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Number of Items: 60 **Time Allowed: 2 hours**

Section One: Verbal Reasoning

Direction: This section contains 35 verbal reasoning items. It is subdivided into analogy, synonyms, antonym, classification, reading comprehension, analytical and logical reasoning and sentence completion. Each subsection has its own specific direction.

Antonyms

Direction: For Questions 1 – 3, choose the letter of the word or phrase which is an opposite in meaning to the words in bold type.

1. **Devaluation**
   A. Conversion
   B. Appreciation
   C. Reduction
   D. Speculation

2. **Prospect**
   A. Retrospect
   B. Traditional
   C. Ideal
   D. Modernist

3. **Distraction**
   A. Concentration
   B. Recovery
   C. Interference
   D. Wandering

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Synonyms

Direction: For questions 4 - 7, choose the letter of the word or phrase that is nearly similar in meaning with the words in bold type

4. **Abundance** of water resources characterize Ethiopia that it is well styled as the water tower of Africa.
   A. Drainage
   B. Plenitude
   C. confluence
   D. Irrigation

5. Some African countries suffer from **regular** drought and famine.
   A. Frequent
   B. Constant
   C. Unpredictable
   D. Perpetual

6. The **invention** of the atomic bomb was regrettable for Albert Einstein himself
   A. Exploration
   B. Discovery
   C. Extinction
   D. Explosion

7. The Committee does not know why the company has **revoked** the contract of employment.
   A. Endorsed
   B. Cancelled
   C. Revised
   D. Approved

Analogy

Direction: For questions **8 - 12**, read the pair of words in **block letters** which are followed by four alternatives **A-D**. Choose the letter which best expresses a relationship similar to that of the original and blacken the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet provided.

8. RAINBOW: SPECTRA; Constellation: _____
   A. Oasis
   B. Star
   C. Blue
   D. Glacier

9. EYES: GOGGLES; Foreheads: _____
   A. Belt
   B. Helmet
   C. Gloves
   D. Necklace

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13. According to the passage, two of the legacies which characterize Ethiopia are:
A. Tourism and manufacturing industries
B. Import and export trade
C. Literacy and sovereignty
D. Mechanization and industrialization

14. What was the attitude of Western media towards Ethiopia's traditions?
A. Destructive C. Constructive
B. Objective D. Mysterious

15. In which of the following countries were fewer victims observed in African colonial history?
A. Great Britain C. Ethiopia
B. Imperial Egypt D. Italy

16. The word 'indigenous' could be used interchangeably with _____
A. Foreign C. Exotic
B. Local D. Borrowed

17. What does the 'imperial game' in the 8th line of paragraph 2 refer to?
A. Decolonization of Africa C. Liberation movement
B. European colonial ambition D. Diplomacy

Reading Passage II

1 Two **contemporary** concerns that require attention in any development initiative are said to be social and human development. Social and human development necessarily requires a unified approach of integrating the economic and social components in planning, policies and programmes for people's betterment. The challenge appears to be one of simultaneously integrating cross- sectoral and regional developmental needs as well as encouraging participatory or bottom-up approaches. The issues of environment, empowerment, habitat, hunger and unemployment have become the burning issues of the day which require public and institutional attention along with resource allocations.

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10. WILDFIRE: DEFORESTATION; Drought: _____
    A. Thunderbolt
    B. Flooding
    C. Landslide
    D. Desertification

11. KING: CROWN; Archpriest: _____
    A. Screeches
    B. Headgear
    C. Whistles
    D. Horn

12. AMBITIOUSNESS: BEHAVIORAL; Elegance _____
    A. Modesty
    B. Physical
    C. Faith
    D. Wisdom

Reading Comprehension

Direction: Read the passages carefully and answer questions **13 - 22** Each question is based on the information stated or implied in the passage. Then **blacken** the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet provided.

Reading Passage 1

Over the last fifty decades, the Western media had associated Ethiopia with images of war, disease and mass starvation due to man-made and natural disasters. And yet, Ethiopia's history and culture are far greater than the sum total of such tragic events. Some of these enduring legacies are its literary traditions, religious antiquity and political sovereignty.

Firstly, unlike many other African countries, Ethiopia has not only its own alphabet but it also has a rich literary tradition including translations from ancient Greek, Arabic and Coptic sources into **indigenous** languages. Secondly, the Ethiopian multi-cultural identity is intertwined with a uniquely African Christianity that traces its ancestry directly to pre-colonial traditions, rather than arriving via Europe. Thirdly, the country's exceptional status must underscore its political sovereignty. Thus, in Africa's colonial history, Ethiopia was much less a victim than an astute player in the imperial game, able to wring territorial concessions out of European powers like fascist Italy.

2 We need to ensure that development initiatives are geared towards meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising on the expectations of future generations. Fulfilment of basic needs of mankind and improving the living standard of the people should be the primary objective of development. Achievements which fulfil such requirements via the expansion of infrastructure and mega projects for the good of society would definitely transform the economic sector which in turn increases the per capita income of the people.

