



IPMAT INDORE 2021 Answer Key and Explanations

- (320) Factors of N which are not divisible by 45 = Total 1. number of factors of N - Total number of factors which are multiple of 45.
 - $\Rightarrow N = 1890 \times 170 \times 130$
 - $=2^3\times3^3\times5^3\times7\times13\times17$

It's total no. of factors = (3 + 1)(3 + 1)(3 + 1)(1 +1)(1+1)(1+1)

- $= 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$
- = 512

Now, finding its factors which are divisible by 45 or which are multiples of 45.

Writing N as $3^2 \times 5 \times (2^3 \times 3 \times 5^2 \times 7 \times 13 \times 17)$

 $45 \times (2^3 \times 3 \times 5^2 \times 7 \times 13 \times 17)$

Finding the factors of the bold part of N.

(3+1)(1+1)(2+1)(1+1)(1+1)(1+1)

 $4 \times 2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$

= 192

So, number of factors of N which are not divisible by 45 = 512 - 192

- = 320
- 2. (5310) Given series can be seen as it is obtained by multiplying respective terms of two Arithmetic Progressions.

First AP : 1,5,9,13

Its general term $T_{n_1} = 1 + (n-1)4 = 4n - 3$

Second AP: 3, 7, 11, 15

Its general term $T_{n_2} = 3 + (n-1)4 = 4n - 1$

Now, general term of given series will be

 $(4n-3)(4n-1) = 16n^2 - 16n + 3$

 $\sum (16n^2 - 16n + 3) = 16 \sum n^2 - 16 \sum n + 3n$

 $16\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 16.\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 3n$

Put n = 10, we get sum as 5310.

3. (960) $x_1 = 0$

Put n = 1, $x_2 = x_1 + 1 + 2\sqrt{1 + x_1} = 0 + 1 +$

 $2\sqrt{1+0} = 3 = 2^2 - 1$

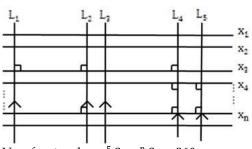
 $x_3 = x_2 + 1 + 2\sqrt{1 + x_2} = 3 + 1 + 1$ Put n = 2,

 $2\sqrt{1+3} = 8 = 3^2 - 1$

Put n = 3, $x_4 = x_3 + 1 + 2\sqrt{1 + x_3} = 8 + 1 + 2\sqrt{1 + 8} = 15 = 4^2 - 1$

Following the pattern $x_{31} = 31^2 - 1 = 961 - 1 =$ 960

(9)4.

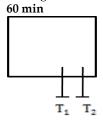


No. of rectangles = $.^5 C_2 \times .^n C_2 = 360$

$$= 10 \times \frac{n!}{(n-2) \times 2!} = 360^{\circ}$$

$$=\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)!}{(n-2)! \times 2} = 36$$

- = n(n-1) = 72Solving n = 9.
- 5. (60)





Let LCM of 30 & 20 i.e. 60L. be the capacity of the

Emptying rate of T1 = 60L/30min = -2 litres/min(- sign indicates tank is being emptied)

Emptying rate of (T1+T2) combined = 60L/ 20min= -3 litres/min.

Emptying rate of T_1 + Emptying rate of T_2 = Net rate of emptying (or, combined rate)

 \Rightarrow -2LPM + x = -3LPM

x = -1LPM

So, time reqd. by T_2 to empty the tank = $\frac{60L}{11 \text{ PM}} = 60$

 $\because \text{time} = \frac{\text{work}}{\text{rate}}$ = 60 min.

Total marks = $200 \times 5 = 1000$

Average marks = 800 (Before revaluation)

Average marks = 80.2

(After revaluation)

Change in average = 0.2

We know, change is average =

Net addition of marks

Total number of students

$$0.2 = \frac{\text{Net addition of mark.}}{30}$$

$$6 = a + b$$

So the maximum value of a or b can be 6 when other is zero.

7. **(7)** Minimum 7 weights will be required.

