

PARA JUMBLE – 1

TYPE – I

1. A. If you are used to having your stimulation come in from outside, your mind never develops its own habits of thinking and reflecting
 B. Marx thought that religion was the opiate, because it soothed people's pain and suffering and prevented them from rising in rebellion
 C. If Karl Marx was alive today, he would say that television is the opiate of the people.
 D. Television and similar entertainments are even more of an opiate because of their addictive tendencies.
 a. BACD b. ADBC c. BDCA d. CBDA

2. A. Then two astronomers the German, Johannes Kepler, and the Italian, Galileo Galilei started publicly to support the Copernican theory, despite the fact that the orbits it predicted did not quite match the ones observed.
 B. His idea was that the sun was stationary at the centre and that the earth and the planets move in circular orbits around the sun.
 C. A simple model was proposed in 1514 by a Polish priest, Nicholas Copernicus.
 D. Nearly a century passed before this idea was taken seriously.
 a. CDBA b. CBDA c. BCAD d. CADB

3. A. The otential exchanges between the officials of IBBF and the Maharashtra Body-Building Association has all the trappings of a drama we are accustomed to.
 B. In the case of sportspersons, there is room for some sympathy, but the apathy of the administrators, which has even led to sanctions from international bodies, is unpardonable.
 C. A case in the point is the hefty penalty of US \$10,000 slapped on the Indian Body-Building Federation for not fulfilling its commitment for holding the Asian Championships in Mumbai in October.
 D. It is a matter of deep regret and concern that the sports administrators often cause more harm to the image of the country than sportsmen and sportswomen do through their dismal performances.
 a. CABD b. DBCA c. DABC d. CDBA

4. A. He felt justified in bypassing Congress altogether on a variety of moves.
 B. At times he was fighting the entire Congress.
 C. Bush felt he had a mission to restore power to the presidency.
 D. Bush was not fighting just the democrats.
 E. Representative democracy is a messy business, and a CEO of the White House does not like a legislature of second guessers and time wasters.
 a. . CAEDB b. DBAEC c. CEADB d. ECDBA

5. A. But this does not mean that death was the Egyptians' only preoccupation.
 B. Even papyri come mainly from pyramid temples.
 C. Most of our traditional sources of information about the Old Kingdom are monuments of the rich like pyramids and tombs.
 D. Houses in which ordinary Egyptians lived have not been preserved, and when most people died they were buried in simple graves.
 E. We know infinitely more about the wealthy people of Egypt than we do about the ordinary people, as most monuments were made for the rich.
 a. CDBEA b. ECDAB c. EDCBA d. DECAB

6. A. To much of the Labour movement, it symbolises the brutality of the upper classes.
 B. And to everybody watching, the current mess over foxhunting symbolises the government's weakness.
 C. To foxhunting's supporters, Labour's 1991 manifesto commitment to ban it symbolises the party's metropolitan roots and hostility to the countryside.
 D. Small issues sometimes have large symbolic power.
 E. To those who enjoy thundering across the countryside in red coats after foxes, foxhunting symbolises the ancient roots of rural lives.
 a. DEACB b. ECDBA c. CEADB d. DBAEC

7. A. Who can trace to its first beginnings the love of Damon for Pythias, of David for Jonathan, of Swan for Edgar?
 B. Similarly with men.
 C. There is about great friendships between man and man a certain inevitability that can only be compared with the ageold association of ham and eggs.
 D. One simply feels that it is one of the things that must be so.
 E. No one can say what was the mutual magnetism that brought the deathless partnership of these wholesome and palatable foodstuffs about.
 a. ACBED b. CEDBA c. ACEBD d. CEABD

