that makes the champion? His opponent was the Australian Ken Rosewall, 33. ____ brilliant youngster and already a master 34. ____ world experience behind him. Jaroslav Drobny, 35. ____ son of a Czech carpenter who 36. ____ started the boy off at the 37. ____ of five with a wooden 'bat' in lieu 38. ____ a racquet, went on 39. ____ the famous Centre Court at Wimbledon 40. ____ day with the full knowledge that this 41. ____ be the game of his 42. _____. He had kept on typing, and 43. ____ could keep on trying, but 44. ____ would become fewer and fewer. He knew that he had to gain an advantage from the start, and he had this young rival set off against him.

33. (a) that (b) a (c) the
34. (a) with (b) of (c) for
35. (a) a (b) that (c) the
36. (a) had (b) was (c) has
37. (a) age (b) stage (c) career
38. (a) for (b) of (c) to
39. (a) to (b) for (c) with
40. (a) in (b) on (c) that
41. (a) can (b) must (c) would
42. (a) life (b) age (c) day
43. (a) he (b) one (c) you
44. (a) games (b) matches (c) opportunities

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 45-54): Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in each sentence.

[2014 – NDA/ NA II]

45. You haven't had your lunch yet, ____ you?
(a) are (b) aren't
(c) have (d) haven't
46. Life is to death as pleasure is to ____.
(a) poverty (b) suffering
(c) anguish (d) pain
47. The French ____ reputed to have a very good sense of humour.
(a) is (b) was
(c) are (d) will be
48. 'Please' and 'Thank you' are the little courtesies by which we keep the ____ of life oiled and running smoothly.
(a) path (b) machine
(c) garden (d) river
49. Many of the advances of civilization have been conceived by young people just on the ____ of adulthood.
(a) boundary (b) threshold
(c) peak (d) horizon
50. The more your action and thought are allied and ____ the happier you grow.
(a) divergent (b) unravelled
(c) integrated (d) invincible
51. He ____ in wearing the old fashioned coat in spite of his wife's disapproval.
(a) insists (b) persists
(c) desists (d) resists
52. It is not what you say that ____ but what you do.
(a) matches (b) implies
(c) matters (d) moves
53. Physically we are now all neighbours, but psychologically we are ____ to each other.
(a) primitive (b) complementary
(c) strangers (d) cowards
54. The old 'Nature' versus ____ debate regarding crime continues even today.
(a) 'Man' (b) 'Universe'
(c) 'Culture' (d) 'Nurture'

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 55-60): In the passage below, choose the word (a), (b), or (c) that best fits each blank.

[2015- NDA/ NA I]

Passage

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After having slept for an hour, Bond decided to go out into the city and try to find his contact. After changing his suit, he carefully locked his room and stepped out of the hotel. No one was around. But he had walked only for a few minutes when it suddenly 55. _____ to him that he was being 56. _____ by someone. There was really no 57. _____ for it except a very slight 58. _____ of footsteps. He was now walking 59. _____ the main street, which was crowded 60. _____ people. He became extremely aware of the danger of people threatening him.

55. (a) felt (b) occurred (c) happened
 56. (a) followed (b) shot (c) looked
 57. (a) reason (b) cause (c) evidence
 58. (a) weight (b) sound (c) hurting
 59. (a) from (b) down (c) over
 60. (a) with (b) by (c) in

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 61–64): Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

[2015 – NDA/ NA I]

61. He was fired for negligence on duty.
 (a) relieved of his job (b) scolded
 (c) rebuked (d) attacked
 62. Democracy is not the standardising of everyone so as to obliterate all peculiarity.
 (a) demolish (b) extinguish
 (c) erase (d) change
 63. Divine grace is truly ineffable.
 (a) that which cannot be rubbed out
 (b) incapable of being understood
 (c) that which is too great to be expressed in words
 (d) too powerful to be defeated
 64. The convocation address was very edifying.
 (a) tedious (b) in need of editing
 (c) instructive (d) exciting

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 65–68): Choose the word that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word in each sentence. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

[2015 – NDA/ NA I]

65. John is always shabbily dressed.
 (a) decently (b) beautifully
 (c) extravagantly (d) scantily
 66. The new manager of the Bank is urbane in his manners.
 (a) civilized (b) slow
 (c) rude (d) foolish
 67. It is necessary to develop thrifty habits to be able to lead a comfortable life.
 (a) expensive (b) extravagant
 (c) economical (d) good
 68. Many people suffer because of pride.
 (a) lowliness (b) submission
 (c) humility (d) obedience

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 69–112): Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in each sentence. Select your answer from the four options and mark it on your answer sheet.

[2015 – NDA/ NA II]

69. Man has won his dominant position on this planet by his _____ of technology.
 (a) command (b) emphasis
 (c) belief (d) stress
 70. The day was extremely hot and, in no time, my back was drenched with _____.
 (a) prickly heat (b) perspiration
 (c) sores (d) fatigue
 71. The Government is encouraging village upliftment _____ in the country.
 (a) programmes (b) designs
 (c) talks (d) propaganda
 72. Satish was endowed _____ a natural talent for music.
 (a) in (b) by
 (c) for (d) with
 73. Mr. Ghosh is very happy _____ his son's excellent result.
 (a) for seeing (b) to see
 (c) by seeing (d) see
 74. Sunlight filtering _____ the stained glass window created a mosaic of colours on the floor.
 (a) in (b) through
 (c) at (d) into
 75. Are you feeling doubtful _____ your decision?
 (a) about (b) upon
 (c) at (d) for
 76. I want to study geology now for I _____ Zoology for the last three years.
 (a) am studying (b) have been studying
 (c) had studied (d) had been studying
 77. Increase in storage facilities has made it possible to store goods at places _____ to people all over the country.
 (a) safe (b) easy
 (c) proper (d) convenient
 78. To say that we were surprised at the cleverness of the child is an understatement; we were really _____.
 (a) annoyed (b) astounded
 (c) flattered (d) confused
 79. In spite of the old woman's repeated entreaties, he remained _____.
 (a) ashamed (b) docile
 (c) indifferent (d) lethargic
 80. There was _____ competition for electoral seats.
 (a) diligent (b) rapid
 (c) cut-throat (d) sparse
 81. The cricket team _____ mainly of State players.
 (a) composed (b) consist
 (c) made with (d) comprises
 82. His love for money is the only _____ that drives him to work so hard.
 (a) programme (b) plan
 (c) reason (d) greed
 83. According to _____ sources, the Chief Minister did not consult his Cabinet Members on this issue.

