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###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. C.

We need to replace 'weaks' with 'weeks'.

Note that

Weak means lacking the power to perform physically demanding tasks; having little physical strength or energy. While Week refers to the a period of seven days.

Given the context, travelling for 'weeks' is correct. So, the correct answer is option C.

2. Ans. E.

All the words are correct. So, the correct answer is option E.

3. Ans. C.

We need to replace 'rice' with 'rise' to make it contextually correct. So, the correct answer is option C.

4. Ans. B.

We need to replace 'clever' with 'clear'.

So, the correct answer is option B.

5. Ans. C.

We need to replace 'spirrit' (misspelled word) in the D part of the sentence with 'spirit'. So, the correct answer is option C.

6. Ans. A.

As the statement talks about the schedule delays in infrastructure projects and its impact on the residents, option A - inconvenience fits appropriately. The other options such as "health" and "safety" do not fit the context and "stressful" is an adjective, but the sentence seeks for an appropriate noun which is option A. So, the correct answer is option A.

7. Ans. E.

So, the correct answer is option E.

8. Ans. B.

The words have the following meanings:
Engage- occupy or attract (someone's interest or attention)

Negotiate- find a way over or through

Overlook- fail to notice

Developing- growing and becoming more mature, advanced, or elaborate

Organised- arrange systematically

As the statement states that young people must have access to stories which

will help us to be kind and empathetic, which will help us to find a way through life.

So, the correct answer is option B.

9. Ans. C.

The statement mentions that tigers "sneak close before attacking". This means they are able to remain unseen. Thus, the correct choice for the blank is 'avoid'.

So, the correct answer is option C.

10. Ans. B.

The error lies in the second part of the sentence. The use of "help massive" is turning the sentence structure grammatically incorrect. We need to replace 'help massive' with 'massively helps' using the adverb 'massively' to modify the verb 'help' to convey the correct meaning of the sentence. So, the correct answer is option B.

11. Ans. B.

We need to replace 'is' with 'are'. So, the correct answer is option B.

12. Ans. D.

The error is in the fourth part of the sentence.

We need to replace 'power' with 'powered'.

So, the correct answer is option D.

13. Ans. B.

The error is in the second part of the sentence.

We need to replace 'envious' with 'envy'.

So, the correct answer is option B.

14. Ans. A.

Refer to the following lines from the passage:

A. 1st paragraph: "Sometimes we travel...because work is stressful ...". Thus, in order to take a break from stressful work, one opts to travel.

B. 2nd paragraph: "...if travel is just about fun, then I think the new security measures at airports have killed it." This implies that the author loathes security arrangements at the airports and considers it as something that kills the fun.

C. This is neither mentioned explicitly or implied in the passage.

E. "... several new science papers suggest that getting away – and it doesn't even matter where you're going – is an essential habit of **effective thinking**." The passage does not mention that travelling enhances a person's ability to make concrete decisions. Thus, E is incorrect.

Option A is the correct answer.

15. Ans. B.

Refer to the following sentences from the passage:

A. "When we escape from the place we spend most of our time, the mind is suddenly made aware of all those errant ideas we'd suppressed. We start thinking about obscure possibilities that never would have occurred to us if we'd stayed back on the farm." Here, the farm implies a regular (and monotonous) environment we live in. Hence, A is correct.

B. "The good news... is that **pleasure** is not the only consolation of travel. In fact, several new science papers suggest that getting away... is an essential habit of **effective thinking**." Thus, B is correct.

C. "It's not the flying I mind – I will always be awed by the physics that gets a fat metal bird into the upper troposphere." "Awed" (Adj.) means to be filled with wonder. Also, in the given sentence, "fat metal bird" refers to an aeroplane. So, the idea of an aeroplane (that is made up of metals) flying in the troposphere, fills the author with wonder. So, clearly, he/ she does not find the idea absurd. Hence, C is incorrect.

So, option B is the correct answer.

16. Ans. B.

Refer to the following lines from the passage,

A. "When we escape from the place we spend most of our time, the mind is suddenly made **aware of all those errant ideas we'd suppressed**." Hence, A is correct.

B. "...the sad airport malls peddling crappy souvenirs. It's globalisation in a nutshell, and it sucks." Hence, the author does not find globalisation impressive.

C. This is not mentioned in the passage. Thus, only option A is correct.

17. Ans. C.

"Taxing" means physically or mentally demanding/ challenging. All the words given in the options are synonyms of "taxing".