The rule, $2^n \le 100$, where $n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$

 $2^{\circ} = 1$ gm (smallest weight) | $2^{1} =$

2gm (second smallest weight) $| 2^2 = 4gm | 2^3 =$

 $8gm \mid 2^4 = 16gm \mid$

 $2^5 = 32 \text{gm} \mid 2^6 = 64 \text{gm}$ (The largest weight)

Any integer number of any gram of gold from 1 to 100gm. can be weighed using different combination of these 7 weights only.

 $2x^2 + axy + 3y^2 = (y - mx)(y - m'x) = y^2 +$ 8. $(-m - m')xy + xy + mm'x^2$

$$2x^{2} + bxy - 3y^{2} = \left(y + \frac{1}{m}x\right)(y - m'x)$$
$$= y^{2} + \left(\frac{1}{m} - m'\right)xy - \frac{m'}{m}x^{2}$$

Comparing the coefficient of like terms, we get



$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$
x² + $\left(\frac{a}{3}\right)$ xy + y²

$$= mm'x^2 + (-m - m')xy + y^2$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{-3}\right)$$
x² + $\left(\frac{b}{-3}\right)$ xy + y²

$$= -\frac{m'}{m}x^2 + \left(\frac{1}{m} - m'\right)xy + y^2$$

Equating the coefficients of like terms, we get

$$mm' = \frac{2}{3}$$
 ----eq.1

$$-\frac{m'}{m} = \frac{3}{-3}$$
-----eq.2

$$-\frac{m'}{m} = \frac{2}{-3} - -----eq.2$$

$$-m - m' = \frac{a}{3} - ---eq.3$$

$$\frac{1}{m} - m' = \frac{b}{-3}$$
----eq.4

Solving equations 1 and 2, we get $m = \pm 1 \& m' =$

$$\therefore \text{ put m} = 1 \& m' = \frac{2}{3} \text{ in equation } 3$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 a = -5

& put m =
$$-1$$
& m' = $-\frac{2}{3}$ in equation 3

$$\Rightarrow a = 5$$

Similarly,
$$b = 1$$
 or -1

$$a^2 + b^2 = 25 + 1 = 26$$

9. It is evident that the function's value will be 0, if (3) the input a is any negative integer.

And the value of function will be a, if it is positive integer.

So checking for.

$$x = 0$$
 $f(-3) + 2f(1) = 0 + 2 \times 1 = 2 \neq 8$

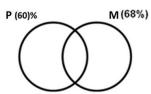
$$x = 1$$
 $f(-2) + 2f(2) = 0 + 2 \times 2 = 4 \neq 8$

$$x = 2$$
 $f(-1) + 2f(3) = 0 + 2 \times 3 = 6 \neq 8$

$$x = 3$$
 $f(0) + 2f(4) = 0 + 2 \times 4 = 8$

$$x = 3$$

10. (28)



$$n(P \cup M) = n(P) + n(M) - n(P \cap M)$$

$$n(P \cap M) = n(P) + n(M) - n(P \cup M)$$

n[passed in both P & M] = n[passed in Math] +n[passed in Physics]

-n[passed in at least one of the subjects]

n[P&M] = 68% + 60% - n[P or M]

In order to minimize n [P & M], we need to maximize n [P or M], which can be 100%.

[n(passed in both)]least = 68% + 60% -

100% = 28%

11. This functional equation holds true for only one kind of function i.e.,

f(x) = k.x, when $k \rightarrow is$ any constant

: if
$$f(2020) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 k. 2020 = 1

$$\therefore k = \frac{1}{2020} \dots \dots (1)$$

$$f(2021) = k.2021$$

Putting the value of k from option (1) $f(2021) = \frac{2021}{2020}$

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12. **(c)** Take
$$\log_2 \log_3 \log_4 a = 0$$

