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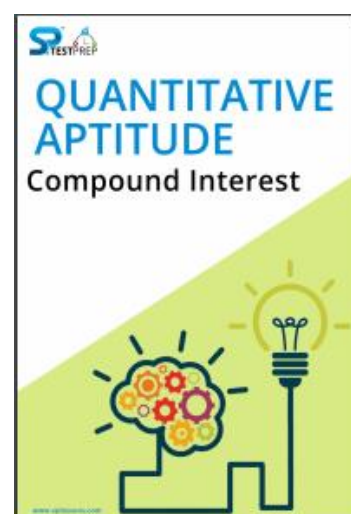
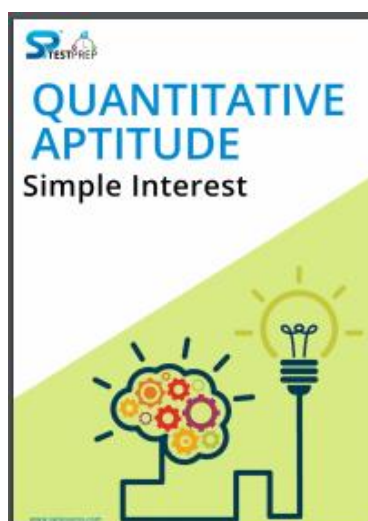
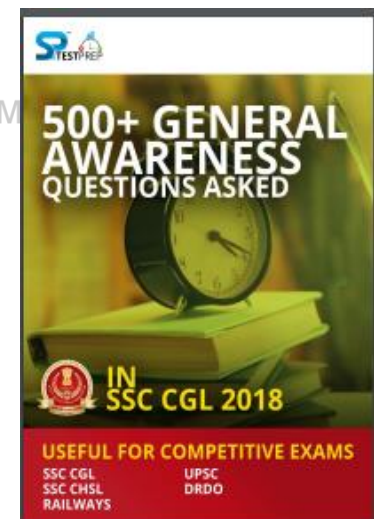
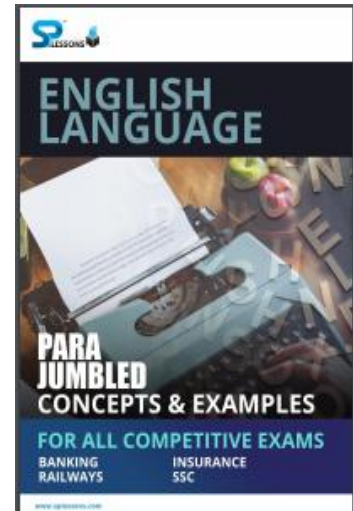
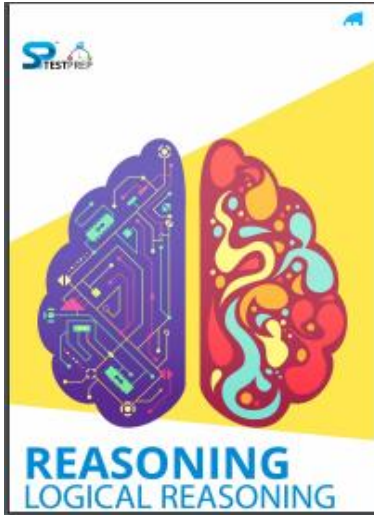
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Directions (Q. 1-5): Business law skill sets can greatly complement the network built and sectoral expertise acquired over years of working with the government. Due to the vast exposure and domain expertise gathered over years of working with the government, several unique career opportunities emerge for civil servants, ranging from being an in-house consultant, an advisor or entrepreneur (as explained below), which they can capitalize on within a few years of starting work itself or after retirement (whether it is after VRS or post superannuation). For example, engineers who have worked for the government or who have worked as officers of PSUs can become extremely sought-after business consultants if they **possess** an understanding of business laws, commercial agreements and regulations, apart from technical knowledge.

Another **feasible** option is to work as a business consultant who understands his or her own field and on-ground aspects of how law applies to it. The market has huge demand for such engineers. For this purposes, having practical legal skills is an added advantage. These skills can be acquired through prior experience, which has its own monetary and time costs or by pursuing a systematic course such as this: Diploma in Entrepreneurship Administration and Business Law. Government officers are known to wear different kinds of hats for private businesses – whether it is lobbying with the government for a beneficial policy for organizations operating in a particular sector (e.g. the hotels and hospitality industry or the IT sector), operating as financial or tax consultants or working as advisors on regulatory issues (such as competition, securities or tax issues), or working at the country's best management consultancies (such as BCG or McKinsey), law firms, accountancy firms or as in-house advisors for companies. Some government officers even become independent consultants to private businesses and start a service business of their own based on such experience. These positions are very **lucrative**, but require a sound understanding of how commercial arrangements and regulatory laws work.

I know of civil servants who started law firms which are top-rated in their area of practice. For example, one of India's most famous boutique competition law firms, K.K. Sharma Law Offices, was set up by an Indian Revenue Service officer who served the government for two decades. Similarly, many government officers have started their own businesses – recall that Air Deccan, the famous airline which first started price-wars in the airline industry, was founded by Captain Gopinath, who served the Indian Army. Similarly **Ascent Capital**, an extremely **renowned** private equity fund with investments in technology, power, finance and infrastructure space, was founded by a government officer who worked with the revenue department and then with SEBI. Similarly, I know of several army officers who have started their own private security agencies.