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- (a) intelligent (b) simple
(c) reliable (d) fundamental

[2016 – NDA/ NA I]

84. When the bus was at full speed, its brakes failed and an accident was _____.
(a) inevitable (b) undeniable
(c) fatal (d) miserable
85. To explain his design to his visitors, the architect _____ a simple plan on the blackboard.
(a) built (b) finalised
(c) sketched (d) arranged
86. Though Bonsai, a well-known art form, originated in China, it was _____ by the Japanese.
(a) cultivated (b) finished
(c) perfected (d) enlarged
87. He is greatly admired for his _____ behaviour.
(a) decrepit (b) decadent
(c) decorative (d) decorous
88. Would you mind _____ to the Principal how the trouble started?
(a) remarking (b) saying
(c) explaining (d) talking
89. Vaccination will make people immune _____ certain diseases for a given period.
(a) against (b) to
(c) with (d) for
90. The two boys looked so alike that it was impossible to _____ between them.
(a) discriminate (b) discern
(c) distinguish (d) identify
91. The campers _____ their tents at the base of the mountain.
(a) installed (b) dug
(c) pitched (d) established
92. The enemy had captured him and his life was at stake, still he refused to _____ the state secrets.
(a) divulge (b) divert
(c) indulge (d) invert

[2016 – NDA/ NA II]

93. She has been lying in bed for the last fortnight. I hope she will _____.
(a) come out (b) pull out
(c) pull through (d) go out
94. The path of progress is beset _____ difficulties.
(a) with (b) by
(c) through (d) along
95. I feel _____ for those who are cruel to their children.
(a) sympathy (b) contempt
(c) admiration (d) craving
96. Both the parties were keen to have an _____ settlement of the dispute.
(a) enviable (b) inimical
(c) worthy (d) amicable
97. I have come to know that the two brothers have _____.
(a) fallen through (b) fallen out
(c) fallen for (d) fallen short
98. Everybody finds his own work _____ whereas he feels that others have delightful jobs.
(a) tedious (b) fabulous
(c) unprofitable (d) indecent

99. The accident took place because of the criminal _____ of the driver.
(a) performance (b) disregard
(c) negligence (d) slackness
100. The belief in the _____ of vaccination is gaining ground.
(a) immunity (b) prevalence
(c) efficacy (d) workability
101. Our new leader is a _____ young man and will take us forward.
(a) haughty (b) intoxicated
(c) fanciful (d) dynamic
102. They found a world of _____ between what he said and what he did.
(a) chaos (b) bitterness
(c) difference (d) hope

[2017 – NDA/ NA I]

103. I _____ you to be at the party this evening.
(a) look forward to (b) hope
(c) expect (d) think
104. When I met John yesterday, it was the first time I _____ him since Christmas.
(a) saw (b) have seen
(c) had seen (d) have been seeing
105. He _____ to listen to my arguments and walked away.
(a) denied (b) disliked
(c) prevented (d) refused
106. The flow of blood was so _____ that the patient died.
(a) intense (b) adequate
(c) profuse (d) extensive
107. You have never _____ me about your experiences in America.
(a) said (b) told
(c) explained (d) spoken
108. I always felt hungry _____ I heard the dinner bell.
(a) as much as (b) as well as
(c) as soon as (d) as close as
109. Although they took every precaution, they could not _____ the accident.
(a) defer (b) allow
(c) avoid (d) block
110. The ambitious nobleman _____ to marry the king's daughter.
(a) transpired (b) perspired
(c) aspired (d) expired
111. The dictator of that country was a monster of wickedness, insatiable in his _____ for blood and plunder.
(a) idea (b) vision
(c) lust (d) intention
112. Please don't give me any more, I have had _____.
(a) few (b) too little
(c) little (d) enough

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 113-122): In the following passage, at certain points you are given a choice of four words marked (a), (b), (c) and (d) one of which fits the meaning of the passage. Choose the best word out of the four.

[2017 – NDA/ NA II]

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Passage

After this incident I went to Nainital, and returned after nearly a month. I had 113. _____ taken 114. _____ my clothes when I saw Gangu standing 115. _____ a new baby. He was 116. _____ with joy. Even Nanda 117. _____ not have 118. _____ such joy. 119. _____ getting Krishna His face had the same 120. _____ that 121. _____ on the face of a 122. _____ man after a full meal.

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| 113. (a) hardly | (b) barely |
| (c) merely | (d) rarely |
| 114. (a) out | (b) away |
| (c) off | (d) on |
| 115. (a) by | (b) near |
| (c) with | (d) at |
| 116. (a) jumping | (b) bursting |
| (c) dancing | (d) singing |
| 117. (a) could | (b) would |
| (c) should | (d) ought |
| 118. (a) experimented | (b) shown |
| (c) felt | (d) heard |
| 119. (a) at | (b) in |
| (c) on | (d) into |
| 120. (a) light | (b) glow |
| (c) sense | (d) hope |
| 121. (a) comes | (b) appears |
| (c) rises | (d) show |
| 122. (a) starved | (b) starving |
| (c) hungry | (d) satisfied |

DIRECTIONS (Qs 123-147): Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in each sentence. Select your answer from the four options and mark it on your answer sheet.

[2017 – NDA/ NA II]

123. He looks as if he ____ weary.
(a) is (b) was
(c) would be (d) were
124. My house is insured ____ theft and fire.
(a) for (b) against
(c) in (d) towards
125. The result of the prolonged discussion was ____.
(a) disappointment (b) disappointing
(c) disappointed (d) to disappoint
126. You are lucky ____ in the 20th century.
(a) by being born (b) to have been born
(c) for being born (d) to have born
127. Sita is true to ____.
(a) word (b) her words
(c) the words (d) words
128. Years ____ since I saw her last.
(a) have passed (b) had passed
(c) had been passing (d) have been passing
129. When he heard the terrible noise he asked me what was ____ on.
(a) happening (b) being
(c) getting (d) going
130. Could you lend me some money? I am very ____ of cash at the moment.