Converting it into exponential form, we get

$$a = 4^3 = 64$$

Similarly
$$b = 2^4 = 16$$

&
$$c = 3^2 = 9$$

$$a + b + c = 64 + 16 + 9 = 89$$

13. **(a)** Given
$$S_5 = S_9$$

$$\frac{5}{2}[2a+4d] = \frac{9}{2}[2a+8d]$$

$$\frac{5}{2}$$
 × 2[a + 2a] = $\frac{9}{2}$ × 2[a + 4d]

$$\frac{a+2d}{a+4d} = \frac{9}{5} = \frac{a_3}{a_5}$$

$$a_3$$
: $a_5 = 9 : 5$

14. (a) We should know the property of matrices mentioned below:

$$AA^{-1} = I \& A.I = I.A = A$$

$$2A - B - A(A+B)^{-1}A + B(A+B)^{-1}B$$

$$= 2A - B - (A+B)^{-1}[A \cdot A - B \cdot B]$$

$$= 2A - B - (A+B)^{-1}[A^2 - B^2]$$

$$= 2A - B - (A+B)^{-1}[(A+B)(A-B)]$$

$$= 2A - B - (A+B)^{-1}(A+B)(A-B)$$

$$= 2A - B - I.(A-B)$$
 [Using property A.A-1=I]

$$= 2A - B - (A-B)$$
 [Using property A. $I = A$]

$$=2A - B - A + B$$
$$= A.$$

15. **(a)** Let the angle A, B & C be a - d, a, a + d

$$(a-d) + a + (a + 2a) = 180^{\circ}$$

$$3a = 180^{\circ}$$

$$a = 60^{\circ}$$

Given
$$\sin(2A + B) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2A + B = 30^{\circ} \text{ or } 150^{\circ}$$

$$2(a-d) + a = 30^{\circ}$$

$$3a - 2d = 30^{\circ}$$

$$3 \times 60^{\circ} - 2d = 30^{\circ}$$

$$d = 75^{\circ}$$

Angle $A = a-d = -15^{\circ}$. Not possible.

$$2A + B = 150^{\circ}$$

$$3a - 2d = 150^{\circ}$$

$$2d = 30^{\circ}$$

$$d = 15^{\circ}$$

$$A = a - d = 60 - 15 = 45^{\circ}$$
. Possible.

also B =
$$60^{\circ}$$
, C = 75°

$$\therefore \sin(B + 2C) = \sin(60 + 150)$$

$$\sin 210 = \sin(180 + 30)$$

$$= -\sin 30^{\circ}$$

$$=-1/2$$
.

Unit digit of $(743)^{85} = (3)^{85} = 3$ (using cyclicity 16. (a) method)

Unit digit of $(525)^{37} = (5)^{37} = 5$ (using cyclicity)

Unit digit of $(987)^{96} = (7)^{97} = 1$ (using cyclicity)

The unit digit of the expression will can be find out as follows:

$$= (...3) - (...5) + (...1)$$

$$= (...4) - (...5)$$

=
$$(...9)$$
, by subtracting 5 from 14.

17. $3 \sin^2 x + 12 \cos x - 3 = p$ (c)

$$\Rightarrow 3(1-\cos^2 x) + 12\cos x - 3 = p$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 -3cos²x + 12cosx = p

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x - 4\cos x = -p/3$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x - 4\cos x = -p/3$$
$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x - 4\cos x + 4 = -p/3 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos x - 2)^2 = -p/3 + 4$$

 \Rightarrow We know $-1 \le \cos x \le 1$

 \Rightarrow -3 \leq cosx -2 \leq -1

 \Rightarrow 9 \geq (cosx-2)² \geq 1

 $\Rightarrow 1 \le (\cos x - 2)^2 \le 9$

 $\Rightarrow 1 \le -p/3 + 4 \le 9$

 \Rightarrow -3 \leq -p/3 \leq 5

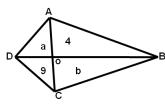
 \Rightarrow 3 \geq p/3 \geq -5

 \Rightarrow 9 \geq p \geq -15

 \Rightarrow -15 \leq p \leq 9.

Or [-15, 9]. Ans. [-15, 9]

18. (b)



Let the area of $\triangle AOD \& \triangle BOC$ be 'a' & 'b' unit respectively.

Property1: In any quadrilateral, product of area of pair of opposite Δs formed by the two diagonals is a constant.

Using it, we put $4 \times 9 = a \times b$

Or 36 = a b ----(1)

Property 2: In algebra, we know

If a. b = k (a constant)

Minimum value of $(a + b)_2$ can be obtained, only when a = b.