18. Ans. A.

"Obscure" means not discovered or known about; uncertain. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

Subversive- seeking or intended to subvert an established system or institution.

19. Ans. B.

It has been mentioned in the passage that "Travel, in other words, is a basic human desire. We're a migratory species". It can be deduced from these lines that option B is the correct choice.

20. Ans. C.

The passage mentions "As a result, when we think about things that are nearby, our thoughts are **bound by a more limited set of associations**." In this regard, the correct word for the blank is 'constricted' which means 'inhibited; restricted'.

So, the correct answer is option C.

21. Ans. E.

The correct logical order is BEACD.

The passage revolves around the topic of the importance of developing a love of reading. In this regard, the most appropriate introductory statement is B which states that becoming a lifetime reader is based on developing a deep love of reading. It will be followed by E which adds to the points noticed by the National Literacy Trust by using the phrase "it further notes". Statement A mentions 'these two conclusions' referring to the two points made in B and E. Thus A will follow E. CD is a mandatory pair with C mentioning the challenge, the teachers have to overcome and D reiterating the same thing.

So, the correct answer is option E.

22. Ans. A.

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So, the correct answer is option A.

23. Ans. D.

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So, the correct answer is option D.

24. Ans. E.

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So, the correct answer is option E.

25. Ans. A.

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So, the correct answer is option A.

26. Ans. C.

It is stated that Amy's school needed a fundraiser in order to collect money to buy more computers. In this context, the correct option is 'Earn'.

So, the correct answer is option C.

27. Ans. E.

In the passage, it is mentioned 'They had many special traditions, spoke many different languages and ate many different types of foods'. In this context, the author emphasizes on the fact that Amy's friends were from various countries. The correct word for the same is 'different'.

So, the correct answer is option E.

28. Ans. B.

In the last lines of the passage, it is mentioned that "Everyone enjoyed seeing, smelling and tasting foods from so many different cultures". This implies that the idea suggested by Amy was masterly. In this context, the correct answer is 'brilliant'.

So, the correct answer is option B.

29. Ans. D.

It is mentioned in the passage that "Amy with the help of her friends organised the event". This means that they knew that people will willingly support their cause. In this regard, the correct word will be 'glad'.

So, the correct answer is option D.

30. Ans. A.

The general tone of the passage suggests that the people enjoyed themselves at the fundraiser and it can be assumed that they donated as well. So, the event overall was successful. So, the correct option is 'success'.

So, the correct answer is option A.

31. Ans. B.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{?}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \times 5 = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{?}{2} = 11 - \frac{15}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow ? = 7$$

32. Ans. D.

$$63 \times 3 \div 7 \div 3 = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow ? = \frac{63 \times 3}{7 \times 3} = 9$$

33. Ans. C.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{11}{13} \times 9 \frac{1}{10} + \frac{3}{10} = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{11}{13} \times \frac{91}{10} + \frac{3}{10} = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{77}{10} + \frac{3}{10} = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{80}{10} = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow ? = 8$$

34. Ans. E.

$$\Rightarrow 5 \times \frac{?}{100} \times 300 + 275 = 425$$

$$\Rightarrow 15 \times ? = 150$$

$$\Rightarrow ? = 10$$

35. Ans. E.

$$\frac{2}{9} \times \frac{2}{15} + \frac{2}{45} = ?$$

$$= \frac{4}{135} + \frac{2}{45} = \frac{10}{135}$$

$$= \frac{2}{27}$$

36. Ans. B.

$$\frac{17 + 51}{? + 2} = 17$$

$$68 = 17(? + 2)$$

$$? = 4 - 2 = 2$$

37. Ans. D.

$$18^2 + 10 \times 7 - ? = 249$$

$$324 + 70 - ? = 249$$

$$? = 394 - 249$$

$$? = 145$$

38. Ans. D.

$$7 \times 3^? \div 9 = 63$$

$$7 \times 3^? = 567$$

$$3^? = 567/7$$

$$3^? = 81$$

$$? = 4$$

39. Ans. D.

$$?/100 \times 12/100 \times 2100 = 126$$

$$? = 126 \times 100/12 \times 21$$

$$? = 50$$

40. Ans. A.

$$(3 \times 7 + 1 \div 5) \times 5 = ?$$

$$? = (21 + 1/5) \times 5$$

$$? = 106$$

41. Ans. B.

Let present ages of A, B and C be A years, B years and C years respectively, then