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1. Which of the following is 'true' in the context of the passage?

- A. Engineers are not proficient for governments PSUs.
- B. Governments officers are not expert in private business.
- C. There is no need of independent consultant to private business.
- D. Ascent capital is founded by a government officer.

Answer: D

2. Which of the following is the central theme of the passage?

- A. Entrepreneurship, an opportunity for government officers.
- B. What is the demand of Governments PSUs.
- C. Business consultancy, entrepreneurship and new career opportunities
- D. What is the difference between Government sector and private sector.

Answer: C

3. According to the passage, what is the huge demand of Market ? TM

- A. Private business consultants.
- B. Highly experienced Engineers.
- C. Highly qualified government officials.
- D. Market has huge demand for such engineers who are proficient in their field.

Answer: D

4. Which of the following statement is false in the context of the given passage?

- A. Some government officers become independent consultants to private businesses and started their own service business.
- B. Air Deccan started by K K Shamra.
- C. Civil servants who started law firms which are on top in their area of practice.
- D. There are many army officers who have started their own private security agencies.

Answer: B

5. What is/are feasible option to work as a business Consultant ?

- (A) Market requirements such employees who understand their business from ground-level.
- (B) Market needs such engineers they have practical skills of their field.
- (C) Its not mandatory to having practical knowledge for business consultant
- (D) No prior experience required for Business Consultant.



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- A. Only A and B
- B. Only B and C
- C. All A, C and D
- D. All B, C and D

Answer: A

Directions (Q. 6-10): A strike by farmers in Maharashtra continues to affect normal life, despite the State government's announcement of an end to the **..(6)..** last week. The farmers, whose demands include full **..(7)..** of farm loans, hikes in the minimum support price for agricultural produce and writing off of pending electricity bills, have been on an indefinite strike since June 1. As the strike nears the end of its first week, prices of essential goods such as milk, fruits and vegetables have risen **..(8)..**, causing distress to consumers. Some farmer groups agreed to call off their strike after Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis promised that his government would waive farm loans of small and marginal farmers worth about ₹30,000 crore, increase power subsidies, hike the price for milk and also set up a State commission to look into the matter of raising the MSP for crops. He also promised that buying agricultural produce below their MSP would soon be made a criminal offence. Other farmer groups, meanwhile, have to their demand for a complete farm loan waiver and continued with their protest. It is notable that the protests have come soon after the Uttar Pradesh government farm loans earlier this year, setting off similar demands in other States. Yet, while Maharashtra's farmers have caught the attention of the government, the focus on quick fixes has pushed aside the real structural issues behind the crisis.

At the root of the crisis is the steep fall in the prices of agricultural goods. The price slump, significantly, has come against the backdrop of a good monsoon that led to a bumper crop. The production of tur dal, for **..(9)..**, increased five-fold from last year to over 20 lakh tonnes in 2016-17. of price MSPs are supposed to enable farmers to sell their produce at . remunerative prices. But procurement of crops at MSP by the government has traditionally been low for most crops, except a few **..(10)..** such as rice and wheat. This has forced distressed farmers to sell their produce at much lower prices, adding to their debt burden.

6.

- A. Occult
- B. Indistinct
- C. Strike
- D. egress

Answer: C

Explanation:

strike – hit forcibly and deliberately with one's hand or a weapon or other implement.



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7.

- A. hydrant
- B. nozzle
- C. waiver
- D. illegible

Answer: C

Explanation:

waiver – an act or instance of waiving a right or claim.

8.

- A. esoteric
- B. indulgent
- C. stopcock
- D. steeply

Answer: D

Explanation: D

steeply – at a steep angle; sharply.



9.

- A. enigmatical
- B. stuck
- C. spigot
- D. spout

Answer: B

Explanation:

stuck – a thin piece of wood that has fallen or been cut off a tree.

10.

- A. cryptic
- B. confusing
- C. declaration
- D. staples

Answer: D



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Explanation:

staples – a piece of thin wire with two short right-angled end pieces which are driven by a stapler through sheets of paper to fasten them together.

Directions (Q. 11 - 13): Read each of the sentences to find out whether there is any grammatical mistake/error in it. The error, if any, will be in TWO PARTS of the sentence. The combination of those parts is the answer. If no part in the sentence has an error, then select 'No error' as your answer. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any)

11. The Supreme Court directed that husbands cannot (A)/ be persecuted without no proof of their guilt(B)/ and ruled that even a single false dowry complaint against the husband and (C)/ in-laws were sufficient ground for courts to grant decree of divorce to annul the marriage.(D)

- A. BC
- B. AC
- C. AB
- D. BD

Answer: D

Explanation:

In B, **any** will come in place **no** (**Rule:** negative word cannot be used with another negative word in a sentence i.e. 'without' and 'no' cannot be used to together).

