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(1)
$S_{1}$ : A father having offered to take the baby out in a perambulator, was tempted by the sunny morning to slip into a pub for a glass of beer.
$P$ : Indignant at her husband's behaviour, she decided to teach him a lesson.
Q : She wheeled away the pram.
R : A little later, his wife came by, where to her horror, she discovered her sleeping baby.
S: Leaving the pram outside, he disappeared inside the bar.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : She waited for him, anticipating the white face and quivering lips which would soon appear with the news that the baby had been stolen.
The Proper sequence should be:
[A] SRPQ
[B] RQPS
[C] SPQR
[D] PQSR
Answer: [A]
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(2)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : The city is almost a slum and stinks most of time.
P: The slush on the road did not deter them.
Q : The occasional slips and falls were considered a small price to pay for the trip.
R: They were excited, fascinated by the sight of fresh snow on the roads.
S: Even so, it looked beautiful to tourists of various categories.
$S_{6}$ : But some visitors came away with the unforgettable sight of young labours scantily clad.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] RQPS
[B] QPRS
[C] RSQP
[D] SPQR
Answer : [D]
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(3)
$S_{1}$ : Palaeobotany is the study of fossil plants preserved in rocks dating back in millions of years.
P : Records of the history of the world are contained in fossils.
Q : Through the ages, plants have evolved from simple to more complex forms.
R : First there were water plants then land plants appeared during the Paleozoic era.
S: But since the fossil remains appear locked in rock layers, they are closely related to the geologist area of investigation.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : The fossil plants indicate the age of the rock, and also point to facts regarding climate, temperature and topography.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] RQSP
[B] SQRP
[C] PSQR
[D] QRPS

## Answer : [D]

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## (4)

$S_{1}$ : Hungary, with a population of about 10 million, lies between Czechoslovakia to the north and Yugoslavia to the south.
$P$ : Here a great deal of grain is grown.
: In recent years, however, progress has been made also in the field of industrialisation.
R: Most of this country consists of an extremely fertile plain, through which the river Danube flows.
: In addition to grain, the plain produces potatoes, sugar, wine and livestock.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : The new industries derive mainly from agricultural production.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] QRSP
[B] RPSQ
[C] PRSQ
[D] RQSP
Answer: [B]
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(5)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : In 1934, William Golding published a small volume of poems.
P: During the World War II(1939-45) he joined the Royal Navy and was present at the sinking of the Bismarck.
Q : He returned to teaching in 1945 and gave it up in 1962, and is now a full time writer.
R: In 1939, he married and started teaching at Vishop Wordsworth school in Salisbury.
S: At first his novels were not accepted.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : But the Lord of the files which came out in 1954 was welcomed as "a most absorbing and instructive tale".

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] RPQS
[B] RPSQ
[C] SRPQ
[D] SQPR
Answer : [A]
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(6)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : And then Gandhi came.
P: Get off the backs of these peasants and workers, he told us, all you who live by their exploitation.
Q : He was like a powerful current of fresh air, like a beam of light, like a whirlwind that upset many things.
R: He spoke their language and constantly dre their attention to their appalling conditions.
S: He didn't descent from the top, he seemed to emerge from the masses of India.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : Political freedom took new shape and then acquired a new content.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] QSRP
[B] SRQP
[C] RSQP
[D] PRSQ

## Answer : [B]

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## (7)

$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : The art of growing old is one which the passage of time has forced upon my attention.
$P$ : One of these is undue absorption in the past.
Q : One's thought must be directed to the future and to things about which there is something to be done.
R: Psychologically, there are two dangers to be guarded against in old age.
S : It does not do to live in memories, in regrets for the good old days, or in sadness about friend who are dead.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : This is not always easy one's own past is gradually increasing weight.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] QSRP
[B] RPQS
[C] RPSQ
[D] QPRS

## Answer : [C]

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(8)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : While talking to a group, one should feel self-confident and courageous.
P: Nor is it a gift bestowed by providence on only a few.
Q : One should also learn how to think calmly and clearly.
$R$ : It is like the ability to play golf.
S : It is not as difficult as most men imagine.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : Any man can develop his capacity if he has the desire to do so.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] SQPR
[B] QSPR
[C] QRSP
[D] RSQP
Answer: [B]
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(9)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : There is a touching story of Professor Hardy visiting Ramanujan as he lay desperately ill in hospital at Putney.
P: 'No Hardy, that is not a dull number in the very least.
Q : Hardy, who was a very shy man, could not find the words for his distress.
R: It was 1729.
S: The best he could do, as he got to the beside was "I say Ramanujan, I thought the number of taxi I came down in was a very dull number"
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : It is the lowest number that can be expressed in two different ways as the sum of two cubes.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PRSQ
[B] QSRP
[C] QSPR
[D] SQRP
Answer : [B]
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(10)
$S_{1}$ : We speak today of self-determination in politics.
P: So long as one is conscious of a restraint, it is possible to resist it or to near it as a necessary evil and to keep free in spirit.
Q : Slavery begins when one ceases to feel that restraint and it depends on if the evil is accepted as good.
R: There is, however, a subtler domination exercised in the sphere of ideas by one culture to another.
S: Political subjection primarily means restraint on the outer life of people.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : Cultural subjection is ordinarily of an unconscious character and it implies slavery from the very start.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] SPRQ
[B] RSQP
[C] SPQR
[D] RSPQ
Answer : [C]
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(11)
$S_{1}$ : Once upon a time an ant lived on the bank of river.

