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- S1: 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.
- ${\sf S}$: Leaving the pram outside, he disappeared inside the bar.
- S₆: 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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- 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.
- $S_6: \ \mbox{But some visitors came away with the unforgettable sight of young labours scantily clad.$

The Proper sequence should be:

- [A] RQPS
- [B] QPRS
- [C] RSQP
- [D] SPQR

Answer : [D]

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- (3)
- $S_1: \ \mbox{Palaeobotany}$ is the study of fossil plants preserved in rocks dating back in millions of years.
- ${\sf P}$: Records of the history of the world are contained in fossils.
- ${\sf Q}$: Through the ages, plants have evolved from simple to more complex forms.
- ${\sf R}$: ${\sf \ First\ there\ were\ water\ plants\ then\ land\ plants\ appeared\ during\ the\ Paleozoic\ era.}$
- S: But since the fossil remains appear locked in rock layers, they are closely related to the geologist area of investigation.
- S₆: 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

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Answer : [D]
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- S1: 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.
- ${\sf Q}$: 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.
- ${\sf S}$: In addition to grain, the plain produces potatoes, sugar, wine and livestock.
- $\mathsf{S}_6\colon$ The new industries derive mainly from agricultural production.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] QRSP

[B] RPSQ

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[C] PRSQ

[D] RQSP

Answer : [B]

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- $S_1: \mbox{ In 1934, William Golding published a small volume of poems.$
- P: During the World War II(1939-45) he joined the Royal Navy and was present at the sinking of the Bismarck.
- ${\rm Q}$: 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.
- S₆: 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)

- 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.
- 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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- $\mathsf{S}_1:$ The art of growing old is one which the passage of time has forced upon my attention.
- ${\sf P}$: One of these is undue absorption in the past.
- ${\sf Q}$: One's thought must be directed to the future and to things about which there is something to be done.
- ${\sf R}$: ${\sf Psychologically},$ 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.
- $\rm S_6:\ This$ 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

 S_1 : And then Gandhi came.

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- S1: 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.
- S₆: 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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S1: 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"
- S₆: 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.
- S₆: 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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- 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.
- $S:\ A \ dove \ lived \ in the tree on the bank not far from the spot.$
- S₆: She was touched.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] RQSP

- [B] QRPS
- [C] SRPQ
- [D] PQRS

Answer : [A]

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- S₁: 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.
- ${\tt Q}$: The dictionary makers notice it and make a note of it on a citation slip.
- ${\sf R}$: The moment new word is coined, it usually enter the spoken language.
- ${\sf S}$: The word then passes from the realm of hearing to the realm of writing.
- $S_6: \ \mbox{He sorts them according to their grammatical function, and carefully writes a definition.}$

The Proper sequence should be:

- [A] PQRS
- [B] PRSQ
- [C] RQPS
- [D] RSQP
- Answer : [A]

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- ${\rm S}_1: \ \mbox{Politeness}$ 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.
- ${\sf Q}$: A man of another country will not to do so.
- ${\sf R}$: $\ \, {\rm It}$ is a quality to be found among all peoples and nations in every corner of the earth.
- ${\sf S}$: Obviously, each person follows the custom of his particular country.
- $S_6\colon$ 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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- $\mathsf{S}_1:$ Throughout history man has used energy from the sun.
- ${\sf P}$: Today, when we burn wood or use electric current we are drawing an energy.
- ${\tt Q}$: However we now have a new supply of energy.
- R: All our ordinary life depends on sun.
- S: This has come from the sun.
- 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)

 $\mathsf{S}_1:\ \mathsf{A}$ 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.

S₆: 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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 S_1 : Duryodhana was a wicked prince.

P: one day Bhima made Duryodhana fall from a tree from which Duryodhana was stealing fruits.

 ${\bf Q}$: He did not like that Pandavas should be loved and respected by the people of Hastinapur

R: Duryodhana specially hated Bhima.

 ${\rm S}$: Among the Pandavas, Bhima was extraordinary strong and powerful

 $S_6\colon$ 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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 ${\rm S}_1{\rm :}~{\rm There}~{\rm is~only~one}~{\rm monkey}~{\rm we~can}~{\rm thoroughly}~{\rm recommend}~{\rm as}~{\rm an}~{\rm indoor}~{\rm pet}.$

 ${\sf P}$: They quickly die from colds and coughs after the first winter fogs.

- ${\tt Q}$: 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
- $S_6\colon$ 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

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- $\mathsf{S}_1:$ 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.
- ${\tt Q}$: 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)

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?"
- ${\sf R}$: 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.
- $\mathsf{S}_6\text{:}~\mathsf{Therefore~some~scientists}$ 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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- $\mathsf{S}_1:$ What are the causes of our chronic food shortage ?
- P: To find for these growing new millions is desperate task.
- ${\tt Q}$: 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.
- ${\rm S}$: The chief cause is the population explosion.
- 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]

Answer . [D]

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