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| (a) down | (b) low |
| (c) short | (d) scarce |

131. I saw her when she was standing ____ the side of the old statue.
(a) by (b) at
(c) in (d) beyond
132. True friends never ____ their loved ones in adversity.
(a) abuse (b) criticize
(c) befool (d) desert

[2018 – NDA/ NA I]

133. The tired traveller ____ on in the hope of finding some resting place.
(a) strolled (b) scurried
(c) paraded (d) plodded
134. The car was damaged beyond repair in the ____ accident.
(a) outrageous (b) ghastly
(c) nasty (d) heinous
135. They gave a ____ dinner to celebrate the occasion, which impressed every guest.
(a) austere (b) public
(c) sumptuous (d) summary
136. Once the ____ manuscript is received by the publishers, it is typed in double space.
(a) total (b) full
(c) complete (d) filled
137. I am used to ____ in queues.
(a) stand (b) standing
(c) stand up (d) standing still

[2018 – NDA/ NA II]

138. We fail to understand your reasons for ____ the college without completing the degree.
(a) attending (b) joining
(c) leaving (d) refusing
139. She ____ her energy and started shouting only when she heard the noise of bulldozers and cranes.
(a) checked (b) conserved
(c) maintained (d) controlled
140. The British ____ all over Africa and Asia collapsed in the first half of the twentieth century.
(a) hegemony (b) domicile
(c) residence (d) inheritance
141. The football match has to be ____ because of the weather.
(a) called off (b) continued
(c) put off (d) turned off
142. If I were rich, ____ a lot.
(a) I'll travel (b) I can travel
(c) I would travel (d) I travelled
143. They apologized ____ me for what happened.
(a) to (b) at
(c) for (d) with
144. If you are tired of swimming, just ____ for a while.
(a) struggle (b) stroke
(c) float (d) streak
145. He had ____ spoken for two minutes when there was a commotion in the crowd.
(a) even (b) hardly
(c) often (d) little

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146. I would not commit myself ____ that course of action.
(a) of (b) to
(c) by (d) with
147. The soldiers waiting to go into battle for the first time were full of ____.
(a) apprehension (b) consideration
(c) anticipation (d) frivolity

DIRECTIONS (Qs.148-152): In the following passage there are some blank spaces with four words or groups of words given. Select whichever word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank spaces.

[2018 – NDA/ NA II]

Passage

The honeybee is a very unusual kind of insect. **148.** ____ other insects which live alone, the honeybee lives as a/an **149.** _____. These bees live together in what is known as a bee **150.** _____. The head of the bees is called the queen bee. She is **151.** _____ than the rest of the bees. Her main task is to **152.** _____ eggs.

148. (a) Unlike (b) Similar to
(c) With (d) Like
149. (a) group of a community (b) individual
(c) member (d) troop
150. (a) house (b) home
(c) army (d) colony
151. (a) heaviest (b) heavier
(c) largest (d) larger
152. (a) lay (b) hatch
(c) make (d) bear

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 153-162): Each of the following sentences has a blank space and four words or group of words given after the sentence. Select most appropriate option for the blank space.

[2019 – NDA/ NA I]

153. ____ forests prevent erosion.
(a) Lean (b) Dense
(c) Sparse (d) Tidy
154. Three people were arrested and an illegal arms unit was ____ by the police in a raid.
(a) revealed (b) searched
(c) discovered (d) busted
155. A woman got into the car and ____.
(a) drove off (b) broke down
(c) rode in (d) drove in
156. The lecture was not very interesting. In fact I ____ in the middle of it.
(a) showed off (b) put off
(c) dozed off (d) plugged off
157. The cops ____ murder by kin.
(a) suspect (b) afford
(c) manage (d) administer

[2019 – NDA/ NA II]

158. The election Commission on Saturday _____ that the Assembly elections in five states will be

- held from November 12 to December 7.
(a) pronounced (b) announced
(c) promulgated (d) issued
159. The victims were fruit vendors and they were going in an auto when they _____ an accident on the way.
(a) met with (b) ran into
(c) experienced (d) heard
160. Scores of villagers are _____ a sit-in protest against the constructions of a new underpass.
(a) performing (b) sitting
(c) staging (d) standing
161. It is common for patients to stop _____ medicine as soon as they start feeling better.
(a) eating (b) gulping
(c) swallowing (d) taking
162. A four-year-old girl got a new lease of life after doctors at a hospital _____ a cancerous tumour from one of her kidneys.
(a) rejuvenated (b) removed
(c) displaced (d) replaced

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 163-172): Each item in this section has sentence with a missing preposition. Select the most appropriate from the given options.

[2020 – NDA/ NA I]

163. Simulations of the 20th century by climate models that exclude the observed increase _____ greenhouse gases fail to simulate the increase in temperature over the second half of the 20th century.
(a) of (b) in
(c) by (d) to
164. In extremely poor societies, children can be put to work _____ a young age and are therefore a source of income.
(a) in (b) on
(c) by (d) at
165. People who are averse _____ hard work, generally do not succeed in life.
(a) to (b) about
(c) at (d) on
166. I have known her _____ a long time.
(a) since (b) for
(c) at (d) before
167. I accepted the offer _____ certain conditions.
(a) on (b) in
(c) by (d) within
168. She is a woman _____ humble origin.
(a) of (b) of
(c) from (d) within
169. There is no cure _____ the common cold.
(a) for (b) of
(c) to (d) on
170. I ran _____ John yesterday, and it was a pleasant surprise.
(a) by (b) off
(c) beside (d) into
171. My grandmother enjoyed boating _____ the lovely lake.
(a) in (b) on
(c) beside (d) within

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172. He visits the needy to relieve them _____ their sufferings and poverty.
(a) from (b) off
(c) of (d) on

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 173-182): Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in each sentence. Select your answer from the four options and mark it on your answer sheet.

[2021 – NDA/ NA I]

173. There was a time when West Germany was a distinct _____.
(a) policy (b) polity
(c) abstract (d) hierarchy
174. I was _____ with the film; I had expected it to be better.
(a) disappointed (b) disappointing
(c) annoying (d) prejudiced
175. It was a _____ experience. Everybody was shocked.
(a) terrified (b) horrified
(c) terrifying (d) denouncing
176. Elephants _____ when they perceive danger.
(a) trumpet (b) frolic
(c) whine (d) sing
177. The first film on Tagore was such a success that now they are going to make a _____.
(a) serial (b) sequence
(c) sequel (d) sequential
178. The United Nations had _____ 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health.
(a) ruled (b) ordered
(c) foretold (d) declared
179. My brother is _____ punctual, but he is late today.
(a) normatively (b) primarily
(c) normally (d) basically
180. My son is very _____; he trusts everyone.
(a) fallible (b) gullible
(c) sensible (d) credible
181. Mahatma Gandhi was a lover of humanity and a _____ believer in the goodness of human nature.
(a) staunch (b) powerful
(c) cheerful (d) hopeful
182. I wish I _____ her before we met.
(a) know (b) have known
(c) knew (d) known

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 183-192): Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in each sentence. Select your answer from the four options and mark it on your answer sheet.

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183. As the Southwest monsoon _____ through most of July, flash floods caused by the waters of the Narmada hit Jabalpur town.
(a) lashed (b) flourished
(c) occupied (d) dried
184. Given the scale of the challenges that _____ us today, our company proposes more viable plans for sustainability.