8. A. The wall does not simply divide Israel from a putative Palestinian state on the basis of the 1967 borders.
 B. A chilling omission from the road map is the gigantic 'separation wall' now being built in the West Bank by Israel.
 C. It is surrounded by trenches, electric wire and moats; there are watchtowers at regular intervals.
 D. It actually takes in new tracts of Palestinian land, sometimes five or six kilometres at a stretch.
 E. Almost a decade after the end of South African apartheid, this ghastly racist wall is going up with scarcely a peep from Israel's American allies who are going to pay for most of it.
 a. EBCAD b. BADCE c. AEDCB d. ECADB
9. A. Call it the third wave sweeping the Indian media.
 B. Now, they are starring in a new role, as suave dealmakers who are in a hurry to strike alliances and agreements.
 C. Look around and you will find a host of deals that have been inked or are ready to be finalized.
 D. Then the media barons wrested back control from their editors, and turned marketing warriors with the brand as their missile.
 E. The first came with those magnificent men in their mahogany chambers who took on the world with their mighty fountain pens.
 a. ACBED b. CEBDA c. CAEBD d. AEDBC
10. A. Four days later, Oracle announced its own bid for PeopleSoft, and invited the firm's board to a discussion.
 B. Furious that his own plans had been endangered, PeopleSoft's boss, Craig Conway, called Oracle's offer "diabolical", and its boss, Larry Ellison, a "sociopath".
 C. In early June, PeopleSoft said that it would buy J. D. Edwards, a smaller rival.
 D. Moreover, said Mr. Conway, "he could imagine no price nor combination of price and other conditions to recommend accepting the offer."
 E. On June 12th, PeopleSoft turned Oracle down.
 a. CABDE b. CADBE c. CEDAB d. CAEBD
11. A. I am much more intolerant of a human being's shortcomings than I am of an animal's, but in this respect I have been lucky, for most of the people I have come across have been charming.
 B. Then you come across the unpleasant human animal—the District Officer who drawled, "We chaps are here to help you chaps," and then proceeded to be as obstructive as possible.
 C. In these cases of course, the fact that you are an animal collector helps; people always seem delighted to meet someone with such an unusual occupation and go out of their way to assist you.
 D. Fortunately, these types are rare, and the pleasant ones I have met more than compensated for them—but even so, I think I will stick to animals.
 E. When you travel round the world collecting animals you also, of necessity, collect human beings.
 a. EACBD b. ABDCE c. ECBDA d. ACBDE
12. A. Surrendered, or captured, combatants cannot be incarcerated in razor wire cages; this 'war' has a dubious legality.
 B. How can then one characterize a conflict to be waged against a phenomenon as war?
 C. The phrase 'war against terror', which has passed into the common lexicon, is a huge misnomer.
 D. Besides, war has a juridical meaning in international law, which has codified the laws of war, imbuing them with a humanitarian content.
 E. Terror is a phenomenon, not an entity—either State or non-State.
 a. ECDBA b. BECDA c. EBCAD d. CEBDA
13. A. Branded disposable diapers are available at many supermarkets and drug stores.
 B. If one supermarket sets a higher price for a diaper, customers may buy that brand elsewhere.
 C. By contrast, the demand for private-label products may be less price sensitive since it is available only at a corresponding supermarket chain.
 D. So, the demand for branded diapers at any particular store may be quite price sensitive.
 E. For instance, only SavOn Drugs stores sell SavOn Drugs diapers.
 F. Then, stores should set a higher incremental margin percentage for private-label diapers.
 a. ABCDEF b. ABCED c. ADBCEF d. AEDBCF
14. A. Having a strategy is a matter of discipline.
 B. It involves the configuration of a tailored value chain that enables a company to offer unique value.
 C. It requires a strong focus on profitability and a willingness to make tough tradeoffs in choosing what not to do.
 D. Strategy goes far beyond the pursuit of best practices.
 E. A company must stay the course even during times of upheaval, while constantly improving and extending its distinctive positioning.
 F. When a company's activities fit together as a self-reinforcing system, any competitor wishing to imitate a strategy must replicate the whole system.
 a. ACEDBF b. ACBDEF c. DCBEFA d. ABCEDF