In order to minimize the area of Quad. ABCD, sum of a & b should be minimum or $(a + b)_{min} = ?$

From (1), we have

a.b = 36

a.a = 36

 $a^2 = 36$

a=b=6.

- \therefore Minimum value of a + b = 6 + 6 = 12
- : Minimum value of area of Quad. ABCD

= a+b+9+4 = 12+9+4 = 25.

19. Let the A-digit no. be ABCD.

In expended from 1000A + 100B + 10C + D.

Required ratio will be maximum only when the digit B, C, D are '0'.

eg.
$$\frac{\frac{9000}{9+0+0+0}}{\frac{2000}{2+0+0+0}} = \frac{\frac{9000}{9}}{\frac{9}{2}} = 1000 \text{ (max ratio)}$$

Taking any other no.

= 123.4 (too less compared to 1000) (1+2+3+4)

Explanation:

Let's us assume the ratio required is greater than or equal to 1000.

 $\frac{1000a + 100b + 10c + d}{1000a + 100b + 10c + d} \ge 1000$

a+b+c+d

We get

 $0 \ge 900b + 990c + 999d$

only condition possible is 0 = 900b + 990c +

Therefore, b = c = d = 0

& a could be any non-zero digit form (0-9).

20. g(x) passes though (a, b), means this point should (b) satisfy the line g(x) = -2x

b = -2a ----(1)

Also f(x) passes though (-2,0), therefore

 $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

 $0 = a(-2)^2 + b(-2) + c$

0 = 4a - 2b + c ----(2)

From eqn. (1) & (2), we get

c = 2b - 4a

= 2(-2a) - 4a

$$c = -4a - 4a = -8a$$
 -----(3)

The given expression is

E = f(x) + 9a + 1

 $E = ax^2 + bx + c + 9a + 1$

 $E = ax^2 + (-2a)x + (-8a) + 9a + 1$

 $E = ax^2 - 2ax + a + 1$

We have to find E's minimum value,

 $\frac{dE}{dx} = 2ax - 2a = 0$

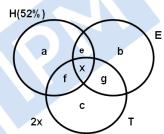
Put x = 1

 $In E = ax^2 - 2ax + a + 1$

= a - 2a + a + 1

 $E_{\min} = 1$.

21. (a)



Given

a + b + c = 50% ----(1)

e + f + g + x = 40% ----(2)

Adding two condition

a + b + c + e + f + g + x = 90%. This represents the population who speaks at least one language.

It means 10% population does not speak any

language i.e. 2x = 10%

 \Rightarrow x = 5%

Also given b + c = 25%

From diagram b + g + c = 90% - [52%]

g = 38% - 25% = 13%

Now put value of g & x in equation (2)

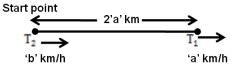
e + f + g + x = 40%

e + f + 13% + 5% = 40%

e + f = 40% - 18% = 22%

No. of people who speaks Hindi and exactly one other language = e + f = 22%

22. (c) At 2 pm:



Let the speed of train first a train second be 'a' and

After 2pm, both train will meet after $=\frac{2a}{b-a}=6$ hr. (: from 2pm - 8pm, it is 6hr.)

 \Rightarrow 2a = 6b - 6a

8a = 6b

b: a = 4:3

As a+b = 140 km/h.





First find the coordinates of the point of

(x = 0, y = 2) it means our line passes thorough

Any line which is perpendicular to 3x - y = 2 will be in the form x + 3y + k = 0 (where k =

Now it is given that this line passes though (2,0)Then this point should satisfy the equation.

 \therefore equation of required line \Rightarrow x + 3y - 6 = 0.

Transforming it into intercept form, we get

Our line is also perpendicular to 3x - y = 2

intersection of the two lines.

Put x = 0 & y = 2, we get k = -6

= 36.

x + 2y = 42x + 3y = 6

point (0,2)

a constant)

3x + y = 6.

x - intercept = 2.

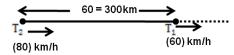
 $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{6} = 1$

25.