$$(A + 8) + (B + 8) = 70$$

$$\Rightarrow A + B = 54$$

$$\therefore C - 4 = (A - 4 + B - 4)/2$$

$$2C - 8 = A + B - 8$$

$$C = (A + B)/2$$

$$C = 27 \text{ years}$$

42. Ans. D.

Let A invested for x months

and B invested for (x + 2) months

Total annual profit = Rs. 5750

Profit for A = Rs. 2000

Profit for B = Rs (5750 - 2000) = Rs. 3750

Now,

$$4800x / 7200 (x + 2) = 2000 / 3750$$

$$4800x / 7200 (x + 2) = 8 / 15$$

on solving, x = 8

Hence B invested for 8 + 2 = 10 months

43. Ans. B.

Let the speed of boat in still water and the speed of the river be B km/hr and R km/hr respectively, then

$$R - B = \frac{28.8}{2.4} = 12 \quad \dots (i)$$

(2 hours 24 minutes = 2.4 hours)

According to question

$$(R - B) : (R + B) = 2 : 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 : (R + B) = 2 : 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (R + B) = 18 \dots (ii)$$

On solving equations (i) and (ii), we get

$$R = 15$$

Hence, the speed of boat in still water = 15 km/hr.

44. Ans. A.

Given, $X = Y + 22$ and

$$X + 10 = 1.2(Y - 8)$$

$$\Rightarrow Y + 22 + 10 = 1.2Y - 9.6$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.2Y = 41.6$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = 208.$$

45. Ans. B.

Let the quantity of milk and water in initial solution be $5m$ and $5w$, then

According to question

$$\frac{4m}{4w + (m + w)} = \frac{32}{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow 15m = 8(5w + m)$$

$$\Rightarrow 7m = 40w$$

$$\Rightarrow m : w = 40 : 7$$

Hence, the required ratio = $5m : 5w = m$

$$: w = 40 : 7.$$

46. Ans. A.

	Bakery				
	A	B	C	D	E
No. of cake sold	36	20	26	48	64

Hence, the required percent

$$\frac{26}{64} \times 100 \approx 40\%$$

47. Ans. D.

	Bakery				
	A	B	C	D	E
No. of cake sold	36	20	26	48	64

Required ratio = $20 : 64 = 5 : 16$.

48. Ans. C.

	Bakery				
	A	B	C	D	E
No. of cake sold	36	20	26	48	64

Required number of non-designer cakes

$$36 - \frac{36}{6} = 30.$$

sold by bakery A =

49. Ans. E.

	Bakery				
	A	B	C	D	E
No. of cake sold	36	20	26	48	64

Hence, the required average

$$\frac{36 + 48}{2} = 42.$$

50. Ans. B.

	Bakery				
	A	B	C	D	E
No. of cake sold	36	20	26	48	64

Hence, the total number of cakes sold by bakeries C and E together in week II

$$= (26 + 64) \left(1 + \frac{20}{100} \right) = 90 \times \frac{6}{5} = 108.$$

51. Ans. A.

52. Ans. A.

$$x^2 = 4^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = +4, -4$$

$$y^2 - 4y + 4 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 2y - 2y + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2$$

From the above, it is clear

No relation can be established

53. Ans. E.

$$x^2 - x - 42 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 7x + 6x - 42 = 0$$

$$x(x - 7) + 6(x - 7) = 0$$

$$(x - 7)(x + 6) = 0$$

$$x = 7, -6$$

$$y^2 + y - 30 = 0$$

$$y^2 + 6y - 5y - 30 = 0$$

$$y(y + 6) - 5(y + 6) = 0$$

$$(y + 6)(y - 5) = 0$$

$$y = 5, -6$$

54. Ans. C.

$$2x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 2x - 3x + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x(x - 1) - 3(x - 1) = 0$$