P: The dove saw the ant struggling in water in a helpless condition.
Q : All its efforts to come up is failed.
R: One day it suddenly slipped in to water.
S: A dove lived in the tree on the bank not far from the spot.
$S_{6}$ : She was touched.
The Proper sequence should be:
[A] RQSP
[B] QRPS
[C] SRPQ
[D] PQRS

## Answer : [A]

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(12)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : But how does a new word get into the dictionary?
P : When a new dictionary is being edited, a lexicographer collects all the alphabetically arranged citation slips for a particular word.
Q : The dictionary makers notice it and make a note of it on a citation slip.
$R$ : The moment new word is coined, it usually enter the spoken language.
S: The word then passes from the realm of hearing to the realm of writing.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : He sorts them according to their grammatical function, and carefully writes a definition.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PQRS
[B] PRSQ
[C] RQPS
[D] RSQP
Answer: [A]
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(13)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : Politeness is not a quality possessed by only one nation or race.
P: One may observe that a man of one nation will remove his hat or fold his hands by way of greetings when he meets someone he knows.
Q : A man of another country will not to do so.
R : It is a quality to be found among all peoples and nations in every corner of the earth.
S: Obviously, each person follows the custom of his particular country.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : In any case, we should not mock at others habits.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] RPQS
[B] RPSQ
[C] PRQS
[D] QPRS
Answer : [B]
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(14)
$S_{1}$ : Throughout history man has used energy from the sun.
P: Today, when we burn wood or use electric current we are drawing an energy.
Q : However we now have a new supply of energy.
$R$ : All our ordinary life depends on sun.
S: This has come from the sun.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : This energy comes from inside atoms.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] SQPR
[B] RQPS
[C] QSRP
[D] PSRQ
Answer: [D]
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(15)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : A man can be physically confined within stone walls.
P: But his mind and spirit will still be free.
Q: Thus his freedom of action may be restricted.
R : His hopes and aspiration still remain with him.
S : Hence, he will be free spiritually if not physically.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : No tyranny can intimidate a lover of liberty.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PQRS
[B] SRQP
[C] QPRS
[D] QPSR
Answer : [A]
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(16)
$S_{1}$ : Duryodhana was a wicked prince.
P : one day Bhima made Duryodhana fall from a tree from which Duryodhana was stealing fruits.
Q : He did not like that Pandavas should be loved and respected by the people of Hastinapur
R: Duryodhana specially hated Bhima.
S: Among the Pandavas, Bhima was extraordinary strong and powerful
$S_{6}$ : This enraged Duryodhana so much that he began to think of removing Bhima from his way.
The Proper sequence should be:
[A] PSQR
[B] QPRS
[C] QSPR
[D] PSRQ
Answer: [C]
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(17)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : There is only one monkey we can thoroughly recommend as an indoor pet.
$P$ : They quickly die from colds and coughs after the first winter fogs.
Q : It is beautiful and intelligent Capuchin monkey.
R: The lively little Capuchins, however, may be left for years in an English house without the least danger to their health.
S: The Marmosets, it is true, are more beautiful than a Capuchins and just as pleasing, but they are too delicate for the English climate
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : Finally let me say that no other monkey has a better temper or winning ways.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PQRS
[B] QRPS
[C] QSPR
[D] RPSQ
Answer: [B]
(18)
$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : Once upon atime there lived three young men in a certain town of Hindustan.
P: All the people of the neighbourhood were mortally afraid of them.
Q : They were so powerful that they could catch growing lions and tear them to pieces.
R: Someone told them that they would become immortal if they killed Death.
S: The young men believed themselves to be very good friends.
$S_{6}$ : All of them set out in search of their foe called Death.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] QPRS
[B] SQPR
[C] RSQP
[D] SRPQ

## Answer : [B]

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## (19)

$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : Our ancestors thought that anything which moved itself was alive.
P: The philosopher Descartes thought that both men and animals were machines.
Q : But a machine such as a motorcar or a steamship moves itself, as soon as machines which moved themselves had been made, people asked "Is man a machine?"
R: And before the days of machinery that was a good definition.
S: He also thought that the human machine was partly controlled by the soul action on a certain part of the brain, while animals had no souls.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : Therefore some scientists think that life is just a very complicated mechanism.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PRSQ
[B] RPQS
[C] PSQR
[D] RQPS
Answer: [C]
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## (20)

$\mathrm{S}_{1}$ : What are the causes of our chronic food shortage ?
P: To find for these growing new millions is desperate task.
Q : every year, we add more than a crore of persons to our population.
$R$ : Despite stupendous efforts by our government, the population is growing unabated.
S: The chief cause is the population explosion.
$\mathrm{S}_{6}$ : This unprecedented growth can drag us to the doors of starvation very soon.

## The Proper sequence should be:

[A] QRSP
[B] SQPR
[C] QPRS
[D] PSQR

## Answer: [B]