18. According to the writer, development initiatives should prioritize _____ and _____.
A. Poverty and prosperity
B. Social and human development
C. War and peace
D. Migration and resource allocation.

19. The word 'Contemporary' in the first line denotes _____.
A. Controversial
B. Foreseeable future
C. Glorious past
D. Concurrent time

20. Which one of the following strategies is **NOT** a democratic aspect of development?
A. Integrating social and economic parameters
B. Empowerment of the people
C. Top-down approach
D. Respect for cultural diversity

21. To which of the following does 'such' as used in paragraph 2 line 5 refer?
A. development initiatives
B. expectations of future generation
C. expansion of infrastructure
D. fulfilment of mankind's basic needs

22. What does the word 'We' in paragraph 2 refer to?
A. The student population
B. Future generations
C. Development planners and policy-makers
D. The people

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Analytical and Logical Reasoning Questions

Direction: The following statements are followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. Read each statement carefully and decide the conclusion that can be drawn from the premises. Then, blacken the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet provided.

23. **Statement**: Abraham Lincoln who preserved the Union with his vigorous executive action during the national emergency is a legendary American hero. The abolition of slavery and the national unity of America are a tribute to his leadership.

Which one of the following conclusions could be drawn from this premise?

A. The determination of leaders salvages a country from balkanization.
B. The example of Abraham Lincoln is not applicable to Africa.
C. Slavery was abolished before the civil war
D. American slaves were liberated before the civil war

24. **Statement**: Ethiopia is the third populous country in Africa next to Nigeria and Egypt in that order .

What is the implication of this statement in terms of human wealth and economic growth?

A. The population of Ethiopia is as large as that of Egypt
B. The population of Nigeria is as large as that of Egypt
C. The population of Nigeria is twice as large as that of Egypt and Ethiopia
D. The population of Ethiopia is far less than that of Nigeria and Egypt.

25. **Statement:** The company has been repeatedly challenged by its staff who are demanding pay rise in the face of the soaring cost of living. The Labor Union is threatening to call off a strike against the company in the near future.

Scenario (I) The company would sack leaders of the Labor Union from their work

Scenario (II): The Company would make a reasonable salary increment to resolve the conflict

Scenario (III): It all depends on the contractual agreement of the signatories

Scenario (IV): Most of the workers may cancel their agreement

Which one of the following scenarios is sound enough?

A. Only scenario II
B. Only scenario III
C. Scenario II and III are more likely
D. Only scenario IV would

26. The gap between natural resources and population growth is one the pressing problems of Afro-Asian countries. They are consequently under socio-economic pressure.

Conclusions: (I) These countries should adopt population check mechanisms
(II) These countries should mobilize their natural resources.
(III) These countries should encourage cross-border migration
(IV) These countries should adhere to traditional farming

Which one of the conclusions would logically follow from the above observation?

A. Both III and IV would follow
B. Only I would follow
C. Both I and II are feasible
D. Conclusions I, II and IV would follow

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27. **Statement**: The war between Russia and Ukraine which were once the integral parts of USSR has claimed millions of resources and thousands of lives.

Conclusion I: Balkanization of countries leads to socio-political and economic crisis.

Conclusion II: the interference of Western countries in the internal affairs of others should be tolerated.

Conclusion III: The East-West rivalry is no longer threat to world peace

The implication of this destructive war for other countries is stated under _____.

A. Conclusion I
B. Conclusion II
C. Both conclusions I & II
D. Not given

28. Paradoxically, some candidates with great distinction in the entrance examinations can hardly survive the freshman year.

A. All leading students graduate with great distinction
B. Average learners can hardly cope with the demands of higher education
C. Such students are not necessarily intelligent but are opportunists
D. All high-achievers in the entrance exam are guaranteed graduation

29. The evaluation of student performance is nothing more than enforcing academic justice.

A. The evaluation of student performance is a personal practice
B. Student evaluation is a matter of subjective judgment
C. Non-academic requirements should not interfere in the evaluation of student performance
D. No justice could be done to student evaluation

30. Diplomats enjoy a special privilege known as diplomatic immunity. By implication

A. All men are born equal
B. International law is not discriminatory
C. This privilege is unjustifiable
D. Diplomats are not ordinary individuals

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Sentence Completion

Direction: Question **31 - 35** is incomplete. Choose the most appropriate word that best completes each sentence and blacken the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet provided.

31. The investors who import commodities from abroad _____ their national currency into hard currency.
    A. save
    B. convert
    C. hoard
    D. deposit

32. The _____ of power causes considerable constraints on the operation of manufacturing industries.
    A. supply
    B. disruption
    C. discharge
    D. erosion

33. The great game parks in Africa have been responsible for preserving _____ animals from extinction.
    A. pandemic
    B. endemic
    C. wild
    D. domestic

34. Only some of Magellan's crew members were privileged to gaze at the _____ view of the Pacific Ocean.
    A. telescopic
    B. panoramic
    C. provincial
    D. aerial

35. The _____ of modernization and national unity are the guiding principles of all countries.
    A. agenda
    B. ideals
    C. memories
    D. slogans