- (a) supports (b) conflict
(c) confronts (d) convince
185. It is a really tough course. I am just worried that I won't be able to go the _____.
(a) way (b) distance
(c) far (d) route
186. The _____ of the advancement made in agricultural productivity in India has been remarkable.
(a) extent (b) context
(c) distance (d) syntax
187. This essay _____ and examines various systems for working appropriation and agricultural practices adapted by society in the arid conditions of Rajasthan.
(a) confuses (b) enhances
(c) controls (d) explores
188. India has been able to successfully _____ its population through family planning programmes.
(a) sterilize (b) stabilise
(c) stratify (d) establish
189. Adolescence is the _____ wherein a child enters adulthood.
(a) threshold (b) position
(c) condition (d) period
190. The British who ruled India for 200 years were here to _____ India's natural resources.
(a) spoil (b) implore
(c) exploit (d) drill
191. Endangered species have a fifty per cent or greater probability of _____ within five years or two generations whichever is longer.
(a) distinction (b) extinction
(c) complication (d) completion
192. The first law of thermodynamics states that where energy can be _____ from one form into another, it cannot be created or destroyed.
(a) reduced (b) induced
(c) performed (d) transformed

DIRECTIONS (Qs.193-202): In this section, there is a passage that has some blank spaces, each with four words or group of words. Select the one you consider the most appropriate for the blank space.

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Passage

The Earth's climate is (193) _____ changing and evolving. Some of (194) _____ changes have been due to natural causes but others can be attributed to (195) _____ activities such as deforestation, emissions from industry and transport, etc., which have led to the (196) _____ of gases and aerosols in (197) _____ atmosphere. These gases are known as greenhouse gases because they trap heat and (198) _____ air temperatures near the ground, acting like a greenhouse on the surface of the (199) _____. In order to create and strengthen the scientific and analytical capacity (200) _____ assessment of climate change in the country, different studies under the Climate Change Action

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Programme (201) _____. Many important bilateral and multilateral meetings and negotiations are held (202) _____ regular intervals.

193. (a) passionately (b) continually
(c) deadly (d) thoughtfully
194. (a) these (b) those
(c) this (d) that
195. (a) practical (b) geological
(c) human (d) animal
196. (a) assimilation (b) absolution
(c) collection (d) accumulation
197. (a) an (b) a
(c) the (d) no article
198. (a) raise (b) hike
(c) rise (d) balance
199. (a) crust (b) core
(c) mantle (d) planet
200. (a) for (b) of
(c) in (d) to
201. (a) are developed (b) are initiated
(c) have developed (d) have initiated
202. (a) with (b) at
(c) in (d) on

DIRECTIONS: (Qs.203-212): Each of the following items features one part of a sentence. Choose the correct alternative from the given options.

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203. He paused _____.
(a) with a few moments
(b) for a few moments
(c) by a few moments
(d) into a few moments
204. Late at night, our car _____.
(a) broke down on the highway
(b) broke up on the highway
(c) broke into the highway
(d) broke out on the highway
205. All the countries signed the treaty _____.
(a) beneath Germany and France
(b) except Germany and France
(c) among Germany and France
(d) during Germany and France
206. I reminded her _____.
(a) to turn off the lights at night
(b) to call off the lights at night
(c) to drop off the lights at night
(d) to break off the lights at night
207. They told us about the woman _____.
(a) whom lived next door
(b) which lived next door
(c) who lived next door
(d) whose lived next door
208. I'll see you _____.
(a) at the end of February
(b) on the end of February
(c) along the end of February
(d) for the end of February
209. I dislike films _____.
(a) who have sad endings
(b) that have sad endings

- (c) whose have sad endings
(d) whom have sad endings
210. The thieves denied _____.
(a) having stealing the money
(b) stealing the money
(c) had stolen the money
(d) having to steal the money
211. Did you _____.
(a) drop out to see Sunita on your way home?
(b) drop in to see Sunita on your way home?
(c) drop behind to see Sunita on your way home?
(d) drop away to see Sunita on your way home?
212. Would you like to _____.
(a) meeting her? (b) meet her?
(c) met her? (d) meet with her?

DIRECTIONS (Qs.213-222): In this section, there is a passage that has some blank spaces, each with four words or group of words. Select whichever word or group of words you consider the most appropriate for the blank space.

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Most of our food comes from agriculture, so we tend to believe that it is ____ (Q213) ____ of natural biota. This is not true. In nature, ____ (Q214) ____ plants and animals ____ (Q215) ____ to the rigours of natural selection. Only the fittest survive. ____ (Q216) ____ wild populations have numerous traits for competitiveness, resistance to parasites, more like others ____ (Q217) ____ to adverse conditions, ____ (Q218) ____ other aspects of vigour. In contrast, populations grown for many ____ (Q219) ____ more under the pampered conditions of agriculture tend to lose these traits, because they ____ (Q220) ____ more for production, not resilience. For example, a high-producing plant ____ (Q221) ____ lacks resistance to drought is ____ (Q222) ____ and the resistance to drought is ignored. Also, in the process of breeding plants for maximum production, all genetic variation is eliminated.

213. (a) independent (b) dependent
(c) relevant (d) consequent
214. (a) the (b) both
(c) some (d) among
215. (a) had been continuously subjected
(b) will be continuously subjected
(c) continuously subjected
(d) are continuously subjected
216. (a) Consequently (b) Inadvertently
(c) Although (d) Since
217. (a) withdrawal (b) tolerance
(c) adaptable (d) compliance
218. (a) and (b) with
(c) by (d) upon
219. (a) eras (b) epochs
(c) periods (d) generations
220. (a) had selected (b) have selected
(c) are selected (d) might select
221. (a) whichever (b) whom
(c) that (d) whenever

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222. (a) heated (b) irritated
(c) showered (d) deserted

DIRECTIONS (Qs.223-247): Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in each sentence. Select your answer from the four options and mark it on your answer sheet.

