

## ENGLISH PROFICIENCY, LOGICAL REASONING & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

**Directions:** In each of the following questions, out of the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the italicised bold part of the sentence.

151. Few teachers have been spared the problem of an ***obstreperous*** pupil in the class.

- (a) Awkward (b) Lazy  
(c) Unruly (d) Sullen

152. The President of the party ***deprecatd*** the move of the Government to introduce electoral reforms in a haste.

- (a) Extricated (b) Humiliated  
(c) Denied (d) Protested

153. After the ***dismal*** performance of the team in the series concluded yesterday, the captain offered his resignation to the President of the Club.

- (a) Poor (b) Miserly  
(c) Short (d) Sorrowful

154. We don't know how we are to ***recompense*** you for the trouble you have taken.

- (a) Reward (b) Help  
(c) Praise (d) Thank

155. Peace keeping for the United Nations is, at best of times an ***arduous*** task.

- (a) Laborious (b) Inconvenient  
(c) Difficult (d) Delicate

**Directions:** In each question below, a phrase is given below which some alternatives are given. One of these is the most appropriate word i. e. it best conveys the meaning of the phrase. Find out the most appropriate word in each case.

156. Stealing from the writing of others

- (a) Copying (b) Reframing  
(c) Reproducing (d) Maniacal

157. Constant effort to achieve something

- (a) Perseverance (b) Attempt  
(c) Enthusiasm (d) Vigour

158. Design made by putting together coloured pieces of glass or stones

- (a) Oleograph (b) Mosaic  
(c) Tracery (d) Relief

159. The original inhabitants of a country

- (a) Aborigines (b) Citizens  
(c) Natives (d) Primitive

160. Place where birds are kept

- (a) Zoo (b) Apiary  
(c) Armoury (d) Aviary

**Directions:** In each of the following sentence, choose the word opposite in meaning to the italicised word to fill in the blanks.

161. People often prefer ***ambiguity*** to

- (a) Clarity (b) Perversity  
(c) Rationality (d) Certainty

162. What one considers may be ***vice*** to be another.

- (a) Courtesy (b) Kindness  
(c) Virtue (d) Goodness

163. You shouldn't ***taunt*** him, rather his talent

- (a) Praise (b) Publicise  
(c) Boost (d) Encourage

164. The Commission took two years to go through the ***massive*** collection of files and documents before preparing its report.

- (a) Ugly (b) Short  
(c) Heavy (d) Meagre

165. It used to be said that travel ***broadens*** one's outlook.

- (a) Restricts (b) Contracts  
(c) Shrinks (d) Narrows

**Directions:** Pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blanks to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

166. Mounting unemployment is the most serious and \_\_\_\_\_ problem faced by India today.

- (a) dubious (b) profound  
(c) unpopular (d) intractable

167. It is not fair to cast \_\_\_\_\_ on honest and innocent persons.

- (a) aspiration (b) aspersions  
(c) inspiration (d) adulation

168. Ravi had to drop his plan of going to picnic as he had certain \_\_\_\_\_ to meet during that period.

- (a) preparations (b) observations  
(c) commitments (d) transactions

169. This article tries to \_\_\_\_\_ us with problems of poor nations so that we help them more effectively.

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| (a) | allow    | (b) | enable  |
| ©   | acquaint | (d) | project |

170. The new industrial policy is a result of the confidence the government has in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Indian industry.

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| (a) | opinion  | (b) | existence     |
| ©   | maturity | (d) | profitability |

**Directions: In this type of questions, you are provided with the first and last part of the sentence. The remaining sentence is broken into four parts labelled (P), (Q), (R) and (S). You are required to arrange these parts so as to form a complete meaningful sentence and then choose the correct combination.**

171. The Bible

- (P) has in many respects  
(Q) the sacred book of all Christians  
(R) among all the books of the world  
(S) a unique character and position

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|-----|------|-----|------|
| (a) | QPSR | (b) | QRPS |
| ©   | RPQS | (d) | RQPS |

172. As situation has changed,

- (P) since we last discussed this matter  
(Q) it was best to contact you  
(R) it appeared to me  
(S) without losing time

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|-----|------|-----|------|
| (a) | PQRS | (b) | PRQS |
| ©   | PRSQ | (d) | SPRQ |

173. We have to

- (P) as we see it  
(Q) speak the truth  
(R) there is falsehood and darkness  
(S) even if all around us

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| (a) | QPSR | (b) | QRPS |
| ©   | RQSP | (d) | RSQP |

174. It is

- (P) for a man  
(Q) when he accompanies a lady  
(R) an accepted custom  
(S) to open the door

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| (a) | PSQR | (b) | PSRQ |
| ©   | RPQS | (d) | RPSQ |

175. He said that those who

- (P) would miss a very interesting game  
(Q) to be played  
(R) between two famous teams  
(S) would not company him

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| (a) | QRPS | (b) | SPQR |
| ©   | SQRP | (d) | SRPQ |

**Direction: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

What is the future which awaits our children? The underlying assumption of the question that Indian children have a common future is itself dubious. It can legitimately be asked whether a student who is well-fed, attending a boarding school in the salubrious climate of the hills, and learning to use computers has any future in common with a malnourished child who goes to a school with no black boards, if indeed he does go to school. The latter may have no worthwhile future at all. And it might be worthwhile to analyze the significance of this marginalization of more than 75 percent of the children of this country.