15. A. "This face off will continue for several months given the strong convictions on either side," says a senior functionary of the high-powered task force on drought.
 B. During the past week-and-a-half, the Central Government has sought to deny some of the earlier apprehensions over the impact of drought.
 C. The recent revival of the rains had led to the emergence of a line of divide between the two.
 D. The state governments, on the other hand, allege that the Centre is downplaying the crisis only to evade its full responsibility of financial assistance that is required to alleviate the damage.
 E. Shrill alarm about the economic impact of an inadequate monsoon had been sounded by the Centre as well as most of the states, in late July and early August.
 a. EBCDA b. DBACE c. BDCAE d. ECBDA
16. A. Although there are large regional variations, it is not infrequent to find a large number of people sitting here and there and doing nothing.
 B. Once in office, they receive friends and relatives who feel free to call any time without prior appointment.
 C. While working, one is struck by the slow and clumsy actions and reactions, indifferent attitudes, procedure rather than outcome orientation, and the lack of consideration for others.
 D. Even those who are employed often come late to the office and leave early unless they are forced to be punctual.
 E. Work is not intrinsically valued in India.
 F. Quite often people visit ailing friends and relatives or go out of their way to help them in their personal matters even during office hours.
 a. ECADBF b. EADCFB c. EADBFC d. ABFCDE
17. A. Michael Hofman, a poet and translator, accepts this sorry fact without approval or complaint.
 B. But thanklessness and impossibility do not daunt him.
 C. He acknowledges too—in fact he returns to the point often—that best translators of poetry always fail at some level.
 D. Hofman feels passionately about his work, and this is clear from his writings.
 E. In terms of the gap between worth and rewards, translators come somewhere near nurses and street-cleaners.
 a. EACDB b. ADEBC c. EACBD d. DCEAB
18. A. Passivity is not, of course, universal.
 B. In areas where there are no lords or laws, or in frontier zones where all men go armed, the attitude of the peasantry may well be different.
 C. So indeed it may be on the fringe of the unsubmitive.
 D. However, for most of the soil-bound peasants the problem is not whether to be normally passive or active, but when to pass from one state to another.
 E. This depends on an assessment of the political situation.
 a. BEDAC b. CDABE c. EDBAC d. ABCDE
19. A. If caught in the act, they were punished, not for the crime, but for allowing themselves to be caught another lash of the whip.
 B. The bellicose Spartans sacrificed all the finer things in life for military expertise.
 C. Those fortunate enough to survive babyhood were taken away from their mothers at the age of seven to undergo rigorous military training.
 D. This consisted mainly of beatings and deprivations of all kinds like going around barefoot in winter, and worse, starvation so that they would be forced to steal food to survive.
 E. Male children were examined at birth by the city council and those deemed too weak to become soldiers were left to die of exposure.
 a. BECDA b. ECADB c. BCDAE d. ECDAB
20. A. Both parties use capital and labour in the struggle to secure property rights.
 B. The thief spends time and money in his attempt to steal (he buys wire cutters) and the legitimate property owner expends resources to prevent the theft (he buys locks).
 C. A social cost of theft is that both the thief and the potential victim use resources to gain or maintain control over property.
 D. These costs may escalate as a type of technological arms race unfolds.
 E. A bank may purchase more and more complicated and sophisticated safes, forcing safecrackers to invest further in safecracking equipment.
 a. ABCDE b. CABDE c. ACBED d. CBEDA
21. A. Group decision making, however, does not necessarily fully guard against arbitrariness and anarchy, for individual capriciousness can get substituted by collusion of group members.
 B. Nature itself is an intricate system of checks and balances, meant to preserve the delicate balance between various environmental factors that affect our ecology.

- C. In institutions also, there is a need to have in place a system of checks and balances which inhibits the concentration of power in only some individuals.
- D. When human interventions alter this delicate balance, the outcomes have been seen to be disastrous.
a. CBAD b. BCAD c. CABD d. BDCA
22. A. He was bone-weary and soul-weary, and found himself muttering, "Either I can't manage this place, or it's unmanageable."
- B. To his horror, he realized that he had become the victim of an amorphous, unwitting, unconscious conspiracy to immerse him in routine work that had no significance.
- C. It was one of those nights in the office when the office clock was moving towards four in the morning and Bennis was still not through with the incredible mass of paper stacked before him.
- D. He reached for his calendar and ran his eyes down each hour, half-hour, and quarter-hour, to see where his time had gone that day, the day before, the month before. '
a. ABCD b. CADB c. BDCA d. DCBA
23. A. Since then, intelligence tests have been mostly used to separate dull children in school from average or bright children, so that special education can be provided to the dull.
- B. In other words, intelligence tests give us a norm for each age.
- C. Intelligence is expressed as intelligence quotient, and tests are developed to indicate what an average child of a certain age can do: what a 5-year-old can answer, but a 4-year-old cannot, for instance.
- D. Binet developed the first set of such tests in the early 1900s to find out which children in school needed special attention.
- E. Intelligence can be measured by tests.
a. CDABE b. DECAB c. EDACB d. CBADE
24. A. Similarly, turning to caste, even though being lower caste is undoubtedly a separate cause of disparity, its impact is all the greater when the lower-caste families also happen to be poor.
- B. Belonging to a privileged class can help a woman to overcome many barriers that obstruct women from less thriving classes.
- C. It is the interactive presence of these two kinds of deprivation—being low class and being female—that massively impoverishes women from the less privileged classes.
- D. A congruence of class deprivation and gender discrimination can blight the lives of poorer women very severely.
- E. Gender is certainly a contributor to societal inequality, but it does not act independently of class.
a. EABDC b. EBDCA c. DAEB C d. BECDA