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223. Preeti suggests
(a) that I ask to your advice
(b) that I had asked your advice
(c) that I can have asked your advice
(d) that I ask your advice
224. We saw
(a) the older of all monuments in the city
(b) the old of all monuments in the city
(c) the oldest monument in the city
(d) an oldest of all monuments in the city
225. Since you have been touring all day
(a) you must be tired
(b) you ought to have been tired
(c) you could had been tired
(d) you might not be tired
226. His condition is serious, but
(a) it should be worse
(b) it ought to be worse
(c) it could be worse
(d) it had been going to be worse
227. I hope the bus comes soon because
(a) we waited for half an hour
(b) we have been waiting for half an hour
(c) we waiting for half an hour
(d) we could have been waiting for half an hour
228. Someone
(a) had spilt juice on the sofa
(b) should have spilt juice on the sofa
(c) have spilt juice on the sofa
(d) would spilt juice on the sofa
229. What would you do
(a) if you found your lost toy?
(b) if you will have found your lost toy?
(c) if you would found your lost toy?
(d) if you have find your lost toy?
230. If I were you
(a) I shouldn't buy that dress
(b) I wouldn't buy that dress
(c) I weren't buying that dress
(d) I mustn't buying that dress
231. I wish
(a) I could help you
(b) I ought to help you
(c) I did help you
(d) I must help you
232. The efforts of the security services have not been quite
(a) upto the incredibility
(b) up-take
(c) up-tight
(d) upto the mark
233. _____ your transfer request is concerned, we'll be discussing it at the next meeting.
(a) As far as (b) To begin
(c) By the way (d) Talking about
234. _____ did you know Ravi has a new job?
(a) For one thing (b) By the way
(c) In the first place (d) As a result
235. _____ the wind, it was getting stronger, and I was getting colder.
(a) To begin with (b) By the way
(c) First of all (d) Speaking of
236. _____ what are you doing in my room?
(a) On the other hand (b) Excuse me
(c) Look there (d) Eventually
237. _____ an unhappy childhood leads to criminal behaviour.
(a) Still if (b) Even somewhat
(c) In some cases (d) In progression
238. _____ the problem is nothing but a wrong assumption about processes.
(a) In the meanwhile (b) Somewhat
(c) Engagingly (d) In other words
239. Many _____ hesitate to publicly broach such questions for fear of nurturing discrimination.
(a) understandably (b) despite
(c) until (d) of course
240. _____ one notes that in the nineteenth century an important development of reflection and questioning gained momentum.
(a) Particularly speaking
(b) Generally speaking
(c) Otherwise
(d) Of course
241. _____ the situation has completely transformed over the past few years.
(a) Somewhat (b) Believably
(c) Thus (d) Predominantly
242. _____ the committee is of the opinion that all academic matters will be discussed in the Executive Body Meeting.
(a) Hence (b) But
(c) Later (d) Although
243. There is more than _____ to get the job done.
(a) one way (b) one ways
(c) any ways (d) any way
244. The class decided to organise _____.
(a) picnic (b) a picnic
(c) picnics (d) the picnic
245. The accused _____ before the judge.
(a) tried (b) was trial (c) sat trial (d) stood trial
246. The manner in which the demolitions have been carried out _____ scrutiny by the High Court.
(a) was under (b) under (c) is under
(d) however under
247. I _____ consider the opinions of all stakeholders before taking a final decision.
(a) will not (b) have (c) must (d) shall

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Directions: Given below are sentences that use discourse markers/expressions to make them complete. Identify the most appropriate discourse

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marker and mark your answer accordingly on the Answer Sheet.

248. I can't be bothered to tell him what I think; _____ he would not listen to me.
(a) meanwhile (b) in any case
(c) in the meantime (d) somehow
250. _____, have you been to the local library yet?
(a) Sort of (b) Frankly
(c) All the same (d) Incidentally
251. _____, women are healthier and are living longer than ever before : indeed on an average, they can expect to live five years longer than men.
(a) To a large extent (b) As regards
(c) As far as (d) Turning now
252. The difference is that I have been fortunate to find a career that I love and, _____, I am getting paid reasonably for it.
(a) briefly (b) broadly speaking
(c) what is more (d) in conclusion
253. _____, the Government of India has followed the policy of trying to improve relations with its neighbours.
(a) Particular (b) Knowingly
(c) Otherwise (d) In general
254. _____, this issue is likely to be discussed when the Council meets next.
(a) As per reports (b) Accordingly
(c) Likewise (d) Briefly
255. _____, you needed to consult a physician to have a clear idea of what the disease is about.
(a) In that case (b) In these case
(c) Likewise (d) Henceforth
256. _____, in the year-ago period the current account deficit stood at \$1.3 billion or 0.2% of GDP.
(a) Particularly (b) Notably
(c) Seriously (d) Unknowingly
249. _____, if the referee points his fingers, this indicates that someone has done something wrong.
(a) On the contrary (b) Whatever
(c) Briefly (d) As regards
257. _____, the records have been completely undermined by shoddy book-keeping.
(a) Because of (b) As such
(c) Forever (d) Hence
- Directions:** Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space, followed by four options. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.
258. It does not look like he is going _____ in his studies than what was predicted by his school principal.
(a) any further (b) further
(c) farther (d) any farther
259. _____ all the confusion the thief made a quiet getaway.
(a) Among (b) Amongst
(c) Amidst (d) Amid
260. The intricate operation on the patient required the expertise of a/an _____ surgeon.
(a) special (b) especial
(c) specialist (d) specialised
261. There are _____ thirty students inside the classroom at any time.
(a) less than (b) fewer than
(c) less then (d) fewer then
262. There are many _____ vehicles on the highway due to a sudden landslide.
(a) stationery (b) stationed
(c) stranded (d) straggle