time is taken by A to complete the work alone = $1400/35 = 40$ days

65. Ans. E.

A & B complete work in $18\frac{2}{3}$ days

B & C complete work in $14\frac{7}{12}$ days

Now let total work 1400 units

the efficiency of A & B = $1400/[18\frac{2}{3}] = 75$ unit

the efficiency of B & C = $1400/[14\frac{7}{12}] = 96$ unit

Given the efficiency of C is 40% more than that of B

Ratio of efficiency of B & C = $100 : 140 = 5 : 7$

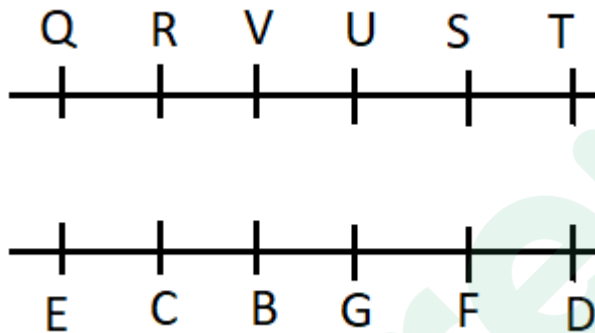
So the efficiency of B = 40 unit

the efficiency of C = 56 unit

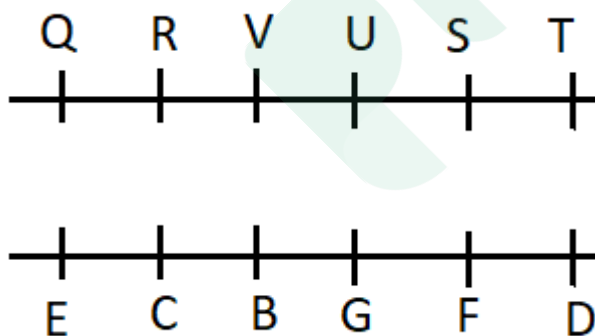
the efficiency of A = 35 unit

The time required by A & C together = $1400/[35+56] = 15\frac{5}{13}$ days

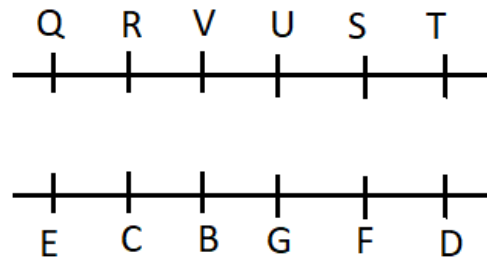
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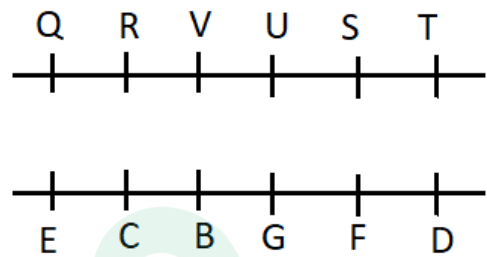
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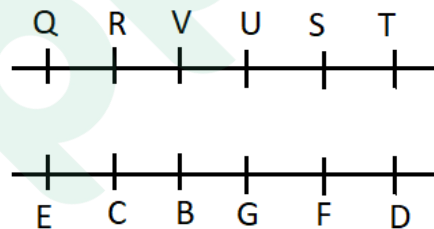
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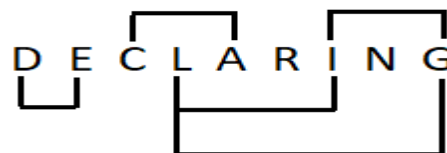
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70. Ans. E.

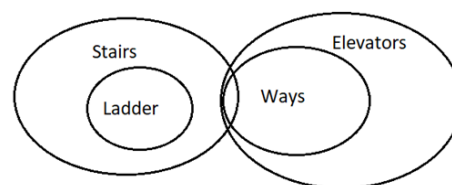


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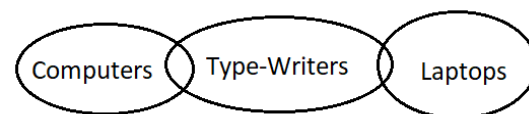


Pairs: DE, GI, GL, IL and AC.

72. Ans. C.



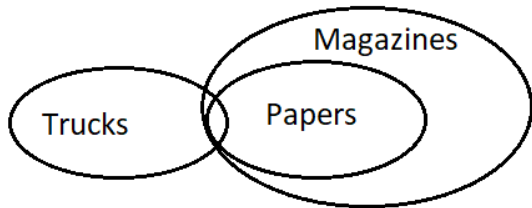
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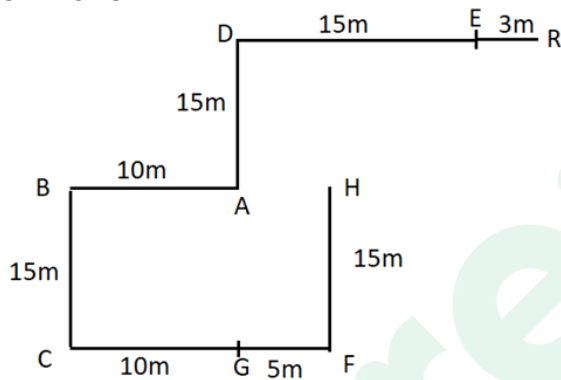
All laptops being type-writers is a possibility i.e, Only a few type-writers are laptops and some not, but all laptops can be type-writers.