In D, a single complaint (is singular), therefore **was** should be used in place of **were**

12. People in large numbers were witnessing(A)/ the launch of Space X rocket at Florida(B)/, some of the people were standing in the street watch on screens(C)/ while others were enjoying on TV.(D)

- A. BC
- B. AB
- C. BD
- D. CD

Answer: A

Explanation:

In B, **in** should be used in place of **at** because (**Rule**) at is used for smaller places. In C, **watching** in place of **watch** because (**Rule**) preposition + v +ing

13. The constitution has given ample of fundamental rights(A)/ which gave us liberty and freedom without(B)/ any constraints but we have often been unreasonable ignorant(C)/ of our fundamental duties.(D)



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- A. AB
- B. CD
- C. BC
- D. AD

Answer: C

Explanation:

In B, **has given** should be used in place of **gave** to make the tenses same as given earlier in the sentence. In C, **unreasonably** will come in place of **unreasonable** because(**Rule**) an adverb qualifies a verb not an adjective.

14. Jamshedji knew that an industrial revolution can only brought in the country by setting up iron and steel industry.

- A. an industrial revolution can only be brought in the
- B. an industrial revolution can only bring in the
- C. an industrial revolution only can be brought in the
- D. an industrial revolution can only be bring in the

Answer: A

Explanation:

So it take object. There is no object after bring in above sentence. so it should be in passive form. So correct form of verb is can + only +be +verb (III). This is only in option 1).

15. For years I do my washing by hand; then last year I a washing machine and I must say it has made washing day much exhausting.

- A. For years I did my washing by hand; then last year
- B. For years I have doing my washing by hand; then last year
- C. For years I have done washing by hand; then last year
- D. For years I have been doing my washing by hand; then last year

Answer: C

Explanation:

for indicates that the above sentence is in perfect continuous tense. Correct form of perfect continuous is only in option C

Directions (Q.16-18): In each of the questions below, four sentences are given which are denoted by – A,B,C,D . By using all the four sentences, make a meaningful paragraph. The correct order of sentences is



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your answer. Choose from the five alternatives the one having the correct order of sentences and mark it as your answer.

16. A. Ideology remains the main source of violent extremism.
B. When intertwined with religious extremism, it becomes an even more potent mixture.
C. Behavioural patterns contribute to escalation, from grievance redress to mobilisation, and on to violent extremism.
D. What is apparent as one surveys the global scene today is that the number and variety of terror groups is larger and more widespread than at any time previously.

- A. BDCA
- B. DABC
- C. CDBA
- D. ABDC

Answer: B

17. A. Vajpayee had been pragmatic in respect of his Pakistan policy.
B. Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Pakistan policy was an open book.
C. He wanted the people of the two countries to live in amity and friendship as good neighbours.
D. He wanted improved relations with Pakistan without sacrificing India's interest.

- A. ACBD
- B. DCBA
- C. CABD
- D. BDCA

Answer: D

18. A. Intelligence is often referred to as the 'missing dimension' when there is a failure to anticipate critical developments of a political and strategic nature.
B. History is replete with many such instances.
C. In recent times, renowned historians like Christopher Andrew have also talked of a lack of 'theologians' compounding this situation.
D. Combined, these are seen as reasons for failing to anticipate many of the serious developments that took place during the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

- A. ABCD
- B. BDAC
- C. CDAB
- D. DACB

Answer: A



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Directions (Q.19-21): In the given sentences a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given four options, (1), (2), (3), (4), a combination of words would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct. Select that option as the answer. If all the given combinations fit perfectly, then select 'All fit' as the answer.

19. Not acknowledging the crimes happening around us howsoever petty they are, kind of _____ them which in itself is a moral crime on our part.

- I. excruciate
- II. legitimise
- III. stymie
- IV. Validate

- A. III,I
- B. II,IV
- C. I,IV
- D. II,III

Answer: B

Explanation:

Legitimise, validate – to make something legal, acceptable

20. In today's scenario it may not be an overstatement to say that there are many sections of people who feel that their religious _____ is being compromised.

- I. aphorism
- II. venereal
- III. piety
- IV. Proclamation

- A. I,II
- B. III
- C. III,IV
- D. I,IV

Answer: B

Explanation:

Piety – reverence and devotion to god, devout act or thought

21. In the backdrop of shock measures like demonetisation and GST, the popular approval from Moody's ratings agency somewhat _____ the government.

- I. petrified
- II. exonerate



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III. vindicated

IV. Ruled

- A. I,III
- B. IV
- C. II,III
- D. III,IV

Answer: D

Explanation:

Vindicated, exonerated – (of an official body) absolve (someone) from blame for a fault or wrongdoing.

22. Niggard

- A. Avaricious
- B. Extravagant
- C. Miserly
- D. Generous

Answer: D

23. Transience

- A. Rest
- B. Shallow
- C. Eternity
- D. Transgression

Answer: C

24. Profound

- A. Superficial
- B. Special
- C. Large
- D. Superfluous

Answer: A

25. Inadvertently

- A. Secretly
- B. Overtly
- C. Accidentally









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D. Deliberately

Answer: D

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