Answer & Explanations

1. (a) skeptical. "Skeptical" means doubtful or unconvinced, fitting the context of being aware of someone's plans but encouraging them despite doubts.
2. (a) inflict. "Inflict" is used with pain to mean causing harm, as in causing suffering to someone.
3. (d) inherited. "Inherited" refers to receiving money or property after someone's death.
4. (b) probably. "Probably" indicates likelihood, fitting the context of explaining why the pilot did not see the tower.
5. (b) broke down. "Broke down" means the car stopped functioning, fitting the context of a car failing during travel.
6. (d) looking for. "Looking for" means searching for something, fitting the context of searching in a kitchen cupboard.
7. (a) hanging around. "Hanging around" means waiting idly, fitting the context of waiting pointlessly.
8. (a) backed out. "Backed out" means withdrawing from an agreement, fitting the context of abandoning a deal.
9. (c) accord with. "Accord with" means to be in agreement with, fitting the context of a statement matching a previous one.
10. (a) notion. "Notion" refers to a vague idea or belief, fitting the context of a vague sense about someone's origin.
11. (c) remorse. "Remorse" means regret or guilt for wrongdoing, fitting the context of a prisoner's attitude toward crimes.
12. (c) violence. "Violence" refers to physical harm, fitting the context of children being subjected to physical discipline.
13. (c) grim. "Grim" means severe or depressing, fitting the negative consequences of war.
14. (b) contented with. "Contented with" is the correct preposition for being satisfied with what one has.
15. (d) disgrace to. "Disgrace to" is the correct phrase for something that brings shame to an organization.
16. (b) dull in. "The preposition 'in' is appropriate here because it correctly conveys that no child lacks ability or capacity in the area of understanding.
17. (b) alive to. "Alive to" means aware of, fitting the context of being conscious of industry problems.
18. (d) bad at. "Bad at" is used to indicate lack of skill in a subject like science.
19. (b) into "into" is appropriate for contributing to a project discussion.
20. (a) up. "Gave me a leg up" means provided assistance, fitting the context of helping a newcomer.
21. (c) of. "Men of the same kidney" means people of the same type, fitting the context.
22. (c) by. "Stand by" means support, fitting the context of supporting a friend.
23. (c) by. "By dressing as a woman" indicates the method of escape, fitting the context.
24. (d) cut in. "Cut in" refers to emergency generators starting to function, fitting the context.
25. (b) cope with. "Cope with" means handling a situation, fitting the context of managing work.
26. (b) compete with. "Compete with each other" is correct for rivalry among candidates.
27. (a) disparity between. "Disparity between" refers to the difference between rich and poor.
28. (a) deviated from. "Deviated from" means moving away from the norm, fitting the context of exploring new paths.
29. (d) ran. "Ran" indicates quick movement, fitting the context of a thief fleeing.
30. (d) record. "Record" refers to performance history, fitting the context of an officer's performance.
31. (c) end. "End" is the correct term for the edge of a table.
32. (d) too. "Too" indicates excess, fitting the context of being excessively weak.
33. (b) a. "A" is the correct article for a singular noun like "youngster."
34. (a) with. "With" is the correct preposition for experience belonging to someone.
35. (c) a. "The" is appropriate as the person has already been talked about in the sentence.
36. (a) had. "Had" is the correct past perfect tense for a completed action in the past.
37. (a) age. "Age" is the correct term for a point in time in someone's life.
38. (b) of. "Of" is correct for indicating substitution (bat in lieu of a racquet).
39. (a) to. "To" indicates movement toward a place like the Centre Court.
40. (c) that. "That" is the correct preposition when indicating a specific day.
41. (b) must. "Must" indicates a conditional future event, fitting the context of the game's importance.
42. (a) life. "Life" emphasizes the critical importance of the game.
43. (a) he. "He" refers to Drobny, maintaining pronoun consistency.
44. (c) opportunities. The sentence hints more at the number of opportunities than the number of matches.
45. (c) have. "Have" is correct for a question tag with "haven't" in present perfect tense.
46. (d) pain. "Pain" is the opposite of pleasure, fitting the analogy.
47. (c) are. "Are" is correct for the plural subject "The French" in present tense.
48. (b) machine. "Machine" metaphorically represents life's mechanisms, fitting the context.
49. (b) threshold. "Threshold" means the verge of adulthood, fitting the context.
50. (c) integrated. "Integrated" means aligned, fitting the context of harmonious action and thought.

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51. (b) persists. "Persists" means continuing despite opposition, fitting the context.
52. (c) matters. "Matters" means what is important, fitting the context of actions over words.
53. (c) strangers. "Strangers" indicates psychological distance despite physical proximity.
54. (d) Nurture. "Nature vs. Nurture" is the standard debate term regarding crime's origins.
55. (b) occurred. "Occurred" means something came to mind, fitting the context of realization.
56. (a) followed. "Followed" fits the context of being tailed by someone.
57. (c) evidence. "Evidence" refers to proof of being followed, fitting the context.
58. (b) sound. "Sound" of footsteps fits the sensory context.
59. (b) down. "Down" is the correct preposition for walking along a street.
60. (a) with. "With" is correct for describing a crowded street.
61. (a) relieved of his job. "Relieved of his job" is synonymous with "fired."
62. (c) erase. "Erase" is closest to "obliterate," meaning to remove completely.
63. (c) that which is too great to be expressed in words. "Ineffable" means indescribable, fitting the context of divine grace.
64. (c) instructive. "Edifying" means instructive or enlightening, fitting the context.
65. (a) decently. "Decently" is the opposite of "shabbily," meaning poorly dressed.
66. (c) rude. "Rude" is the opposite of "urbane," meaning polished or refined.
67. (b) extravagant. "Extravagant" is the opposite of "thrifty," meaning frugal.
68. (c) humility. "Humility" is the opposite of "pride," fitting the context.
69. (a) command. "Command" means mastery, fitting the context of technology use.
70. (b) perspiration. "Perspiration" is sweat, fitting the context of heat.
71. (a) programmes. "Programmes" fits the context of organized efforts for village upliftment.
72. (d) with. "Endowed with" is the correct preposition for possessing a talent.
73. (b) to see. "Happy to see" is the correct phrase for expressing joy at an event.
74. (b) through. "Filtering through" is correct for light passing through a window.
75. (a) about. "Doubtful about" is the correct preposition for questioning a decision.
76. (b) have been studying. Present perfect continuous tense fits the ongoing action over three years.
77. (d) convenient. "Convenient" fits the context of accessible storage locations.
78. (b) astounded. "Astounded" means greatly surprised, fitting the context of the child's cleverness.
79. (c) indifferent. "Indifferent" implies being unmoved by entreaties, fitting the context.
80. (c) cut-throat. "Cut-throat" means intense competition, fitting the context of elections.
81. (d) comprises. "Comprises" is correct for the team being made up of state players.
82. (c) reason. "Reason" fits the context of motivation for hard work.
83. (c) reliable. "Reliable" sources are trustworthy, fitting the context.
84. (a) inevitable. "Inevitable" means certain to happen, fitting the context of a brake failure.
85. (c) sketched. "Sketched" means drew roughly, which suits the context of explaining a design.
86. (c) perfected. "Perfected" means improved or refined, which the Japanese did to the Bonsai art.
87. (d) decorous. "Decorous" means proper or well-mannered, fitting the context of admired behavior.
88. (c) explaining. "Explaining" fits the polite request context with "Would you mind."
89. (b) to. "Immune to" is the correct prepositional phrase for protection from diseases.
90. (c) distinguish. "Distinguish between" is the correct phrase when telling things apart.
91. (c) pitched. "Pitched tents" is the correct idiom meaning to set up tents.
92. (a) divulge. "Divulge" means to reveal a secret, fitting the context of refusing to tell state secrets.
93. (c) pull through. "Pull through" means to recover from illness, fitting the context.
94. (a) with. "Beset with difficulties" is the correct phrase.
95. (b) contempt. "Contempt" fits the feeling towards cruelty.
96. (d) amicable. "Amicable" means friendly and suitable for a settlement.
97. (b) fallen out. "Fallen out" means had a quarrel, fitting the context of brothers.
98. (a) tedious. "Tedious" means boring or dull, fitting the context of one's own work.
99. (c) negligence. "Negligence" means careless behavior causing harm, fitting the accident context.
100. (c) efficacy. "Efficacy" means effectiveness, fitting the belief in vaccination.
101. (d) dynamic. "Dynamic" means energetic and capable, fitting the description of a new leader.
102. (c) difference. "Difference" fits the contrast between words and actions.
103. (c) expect. "Expect" fits the meaning of anticipating someone's presence.
104. (c) had seen. Past perfect "had seen" fits the action completed before the past meeting.
105. (d) refused. "Refused" fits the context of rejecting to listen.
106. (c) profuse. "Profuse" means abundant, fitting the flow of blood causing death.
107. (b) told. "Told" is the correct verb to indicate sharing experiences.
108. (c) as soon as. "As soon as" correctly shows timing of hunger and the dinner bell.
109. (c) avoid. "Avoid" fits the meaning of preventing an accident.
110. (c) aspired. "Aspired" means desired or aimed for, fitting the nobleman's ambition.