All computers being laptop is a possibility i.e, if all computers being laptop it doesn't affect the given statements, so it is possible.

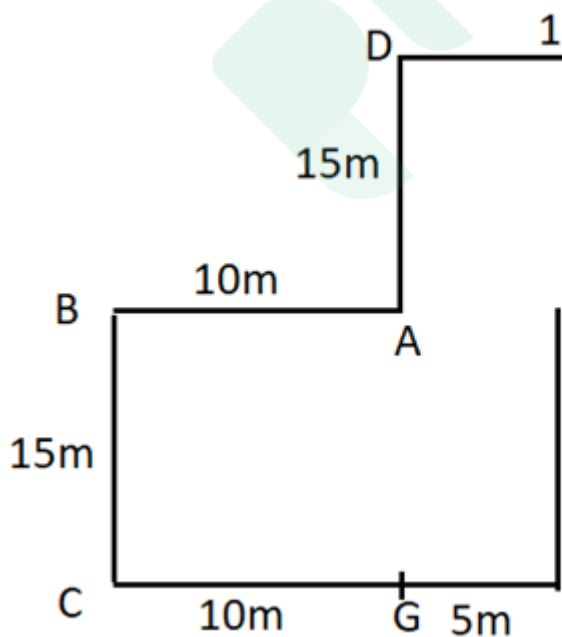
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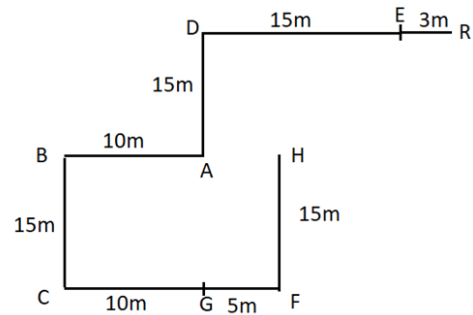
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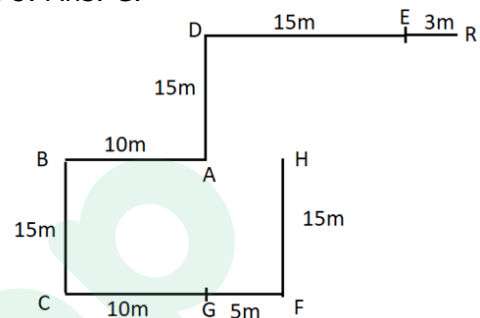
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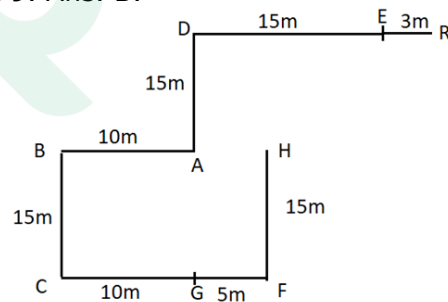
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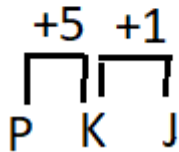
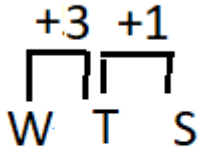
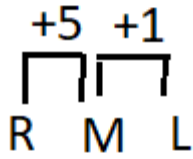
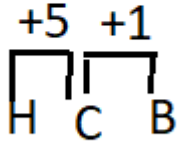
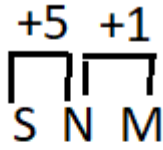
78. Ans. C.