(a)

We get, b = 80 km/h & a = 60 km/h

Now, at 5pm:



Given a + b = 140 kmph.

$$3x + 4x = 140$$
.

$$7x = \frac{140}{x} = 20$$

Time taken by train 2 to meet 1st train after 5pm = $\frac{300}{80-60} = \frac{300}{20} = 15 \text{ hr.}$

i.e. 8am next day.

- 23. (c) $5 \text{ ways} \times 7 \text{ ways} \times 4 \text{ ways} \times 6 \text{ ways} \times 3 \text{ ways}.$ (Underlined positions are odd position) After filling odd positions with odd digits, we can fill even place with 7 left out digit. ∴ Total numbers formed = $5 \times 7 \times 4 \times 6 \times 3$
- $^{\prime 10}C_3 ^{\prime 5}C_3 + 1$ (d) 24. 45 - 10 + 1 = 36

Solution (Q.26-Q.30):

Total matches played between 6 teams = ${}^{6}C_{2}$ = 15 matches.

(A playing with B, B playing with A is same case)

- #1. In a match, total points awarded = 2
- 2 points to winner team and 0 to losing team, or
- (ii) 1 point to each team, which ends in a draw.
- #2. Total points awarded in 15 matches = $15 \times 2 = 30$ points

Total points bagged by E & F together

=30-[8+6+5+5]=30-24=6 points.

Possible cases: E+F=6 points

- (i) 4+2⇒ Only possibility
- (ii) 3+3⇒ Not possible
- (iii) 2+4⇒ Not possible

Justification for the possibility of case (i) only.

E scores less than 5 points (given)

E also lost 1 match out of 5 played (given)

Means rest of the 4 matches that E played should end in 4 draw and its scores come out as 4 points.

If we take E won 1 match, draws 3, then its total point will become 5 (Not possible)

Final Conclusion:

E lost 1 & draws 4. Total points = 4 points

F lost 3 & draws 2. Total points = 2 points

Justification for 2 draws for F

Out of 5 matches played by E, 4 resulted in draw. Table below shows that E cannot have draw against B, as B had 0 draws. Means E definitely had one draw with F.

In order to score 2 points, only possibility with F is to have 2 draws and 3 losses.

Now let's Fill The Table

	Matches	Matches	Match	Match ending	Total
Team					
	played	won (× 2)	lose (× 0)	in a draw (× 1)	points
A	5	3	0	2	8
В	5	3	2	0	6
С	5	2	2	1	5
D	5	1	1	3	5
E	5	0	1	4	4
F	5	0	3	2	2

26. (d) Adding all the entries in 'draw' column of the table we get 12 draw matches.

Halving them will give us the correct number of

matches those end in a draw

 \therefore 12/2=6 matches.

- [In 12, A draw match with D & D draw match with A considered as different cases whereas, it should Be taken as single drawn match.]
- 27. (d) Team E
- 28. (c) 2 points