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111. (c) lust. "Lust" fits the craving for blood and plunder, fitting the context.
112. (d) enough. "Enough" fits the meaning of having sufficient amount.
113. (b) barely. "Barely" means "almost not," fitting the sense of "hardly" or "just" in this context.
114. (c) off. The phrase "taken off my clothes" means to remove clothes.
115. (c) with. "With" shows togetherness.
116. (a) jumping. "Jumping with joy" is a common idiom expressing happiness.
117. (a) could. "Even Nanda could not have felt such joy" means it's hard to imagine anyone feeling such joy.
118. (c) felt. The emotion is "felt," i.e., experienced.
119. (c) on. "On getting Krishna" is correct in this context.
120. (b) glow. "Glow on the face" is an idiomatic expression indicating a warm, happy expression.
121. (b) appears. "Appears" fits with "glow," meaning the glow comes up or appears on the face.
122. (b) starving. "Starving full meal" contrasts hunger; "starving" means extremely hungry.
123. (d) were. The subjunctive mood is used after "as if" for real or likely real situations.
124. (b) against. The correct preposition with "insured" is "against" to indicate protection from risks.
125. (b) disappointing. The adjective "disappointing" correctly describes the discussion.
126. (b) to have been born. Perfect infinitive "to have been born" is correct to refer to a past event.
127. (b) her words. The idiom is "true to words," meaning faithful to promises.
128. (a) have passed. Present perfect tense "have passed" indicates elapsed time up to now.
129. (d) going. The phrase "what was going on" means "what was happening."
130. (c) short. "Short of cash" is the idiomatic expression meaning lacking money.
131. (a) by. "Standing by the side" is the correct collocation indicating proximity.
132. (d) desert. "Desert" means to abandon, and true friends never do that in adversity.
133. (d) plodded. "Plodded" means to walk slowly and with effort, fitting a tired traveller.
134. (b) ghastly. "Ghastly" means horrible or dreadful, suitable for describing an accident.
135. (c) sumptuous. "Sumptuous" means lavish and splendid, fitting a dinner that impresses guests.
136. (c) complete. "Complete manuscript" is the correct phrase meaning whole or finished.
137. (b) standing. After "used to," the gerund form "standing" is correct.
138. (c) leaving. "Leaving the college" fits logically (stopping studies before completing degree).
139. (b) conserved. "Conserved energy" means saved or held back, fitting the context.
140. (a) hegemony. "Hegemony" means dominance or control, appropriate for British rule context.
141. (a) called off. "Called off" means cancelled, suitable for the football match due to weather.
142. (c) I would travel. Conditional sentence type II requires "would + verb" for hypothetical situations.
143. (a) to. "Apologized to me" is the correct phrase indicating the person receiving the apology.
144. (c) float. "Float for a while" means relax on water, appropriate here.
145. (b) hardly. "Had hardly spoken" means just started speaking when commotion occurred.
146. (b) to. The correct phrase is "commit myself to" meaning to promise or dedicate oneself.
147. (a) apprehension. Soldiers going into battle for the first time would feel apprehension (anxiety or fear).
148. (a) Unlike. "Unlike" correctly contrasts honeybees with other insects that live alone.
149. (c) member. The noun "member" refers to a person, animal, or plant belonging to a particular group.
150. (d) colony. The correct term for a bee community's home is a "colony."
151. (d) larger. The queen bee is larger compared to other bees.
152. (a) lay. The queen bee's main task is to lay eggs.
153. (b) Dense. Dense forests prevent soil erosion effectively.
154. (c) discovered. "Discovered" fits best as the illegal arms unit was found by the police.
155. (a) drove off. The woman got into the car and left by driving away.
156. (c) dozed off. "Dozed off" means fell asleep, which fits the context of losing interest in the lecture.
157. (a) suspect. The cops "suspect" murder by kin, meaning they think kin might be responsible.
158. (b) announced. The Election Commission "announced" the election dates officially.
159. (a) met with. The phrase "met with an accident" is the standard collocation.
160. (c) staging. Villagers are "staging" a protest, meaning organizing or holding it.
161. (d) taking. Patients stop "taking" medicine when they feel better.
162. (b) removed. Doctors "removed" a cancerous tumour from the kidney.
163. (b) in. The phrase "increase in greenhouse gases" is correct here.
164. (d) at. Children put to work "at" a young age is the correct preposition.
165. (a) to. People averse "to" hard work; "averse to" is the correct phrase.
166. (b) for. "Known her for a long time" is the proper usage.
167. (a) on. Accepted the offer "on" certain conditions is correct.
168. (b) of. "Woman of humble origin" is the correct phrase.
169. (a) for. No cure "for" the common cold is the standard collocation.
170. (d) into. "Ran into John" means met by chance, which fits here.
171. (a) in. "Boating in the lake" is the correct phrase.