79. Ans. B.



80. Ans. D.



81. Ans. A.

Conclusions:

I. $D > T \rightarrow$ True

II. $S < N \rightarrow$ False

82. Ans. E.

Conclusions:

I. $T < K \rightarrow$ True

II. $A > B \rightarrow$ True

83. Ans. A.

Months	People
January	P
March	B
April	D
May	Q
June	C
August	R
October	A
December	S

84. Ans. C.

Months	People
January	P
March	B
April	D
May	Q
June	C
August	R
October	A
December	S

85. Ans. B.

Months	People
January	P
March	B
April	D
May	Q
June	C
August	R
October	A
December	S

86. Ans. B.

Months	People
January	P
March	B
April	D
May	Q
June	C
August	R
October	A
December	S

87. Ans. A.

Months	People
January	P
March	B
April	D
May	Q
June	C
August	R
October	A
December	S

88. Ans. E.

Box	Weight
E	
C	
D	
A	15kg
B	

89. Ans. A.

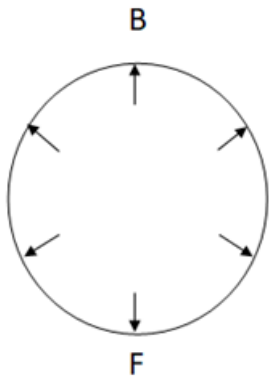
Box	Weight
E	
C	18kg
D	
A	15kg
B	

90. Ans. A.

Box	Weight
E	
C	
D	
A	15kg
B	

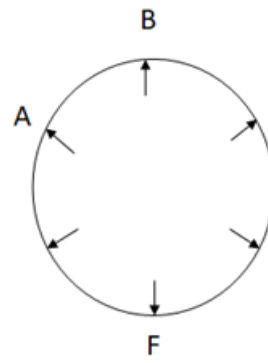
91. Ans. D.

1) B sits third to the right of F.

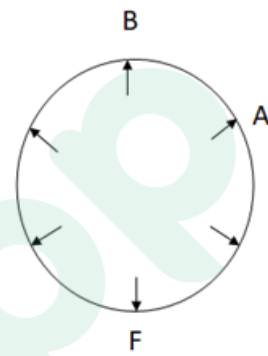


2) B and A are neighbors.

Case 1



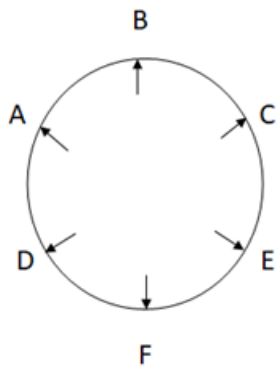
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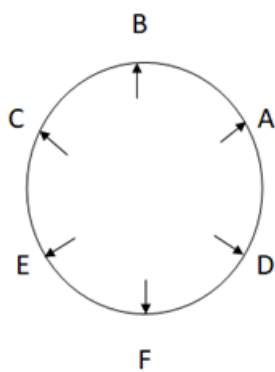
3) E sits third to the right of A.

4) C and A are not neighbors.

Case 1

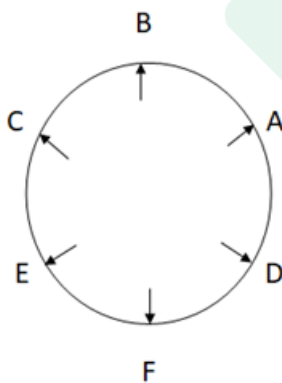


Case 2



5) C is not sitting second to the left of F.

(Here, case 1 will be eliminated)

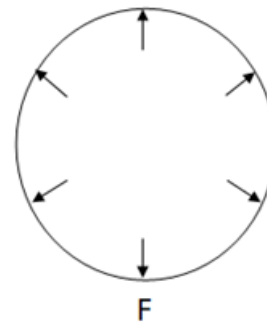


Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

92. Ans. B.

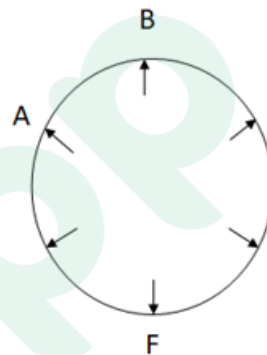
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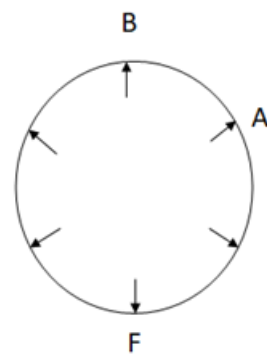


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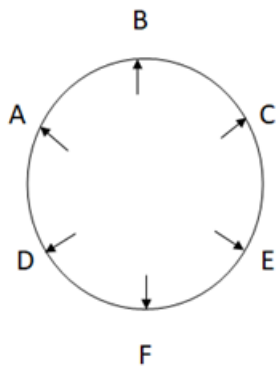
Case 2



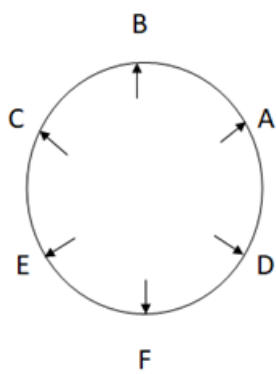
3) E sits third to the right of A.