The failure to provide an infrastructure for primary education in the villages of India more than 40 years after Independence is in sharp contrast with the sophisticated institutions, for technical institutes of higher education are funded by government, which essentially means that the money to support them comes from taxes. And since indirect taxation forms a substantial part of taxes collected by the government, the financial burden is borne by all the people. L.K. Jha put it graphically when he observed that 25 paise of every rupee spent on educating an IIT student comes from the pockets of men and women whose children may never enter a proper classroom.

176. The author is trying to highlight which of the following?

- (a) The greatness of L. K. Jha  
(b) Need to have common future for Indian children  
(c) Need to sophisticated education for rural poor.  
(d) Faculty system of direct taxes

177. What seems to be the likely answer of the author to be question posed by him in the first sentence of the passage?

- A. There is no common future for the Indian children.
- B. The future is worthwhile for majority of Indian children.
- C. The majority may never enter a proper classroom.
- (a) Only A (b) Only B
- © Only C (d) Both A and B

178. Which of the following pairs have been termed as 'sharp contrast' by the author?

- I. Infrastructure for technical education.
- II. Lack of Infrastructure for rural primary schools.
- III. 25 paisa of every rupee earned by Government is spent on education.
- IV. The financial burden of higher technical education is borne by all people.
- V. 75 % of children have limited Opportunities.
- (a) I & IV (b) II & III
- © III & IV (d) I & II

179. According to the author, who among the following does not have a hopeful and a prosperous future?

- A. All students from technical institutes.
- B. All students financially supported by the Government.
- (a) Only A (b) Only B
- © Both A and B (d) neither A nor B

180. Which of the following statements is not true?

- A. The author welcomes Governments initiative on primary education.
- B. 75% of the children have a bright future.
- C. 25% cost of educating a technocrat comes from poor people.
- (a) Only A (b) Only B
- © Only C (d) Both A and B.

**Directions (For Q. 181 to Q. 185): Read the following statement and answer the following questions.**

Six books A, B, C, D, E, and F are placed side by side. C, B and E have yellow covers and other books have green cover. Only D and F are new books and the rest are old, A, C, and D are law reports others are Gazetteers.

181. Which books is a new report with a green cover?

- (a) A (b) B
- (c) C (d) D

182. Which is the old volume of a Gazetteer

- (a) C (b) D
- (c) E (d) F

183. Which green covered Gazetteer is new book?

- (a) B (b) D
- (c) E (d) F

184. Which two books are old Gazetteers with yellow cover?

- (a) B and C (b) B and E
- © B and D (d) E and F

185. Which is the old yellow covered law report?

- (a) D (b) C
- (c) B (d) A

186. In a three pin electrical plug, longest pin should be connected to

- (a) Ground terminal (b) live terminal
- (c) Neutral terminal (d) any terminal.

187. The instrument of music in which Ustad Ajmad Ali Khan has distinguished himself is

- (a) Sarod (b) Violin
- © Sitar (d) Shehnai.

188. Who said "where weather accumulates, men decay"?

- (a) Abraham Lincoln (b) Mao Tsetung
- (c) Karl Marx (d) Goldsmith.

189. Which one of the following is one of the two days when the sun rises exactly in the east?

- (a) 14<sup>th</sup> January (b) 21<sup>st</sup> March
- (c) 21<sup>st</sup> June (d) 23<sup>rd</sup> December

190. Which one of the following literary titles is correctly matched with its author?

- (a) Ramayana - Tulsidas
- (b) Mahabharata - Vedvyas
- (c) Kumarsambhav - Ravidas
- (d) Shakuntala - Bhushan.

191. Ecology deals with
- (a) The earth and planets.
  - (b)** The relationship between organism and their environments
  - (c) The life under the sea
  - (d) economical growth of poor people.
192. The Indian-born US physicist who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on astrophysics is:
- (a) H.G Khorana
  - (b)** Subramanyam Chandrasekhar
  - (c) Sivaramkrishna Chandrasekhar
  - (d) C.V. Raman.
193. Who was the world's first space tourist?
- (a) Desmond Rickett
  - (b)** Dennis Tito
  - (c) Igor Kajelinkov
  - (d) Li Wang.
194. Which is the highest gallantry award?
- (a) Ashok Chakra
  - (b)** ParamVir Chakra
  - (c) Mahavir Chakra
  - (d) None of these.
195. Which of the following book is written by Sarojini Naidu?
- (a)** Broken wing
  - (b) Chitra
  - (c) Great Tragedy
  - (d) Gandevta.
196. Who wrote the book 'India Wins Freedom'?
- (a)** Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
  - (b) Mahatma Gandhi
  - (c) Sir Mohammad Iqbal
  - (d) Abdul Ghaffar Khan.
197. Which country has three capitals?
- (a)** S. Africa
  - (b) Switzerland
  - (c) Netherland
  - (d) Australia.
198. Rubber plants are mostly located in
- (a) West Bengal and Bihar
  - (b) Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu
  - (c) Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh
  - (d)** Karnataka and Kerala
199. The capital of Lakshadweep is:
- (a) Kavaratti
  - (b) Port Blair
  - (c)** Kohima
  - (d) Silvasa.
200. 'VandeMatram' was first published in
- (a) Gitanjali
  - (b)** Anand math
  - (c) Nandini
  - (d) Vinay patrika.