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172. (c) of. To relieve someone "of" their sufferings is the correct prepositional usage.
173. (b) polity. "Polity" means a politically organized society or state, which fits the context here.
174. (a) disappointed. "Disappointed" means feeling let down, which fits the feeling about the film.
175. (c) terrifying. An experience causing fear is "terrifying," matching the context of shock.
176. (a) trumpet. Elephants make a "trumpet" sound to signal danger or communicate.
177. (c) sequel. A "sequel" is a follow-up film, fitting the context of continuing a successful film.
178. (d) declared. The UN "declared" 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health, a formal announcement.
179. (c) normally. "Normally" means usually, fitting the meaning that punctuality is typical.
180. (b) gullible. "Gullible" means easily trusting others, fitting the son's trusting nature.
181. (a) staunch. "Staunch" means firm and loyal, describing Gandhi's belief strongly.
182. (c) knew
183. (a) lashed. "Lashed" means to hit forcefully, used metaphorically for monsoon rains hitting a place.
184. (c) confront. Challenges "confront" us, meaning they stand in our way or present problems.
185. (b) distance. "Go the distance" is a fixed phrase meaning to complete something difficult.
186. (a) extent. "Extent" refers to the degree or scope of advancement.
187. (d) explores. "Explores" means to examine or study something in detail, fitting the essay's action.
188. (b) stabilise. Family planning "stabilises" population growth.
189. (a) threshold. "Threshold" means the starting point or entry to adulthood.
190. (c) exploit. The British "exploited" natural resources, meaning they used them selfishly.
191. (b) extinction. Endangered species face a high probability of "extinction," meaning dying out.
192. (d) transformed. Energy can be "transformed" from one form to another; this is a key thermodynamics principle.
193. (b) continually. Climate changes "continually," meaning happening over time without stopping.
194. (a) those. "These" refers to causes.
195. (c) human. Changes are "attributed" to causes, meaning linked or credited to them.
196. (a) assimilation. The assimilation of emissions causes environmental effects.
197. (c) the. "The atmosphere" is a specific noun requiring "the."
198. (a) raise. Temperatures "raise" means they increase, which fits the meaning.
199. (d) planet. The "crust" is the Earth's surface, and "planet" fits as the object of greenhouse effect.
200. (a) for. "Assessment for" is the correct prepositional phrase here.
201. (d) have initiated. "Have initiated" fits the context of starting something.
202. (b) at. "At regular intervals" is the correct idiomatic preposition.
203. (b) for a few moments. "Pause for a few moments" is the correct idiomatic expression.
204. (a) broke down on the highway. "Broke down" means the car stopped working, appropriate here.
205. (b) except Germany and France. "Except" is used to exclude Germany and France from the treaty signing.
206. (a) to turn off the lights at night. "Reminded her to turn off" is correct usage of remind + infinitive.
207. (c) who lived next door. "Who" is used for people, the correct relative pronoun here.
208. (a) at the end of February. "At the end of" is the correct prepositional phrase for time reference.
209. (b) that have sad endings. "That" refers to things (films), and is correct here.
210. (b) stealing the money. After "denied," the gerund ("stealing") is used.
211. (b) drop in to see Sunita on your way home? "Drop in" means to visit briefly, correct here.
212. (b) meet her? "Would you like to meet her?" is the correct question form.
213. (a) 'independent' will be appropriate in this context.
214. (b) both. "both" fits as it indicates two entities 'plants and animals'.
215. (d) are continuously subjected. Present tense passive fits the ongoing action.
216. (a) Consequently fits best in this context.
217. (b) tolerance. "Tolerance to" means resistance or endurance of conditions.
218. (a) and. Connects two related factors.
219. (d) generations. "Generations" fits the context of many plant growing cycles.
220. (c) are selected. Passive present tense for ongoing agricultural selection.
221. (c) that. "That" introduces a defining relative clause about the plant.
222. (b) irrigated. "Irrigated" completes the sentence: "...irrigated and the resistance to drought is ignored."
223. (d) that I ask your advice. The subjunctive mood requires the base verb "ask" after "suggests that."
224. (c) the oldest monument in the city. "Oldest" is the superlative adjective, correct here.
225. (a) you must be tired. "Must be" shows logical deduction about the present situation.
226. (c) it could be worse. "Could be worse" is the correct idiomatic expression.
227. (b) we have been waiting for half an hour. Present perfect continuous expresses an action continuing up to now.
228. (a) had spilt juice on the sofa. Past perfect "had spilt" indicates completed action before another past event.
229. (a) if you found your lost toy? Second conditional uses simple past in the if-clause for hypothetical situations.
230. (b) I wouldn't buy that dress. Second conditional requires "would" + base verb in main clause.

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231. (a) I could help you "The construction "I wish" is followed by a verb in the past tense or modal past to express an unreal or hypothetical situation."
232. (d) up to the mark "The phrase "up to the mark" means satisfactory or of expected quality."
233. (a) As far as. The correct phrase is "As far as your transfer request is concerned..." – it introduces a topic formally.
234. (b) By the way. "By the way" is used to introduce a new topic or ask something incidentally.
235. (d) Speaking of. "Speaking of the wind" correctly connects the prior idea and leads to the next.
236. (b) Excuse me. "Excuse me" is the appropriate expression to question someone's unexpected action politely.
237. (c) In some cases. "In some cases" is used to introduce a general possibility or exception.
238. (d) In other words. This phrase is used to rephrase or clarify the previous statement.
239. (a) understandably. "Understandably" is an adverb explaining why many hesitate – it makes logical sense.
240. (b) Generally speaking. This is a discourse marker used to introduce a broad or overall observation.
241. (c) Thus. "Thus" is used to show a result or consequence, which suits the sentence's logic.
242. (a) Hence. "Hence" is appropriate because the sentence expresses a formal opinion or decision likely based on earlier reasoning.
243. (a) one way. The correct phrase is "more than one way." "Way" is singular here because it follows "more than one."
244. (b) a picnic. The article "a" is needed before a singular countable noun like "picnic."
245. (d) stood trial. "Stand/stood trial" is the correct legal expression, meaning to be tried in a court of law.
246. (c) is under. Present tense "is under" is appropriate since the scrutiny is ongoing.
247. (d) shall. "Shall" is used to express determination or future intent formally, especially in first person.
248. (b) in any case. "In any case" means anyway / regardless, which logically explains why the speaker does not want to tell him their opinion because he would not listen.
249. (c) Briefly. "Briefly" introduces a short explanation or summary before describing the referee's signal.
250. (d) Incidentally. "Incidentally" is used to introduce a casual or unrelated question during conversation.
251. (a) The phrase "To a large extent" means "largely," "to a great degree," or "mostly" — it fits perfectly as it introduces the assertion that women are healthier and living longer.
252. (c) what is more. "What is more" adds additional information, meaning furthermore / in addition.
253. (d) In general. "In general" indicates a general statement about the Government of India's policy.
254. (a) As per reports. "As per reports" means according to available reports, which fits the prediction about the issue being discussed.
255. (a) In that case. "In that case" means if that is the situation, making the advice to consult a physician logical.
256. (b) Notably. "Notably" means especially worth mentioning, highlighting the previous year's deficit figure.
257. (b) As such. "As such" means therefore / consequently, linking the poor bookkeeping to the undermining of records.
258. (a) any further. "Further" refers to progress or advancement, and "any further" fits the negative comparative structure of the sentence.
259. (c) Amidst. "Amidst" means in the middle of, which fits the phrase "amidst all the confusion."
260. (c) specialist. A "specialist surgeon" is a doctor with expertise in a particular field, which suits the context of an intricate operation.
261. (b) fewer than. "Fewer" is used with countable nouns such as students; "less" is used with uncountable nouns.
262. (c) stranded. "Stranded vehicles" means vehicles stuck or unable to move due to circumstances like a landslide.

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