					By Toprankers
29.	(c)	One team must be D [it has 3 draws, which cannot	40.	(a)	make ends meet - to have just enough to survive
		be with C & B]			tie up the loose ends - to complete the parts of
		∴ A- D must be a draw.			something that have not been completed
		One team must be E [E had 4 draws, except with			philanthropic - benefactor, a person who seeks to
		B]			promote the welfare of others, especially by the
		-			generous donation of money to good causes.be tax
		∴ A- E must be a draw.			
20	(-)	Team D			compliant - disposed to agree with others or obey
30.	(c)	Obviously, E had 4 draw matches and 1 lost.			rules, especially to an excessive degree;
		(From the table, B had no draw')		(4.)	acquiescentoption A is the perfect fit.
		Thus 'B' must have beaten 'E'.	41.	(b)	cut corners - to do something in the easiest,
		Only Team B			cheapest, or fastest way bite the bullet - decide to
31.	(b)	The aim of education in the past and even now is			do something difficult or unpleasant made a
		to train the young to recognize and understand the			fortune - To earn a very large amount of money
		fake arguments as stated in the opening lines of			Now a portion of the house collapsed as the
		the first paragraph.			contractor had used poor quality material hence
32.	(b)	It's a direct question. As stated in the third line of			"cut corners" implying cheap quality material.
	(-)	the last paragraph, There is, at least in principle,	42.	(c)	rolling in money – to be very rich
		an attempt to tell both sides of a story in each	1_,	(-)	On a roll - experiencing a prolonged spell of
					success or good luck. on a roller coaster – sudden
		report, clearly suggests that option is the most			
22	(-)	appropriate answer.			or extreme changes in a short time.
33.	(c)	It's a direct question. The fifth line of the last			Rolling in luck is not a valid expression. Since the
		paragraph clearly suggests that the biases are			players have won every single match, they are
		reinforced than countered in the present day			rolling in luck. Winning doesn't automatically
		forum - social media. Hence option C is the only			mean rolling in money.
		appropriate answer.	43.	(d)	Merely being an adverb will modify a verb
34.	(c)	It's a contextual vocabulary based question. It			whereas here the sentence is talking about a noun,
		means self-serving intentions.			Alexandria Ocasio-Cortex, therefore an adjective
35.	(d)	It's a contextual vocabulary based question.			is required to modify it. Hence, option a, b and c
	` '	Spurious means – fake. It's opposite is genuine			will be eliminated.
36.	(d)	The first paragraph is about the purpose of	44.	(b)	The subject of the sentence is the coastal city of
	(-)	education in olden days and the present day is to		15	Kundapur therefore option D should be
		help the young recognize and understand the		16/	eliminated since it uses the incorrect pronoun
		spurious or fake arguments and how		11-	"their".
		contemporary Italy is determined that its youth	-Olo		It's - it is
			(07		Its – shows possession. Therefore option A will
		are prepared to engage meaningfully with the			also be eliminated.
		present-day version of the Forum — social media.			
		The focus of the passage is no political			Option C is grammatically wrong. Option B is
		propaganda or nurturing political ambitions.		(1)	grammatically and syntactically correct.
		Neither is it to discuss idea. The entire passage is	45.	(d)	To get the answer, let's understand the problems
		about fake arguments and how the present			in the sentence.
		generation should deal with it. Hence option D.			Less – refers to quantity
37.	(a)	Domineer - browbeat, bully			Fewer – refers to number
		Dominate - control, influence			Than – refers to comparison
		Denominate - be expressed in a specified			Then – refers to time
		monetary unit			Option A and B can be eliminated.
		Dominion - sovereignty or control			option C fails to maintain the parallel structure
		The word required in the given blank has to be a			since the position of 'every year' is faulty.
		verb as it is preceded by 'to'. Option D - Dominion			Option D is the most appropriate answer.
		. , ,	46.	(c)	The paragraph talks about reviving both
		being a noun will be eliminated.	40.	(c)	
		Option C – denominate is a misfit contextually			carnivorous and herbivorous animals and
	Option B – dominate is a good choice but child's			restoring the eco system.	
		lives will be grammatically wrong.			Option A talks about reviving more of
		Option A is a perfect fit			herbivorous animals only. Similarly option B talks
38.	(b)	Effect - Consequence, result			about conservation of just the carnivorous. Option
		Affect - influence			D looks irrelevant as it talks about reviving all the
		Affective - relating to mood, need and attitude			species regardless of their being carnivorous.
		Affectionate - loving, fond, adoring			Option C is about the revival of the ecosystem that
		The word required in the given blank has to be a			depends on the eating habits of the animals
		verb. Option A, C and D will be ruled out.			introduced therein. Hence the perfect conclusion
39.	(b)	At arm's length – avoid, keep away from			to the given passage.
	(~)	Out of harm's way - in a safe place	47	(d)	The paragraph preceding the blank refers to the

Out of harm's way - in a safe place

at bay's length is an incorrect expression.

A foot away means literary at some distance and

The paragraph preceding the blank refers to the

problems. The part following the blank talks about

Japan seen as a safe option to host the Olympic.

47.

(d)



This line begins with YET that denotes contrast. Hence option D is the only option that can bridge the two parts perfectly.

- 48. **(d)** To get the answer right, all the three words should fit in the blanks contextually and grammatically. Option A and C can be eliminated as one can't 'forget' or 'reject' a vital function.