4) C and A are not neighbors.

Case 1

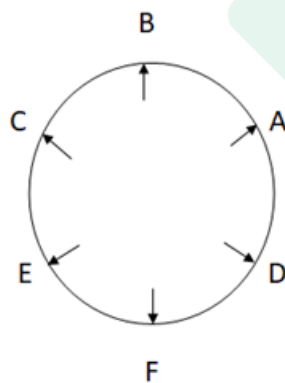


Case 2



5) C is not sitting second to the left of F.

(Here, case 1 will be eliminated)

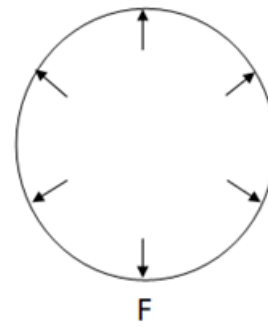


Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

93. Ans. D.

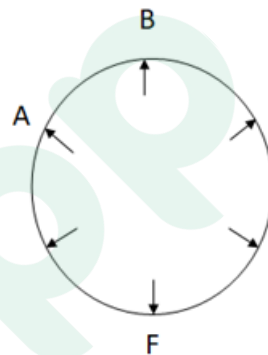
1) B sits third to the right of F.

B

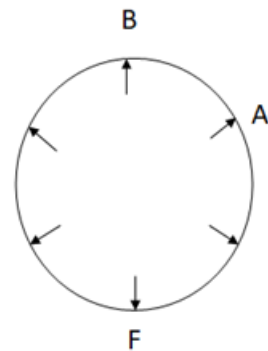


2) B and A are neighbors.

Case 1



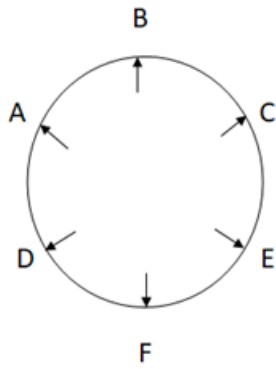
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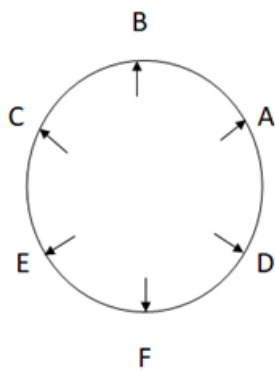
3) E sits third to the right of A.

4) C and A are not neighbors.

Case 1

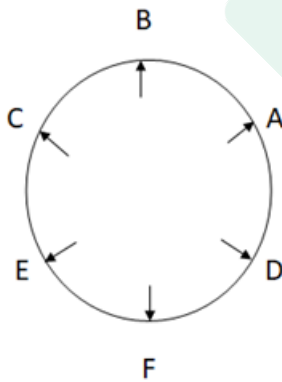


Case 2



5) C is not sitting second to the left of F.

(Here, case 1 will be eliminated)

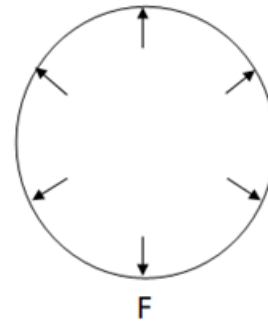


Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

94. Ans. B.

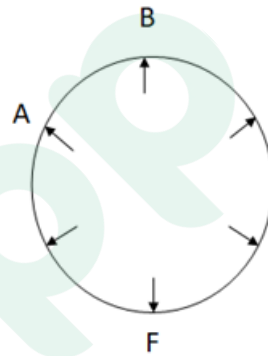
1) B sits third to the right of F.

B

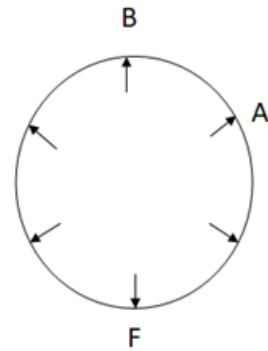


2) B and A are neighbors.

