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(1) Pick up the correct Synonyms of the Underlined word.

The invasion force had no artillery and was completely annihilated.

[A] dismembered

[B] reduced

[C] destroyed

[D] split

Answer : [C]

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(2)

S₁: When a satellite is launched, the rocket begins by going slowly upwards through the air.

P: However, the higher it goes, the less air it meets.

Q: As the rocket goes higher, it travels faster.

R: For the atmosphere becomes thinner.

S: As a result there is less friction.

S₆: Consequently, the rocket still does not become too hot.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] QPRS

[B] QSPR

[C] PQRS

[D] PQSR

Answer : [A]

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(3)

S₁: A force exists between everybody in the universe.

P: Normally it is very small but when the one of the bodies is a planet, like earth, the force is considerable.

Q: It has been investigated by many scientists including Galileo and Newton.

R: Everything on or near the surface of the earth is attracted by the mass of earth.

S: This gravitational force depends on the mass of the bodies involved.

S₆: The greater the mass, the greater is the earth's force of attraction on it. We can call this force of attraction gravity.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PRQS

[B] PRSQ

[C] QSRP

[D] QSPR

Answer : [D]

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(4)

S₁: The Hound of Baskervilles was feared by the people of the area.

P: Some people spoke of seeing a huge, shadowy form a Hound at midnight on the moor.

Q: But they spoke of it in tones of horror.

R: Nobody had actually seen the hound.

S: This shadowy form did not reveal any details about the animal.

S₆: The Hound of Baskervilles remains an unsolved mystery.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] SPQR

[B] SPRQ

[C] PSRQ

[D] PQRS

Answer : [C]

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(5)

S₁: I usually sleep quite well in the train, but this time I slept only a little.

P: Most people wanted it shut and I wanted it open.

Q: As usual, I got angry about the window.

R: The quarrel left me completely upset.

S: There were too many people too much huge luggage all around.

S₆: It was shut all night, as usual

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] RSQP

[B] SQPR

[C] SQRP

[D] RSPQ

Answer : [B]

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(6)

S₁: A ceiling on urban property.

P: No mill-owner could own factories or mills or plants.

Q: And mass circulation papers

R: Would mean that

S: No press magnate could own printing presses.

S₆: since their value would exceed the ceiling fixed by the government.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] QSRP

[B] RPSQ

[C] SRPQ

[D] QPSR

Answer : [B]

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(7)

S₁: Religion is not a matter of mere dogmatic conformity.

P: It is not merely going through the ritual prescribed to us.

Q: It is not a question of ceremonial piety.

R: Unless that kind of transformation occurs, you are not an authentically religious man.

S: It is the remarking of your own self, the transformation of your nature.

S₆: A man of that character is free from fear, free from hatred.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] SPRQ

[B] QPSR

[C] PSRQ

[D] SPQR

Answer : [B]

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(8)

S₁: Growing up means not only getting larger, but also using our sense and our brain is to become more aware of things around us.
P: Not only does he have a memory but he is able to think and reason.
Q: In this, man differs from all other animals.
R: Before we spray our roadside plants or turn sewage in to our rivers, we should pause to think what the results of our action are likely to do.
S: This is to say, he is able to plan what he is going to do in the light of his experience before he does it.
S₆: In other words, we must develop and use our ability to reason, because the destruction or the preservation of the places in which we live depend on us.

The Proper sequence should be:

- [A] QRSP
- [B] SPQR
- [C] SPRQ
- [D] QPSR

Answer : [D]

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(9)

S₁: 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.
S₆: 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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(10)

S₁: I had halted on the road.
P: As soon as I saw the elephant I knew I should not shoot him.
Q: It is a serious matter to shoot a working elephant.
R: I knew that his 'must' was already passing off.
S: The elephant was standing 8 yards from the road.
S₆: I decided to watch him for a while and then go home.

The Proper sequence should be:

- [A] SPQR
- [B] PQSR
- [C] RQPS
- [D] SRPQ

Answer : [B]

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(11)

S₁: 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.
S₆: 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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(12)

S₁: Payment for imports and exports is made through a system called foreign exchange.

P: The value of the money of one country in relation to the money of other countries is agreed upon.

Q: These rates of exchange vary from time to time.

R: For instance, an American dollar or a British pound sterling is worth certain amounts in the money of other countries.

S: Sometimes a United States dollar is worth 12 pesos in Mexico.

S₆: Another time it may be worth eight pesos.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PQRS

[B] QPRS

[C] PRQS

[D] RPQS

Answer : [C]

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(13)

S₁: A black haired, young woman came tripping along.

P: She was leading a young woman wearing a hat.

Q: The woman swept it off and tossed it in the air.

R: The child jumped up to catch the hat.

S: The young man tossed his head to shake the hat back.

S₆: Both disappeared from view.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PSQR

[B] RPSQ

[C] QRPS

[D] SQRP

Answer : [A]

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(14)

S₁: She said on the phone that she would report for duty next day.

P: We waited for few days then we decided to go to her place.

Q: But she did not.

R: we found it locked.

S: Even after that we waited for her quite a few days.

S₆: Eventually we reported to the police.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PRSQ

[B] QPSR

[C] QPRS

[D] SQPR

Answer : [C]

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(15)

S₁: Forecasting the weather has always been a difficult business.

P: During a period of drought, streams and rivers dried up, the cattle died from thirst and were ruined.

Q: Many different things affect the weather and we have to study them carefully to make accurate forecast.

R: Ancient Egyptians had no need of weather in the Nile Valley hardly ever changes.

S: In early times, when there were no instruments, such as thermometer or the barometer, man looked for tell-tale signs in the sky.

S₆: He made his forecasts by watching flights of the birds or the way smoke rose from fire.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] PRQS

[B] QPRS

[C] QRPS

[D] SPQR

Answer : [B]

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(16)

S₁: Sun birds are among the smallest of Indian birds.

P: Though they are functionally similar to the humming birds of the New World, they are totally unrelated.

Q: They do eat insects too.

R: They are also some of the most brilliantly coloured birds.

S: sun birds feed on nectar mostly and helped in pollination.

S₆: Our common sun birds are the purple sun bird, the glossy black species and purple rumped sun bird, the yellow and maroon species.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] SQPR

[B] RPSQ

[C] QPRS

[D] PSRQ

Answer : [A]

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(17)

S₁: There is difference between Gandhiji's concept of secularism and that of Nehru's.

P: Nehru's idea of secularism was equal indifference to all religions and bothering about none of them.

Q: According to Gandhiji, all religions are equally true and each scripture is worthy of respect.

R: Such secularism which means the rejection of all religions is contrary to our culture and tradition.

S: In Gandhiji's view, secularism stands for equal respect for all religions.

S₆: Instead of doing any good, such secularism can do harm instead of good.

The Proper sequence should be:

[A] SQPR

[B] PSQR

[C] QSPR

[D] PRSQ

Answer : [A]

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(18) Choose the correct combination of the given words.

1. killed 2. a 3. Jaswant

4. bear 5. wild

[A] 31254

[B] 53124

[C] 23145

[D] 43125

[E] 15234

Answer : [A]

Explanation: "Jaswant killed a wild bear."

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(19) Choose the correct combination of the given words.

1. do 2. today 3. you

4. must 5. it

[A] 34152

[B] 25413

[C] 12543

[D] 51324

[E] 45213

Answer : [A]

Explanation: "You must do it today."

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(20) Choose the correct combination of the given words.

1. not 2. Hari 3. away

4. run 5. did

[A] 13542

[B] 35412

[C] 52431

[D] 25143

[E] 21345

Answer : [D]

Explanation: "Hari did not run away."

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