TYPE – II

25. 1. Security inks exploit the same principle that causes the vivid and constantly changing colours of a film of oil on water.
- A. When two rays of light meet each other after being reflected from these different surfaces, they have each travelled slightly different distances.
- B. The key is that the light is bouncing off two surfaces, that of the oil and that of the water layer below it.
- C. The distance the two rays travel determines which wavelengths, and hence colours, interfere constructively and look bright.
- D. Because light is an electromagnetic wave, the peaks and troughs of each ray then interfere either constructively, to appear bright, or destructively, to appear dim.
6. Since the distance the rays travel changes with the angle as you look at the surface, different colours look bright from different viewing angles.
a. ABCD b. BADC c. BDAC d. DCAB
26. 1. Commercially reared chicken can be unusually aggressive, and are often kept in darkened sheds to prevent them pecking at each other.
- A. The birds spent far more of their time—up to a third—pecking at the inanimate objects in the pens, in contrast to birds in other pens which spent a lot of time attacking others.
- B. In low light conditions, they behave less belligerently, but are more prone to ophthalmic disorders and respiratory problems.
- C. In an experiment, aggressive head-pecking was all but eliminated among birds in the enriched environment.
- D. Altering the birds' environment, by adding bales of wood-shavings to their pens, can work wonders.
6. Bales could diminish aggressiveness and reduce injuries; they might even improve productivity, since a happy chicken is a productive chicken.
a. DCAB b. CDBA c. DBAC d. BDCA

27. 1. The concept of a 'nation-state' assumes a complete correspondence between the boundaries of the nation and the boundaries of those who live in a specific state.
- Then there are members of national collectivities who live in other countries, making a mockery of the concept.
 - There are always people living in particular states who are not considered to be (and often do not consider themselves to be) members of the hegemonic nation.
 - Even worse, there are nations which never had a state or which are divided across several states.
 - This, of course, has been subject to severe criticism and is virtually everywhere a fiction.
6. However, the fiction has been, and continues to be, at the basis of nationalist ideologies.
- DBAC
 - ABCD
 - BACD
 - DACB
28. 1. Horses and communism were, on the whole, a poor match.
- Fine horses bespoke the nobility the party was supposed to despise.
 - Communist leaders, when they visited villages, preferred to see cows and pigs.
 - Although a working horse was just about tolerable, the communists were right to be wary.
 - Peasants from Poland to the Hungarian Pustza preferred their horses to party dogma.
6. "A farmer's pride is his horse; his cow may be thin but his horse must be fat," went a Slovak saying.
- ACDB
 - DBCA
 - ABCD
 - DCBA
29. 1. Picture a termite colony, occupying a tall mud hump on an African plain.
- Hungry predators often invade the colony and unsettle the balance.
 - The colony flourishes only if the proportion of soldiers to workers remains roughly the same, so that the queen and workers can be protected by the soldiers, and the queen and soldiers can be serviced by the workers.
 - But its fortunes are presently restored, because the immobile queen, walled in well below ground level, lays eggs not only in large enough numbers, but also in the varying proportions required.
 - The hump is alive with worker termites and soldier termites going about their distinct kinds of business.
6. How can we account for her mysterious ability to respond like this to events on the distant surface?
- BADC
 - DBAC
 - ADCB
 - BDCA
30. 1. High-powered outboard motors were considered to be one of the major threats to the survival of the Beluga whales.
- With these, hunters could approach Belugas within hunting range and profit from its inner skin and blubber.
 - To escape an approaching motor, Belugas have learned to dive to the ocean bottom and stay there for up to 20 minutes, by which time the confused predator has left.
 - Today, however, even with much more powerful engines, it is difficult to come close, because the whales seem to disappear suddenly just when you thought you had them in your sights.
 - When the first outboard engines arrived in the early 1930s, one came across 4 and 8 HP motors.
6. Belugas seem to have used their well-known sensitivity to noise to evolve an 'avoidance' strategy to outsmart hunters and their powerful technologies.
- DACB
 - CDAB
 - ADBC
 - BDAC

Answer Key:

1. D	2. B	3. B	4. B	5. C	6. A
7. B	8. B	9. D	10. A	11. A	12. D
13. C	14. A	15. D	16. C	17. C	18. D
19. A	20. B	21. D	22. B	23. C	24. B
25. B	26. D	27. A	28. C	29. B	30. A