Case 1



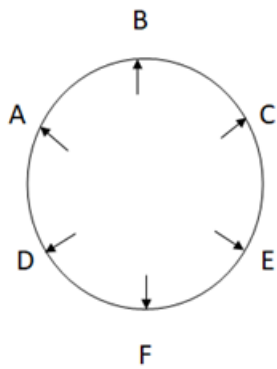
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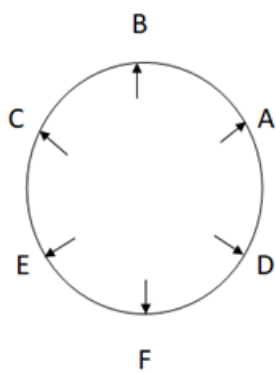
3) E sits third to the right of A.

4) C and A are not neighbors.

Case 1

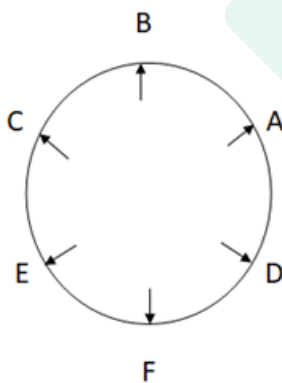


Case 2



5) C is not sitting second to the left of F.

(Here, case 1 will be eliminated)

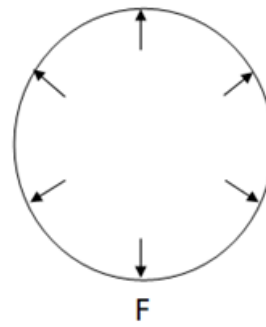


Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

95. Ans. C.

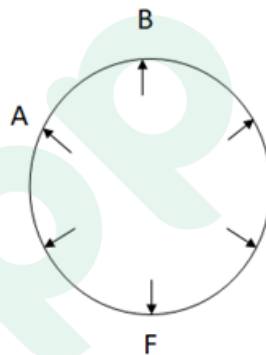
1) B sits third to the right of F.

B

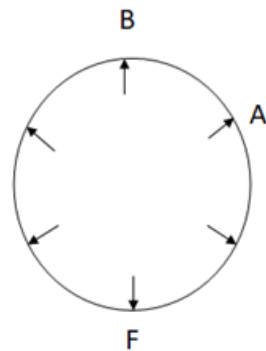


2) B and A are neighbors.

Case 1

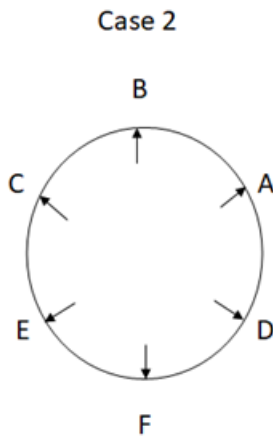
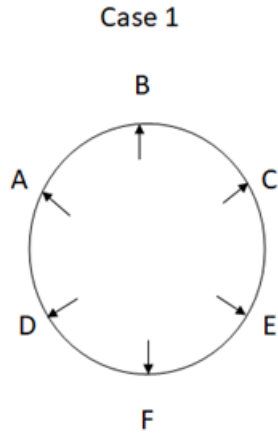


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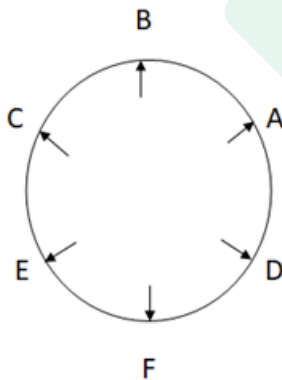
3) E sits third to the right of A.

4) C and A are not neighbors.



5) C is not sitting second to the left of F.

(Here, case 1 will be eliminated)



Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

96. Ans. B.

Codes of the question are as follow:

asb: necessary

byo: training

mnp: always

den: perception

coh: teacher

vyo: stop

god: is

hen: right

rho: can

puk: bad

Hence the code for 'right' is hen.

97. Ans. C.

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asb: necessary

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Hence 'puk' is the code for bad.

98. Ans. B.

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'hen god puk' is the code for 'right is bad'

99. Ans. A.

Codes of the question are as follow:

asb: necessary

byo: training

mnp: always

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coh: teacher

vyo: stop

god: is

hen: right

rho: can

puk: bad

Since the code for linguist is still unknown, code for 'teacher is always linguist' is 'god coh pa mnp'.

100. Ans. C.

Codes of the question are as follow:

asb: necessary
byo: training
mnp: always
den: perception
coh: teacher
vyo: stop
god: is
hen: right
rho: can
puk: bad
Hence 'byo' is the code for 'training'.

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