 Fallacy is a false idea as it is based on incorrect facts or reasoning whereas misconception means a wrong idea or understanding of something. Therefore, misconception, instinctive and neglect fit perfectly in the given blanks.
- 49. **(a)** To get the answer right, all the three words should fit in the blanks contextually and grammatically. Pandemic resolutions or systems can't be relaxed hence options c and d can be eliminated. Confounding which means confusing is a misfit in the third blank. The correct answer id option A.
- 50. **(b)** To get the answer right, all the three words should fit in the blanks contextually and grammatically Solution: option B

 The words "compassionate and friendly" won't fit the third blank as it requires a superlative. Option C and D get eliminated.

 Assiduous additionat

Assiduous - diligent

Analytical - systematic and logical

Ludicrous - absurd

Option A will be a misfit because both the adjectives are contrasting. Option B is a good answer choice.

- 51. (c) Appraisal the act of assessing something/someone
 Recognise identify
 To get the answer right, all three words should fit in the blanks contextually and grammatically.
 The word writing in the second blank is the key.
 "The best strategy to give an appraisal is to deliver it orally as well as in writing."
 - No company would **advertise** or **realize** its employee's achievements. Therefore option b and d get eliminated. The approval can't be delivered as award hence option will also get eliminated.
- 52. **(c)** To get the answer right, all three words should fit in the blanks contextually and grammatically.

 Surviving continuing to exist,

 Eroded to gradually wear away

Witness - observer

Third word in option d observers will be a misfit as these diminutive hills can't be observers 'to' many important events. Therefore option D gets eliminated.

Second word 'destroyed' in option B is a misfit as when rocks, soil and mountains wear away, they get eroded not destroyed or reduced. Thus option B and A also get eliminated.

53. **(a)** Climatic – relating to climate
Climatic – final, culminating, forming an exciting

- The words climatic and climactic have been correctly used in sentence b, c and d. however, the usage is incorrect in sentence a.
- 54. **(b)** Luxurious opulent, sumptuous, extremely comfortable
 Luxuriant rich and profuse in growth
 The usage is incorrect in sentence B.
- 55. **(a)** Intensive: Thorough, exhaustive
 Intense great, enormous.
 The words intense and intensive have been correctly used in sentence b, c and d. the usage in sentence A is wrong.
- 56. **(d)** Appraise to evaluate, access, estimate Apprise to inform, tell

 The words appraise and apprise have been correctly used in sentence a, c and b. the word appraise in sentence D has been incorrectly used hence it is the answer.
- 57. (c) To get the answer, first we need to understand the meaning of the words that have been repeated in all the four sentences.

 Lighting: abrupt electric discharge from cloud to cloud

 Lighting: Illumination

 Lightening: To become lighter or less dark; brighter

So, apparently, the word lighting and lightning have been used correctly in sentence A and B respectively. In sentence C however, the usage in incorrect. The word that should have been used is lightening which means to make brighter.

- 8. **(4123)** sentence 4 works as a passage opener for it explains what needs to be done in order to succeed globally in today's global market place. Sentence 1 will follow as it elaborates how companies with international aspirations familiarized themselves with the any differences in the legal system or in the procedures used in the day-to-day business of import and export in the past. Sentence 2 and 3 are connected statements that will follow as sentence B takes the idea forward as talks about the modern trade and its demands. Sentence 3 builds on it. **4123**
- 59. **(3142)** Sentence 3 works a passage opener for it begins with a question. Sentence 3 and 1 are connected as the pronoun 'it' in sentence 3 refers to the article mentioned in sentence 1. sentence 4 takes the idea forward by posing the question. Sentence 2 concludes the passage. 3142
- 60. **(3142)** Let's start solving this parajumble by looking for a passage opener. Sentence 3 looks like a plausible start as it is a broad statement that introduces the leopards. Sentence 1 builds on it as it talks about a recent incident when the villagers found a cub in a trench. Sentence 1 and 3 are connected statements as these talk about the cub and how "it" was found and then taken to the vet. Sentence 4 concludes the paragraph as it says that the cub was then reunited with her mother. So the correct sequence is 3142