

SECTION 2

Verbal Ability (50 questions)

Directions for question Nos. 51 to 62 : Each question consists of sentences, which are divided into four parts, numbered (1) through (4). One part in each sentence is not acceptable in standard written English. Identify that part in each of the sentences which contains the error.

51. (1) Her acceptance of speech (2) was well received
(3) eliciting thunderous applause (4) in several points
52. (1) An oppressive solemnity
(2) and not the festive mood
(3) one might have expected
(4) characterised the mood by the gathering
53. (1) All aspiring artists must
(2) struggle by the conflict
(3) between faith in their own talent
(4) and knowledge that very few are great enough to succeed
54. (1) Despite some bad news,
(2) Michel's stature was not diminished
(3) and her fans or critics
(4) were unanimous in appreciating her work.
55. (1) Jazz is an American art form,
(2) which was now flourishing in Europe
(3) through the efforts of expatriates
(4) in France, Scandinavia and Germany.
56. (1) Character and (2) not riches
(3) win us (4) respect.
57. (1) Pickpockets are (2) sometimes spotted
(3) by policemen (4) at bus stops.
58. (1) His both hands (2) have been injured
(3) so he (4) cannot work.
59. (1) Several guests noticed Mr. Peter
(2) fall back
(3) in his chair
(4) and gasping for breath.

60. / (1) The short story (2) should not exceed
 (3) more than (4) two hundred words.
61. / (1) They appointed him (2) as a manager
 (3) as he (4) is efficient.
62. / (1) Owing to illness (2) he was unable
 (3) to go (4) for his holiday.

Question Nos. 63 to 69 consist of a number of sentences which, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the four choices lettered (1) through (4).

63. A. The men jumped up and rushed to the river
 B. They poured it on the glowing bed of charcoal
 C. The water gurgled out and the dying embers hissed and sent up little curls of vapour
 D. They quickly came back with pitchers laden with water.
 (1) DABC (2) ADCB
 (3) CBAD (4) BADC
64. A. A failure to hire the right person at the right place could prove expensive for the organisation
 B. All managers are decision makers
 C. The rightness of a decision largely depends upon whether or not the manager has utilized the right persons in right ways.
 D. The effectiveness of managers is largely reflected in their track record in taking the right decisions
 (1) DCBA (2) BDCA
 (3) ABCD (4) BACD
65. A. I also believe in the possibility as well as the desirability of applying science to problems arising in social science
 B. Believing as I do in social science, I can only look with apprehension upon social pseudo-science
 C. I am a rationalist, which means that I believe in discussion and argument
 D. I may say why I have chosen this particular subject
 (1) CDAB (2) DCAB
 (3) BCAD (4) DBAC

66. A. The investigation was confined to manufacturing firms in the area
 B. Those concerned with mining and quarrying, construction, transport, and trade and commerce, were excluded
 C. The number of workers employed by the firms in the area ranged from a dozen to approximately 35,000
 D. A long search produced a comprehensive list of 203 manufacturing firms.
 (1) ABDC (2) BCDA
 (3) DCBA (4) CBDA
67. A. Moreover, private sector competitors claim to be moving from aluminium manufacture to specialized uses of the metal
 B. The new concern could probably supply the metal to established companies for use as input
 C. As we all know, there is still shortage of the metal
 D. All in all, though, the new plant will not threaten existing manufacturers in a big way
 (1) ADCB (2) BCDA
 (3) DBCA (4) CDBA
68. A. The causes of success or failure are deep and complex, change plays a part
 B. Motivation and opportunity can be supplied in good part by incentive compensation and decentralization respectively
 C. It is not easy to say why one management is successful and another is not
 D. Experience has convinced me, however, that for those who are responsible for a business, motivation and opportunity are very important factors.
 (1) CDAB (2) DCAB
 (3) CADB (4) ACDB
69. A. The wind at his back also helped him on his course
 B. Dark as the night was he found it easy to follow the track
 C. Not only that he was confident that there would be few, if any, traces of his passage
 D. Thanks to the drought, it was hard and firm and he made good speed
 (1) CABD (2) DACB
 (3) DBAC (4) BCDA

Question Nos. 70 to 75 consist of sentences each of which contains one or two idioms. Four possible meanings labelled (1) through (4) are provided below each sentence. Choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the idiom.

70. I would like to see Ramu do his own work for a change instead of always back-seat driving.
- (1) driving a car from the back
 (2) being critical of work being done by others
 (3) offering advice
 (4) annoying
71. He proved to be quite a wet blanket at the party for he spoke to no one and morosely sat by himself.
- (1) he was crying
 (2) discouraged the rest from having fun
 (3) he wet the blanket
 (4) he had covered himself with a wet blanket
72. The ship was about to weigh anchor when the storm came.
- (1) weigh the anchor
 (2) raise the anchor
 (3) leave the docking berth
 (4) drop the anchor
73. Bobu had a chequered career since I first knew him as a clerk in the local bank.
- (1) had a variety of jobs and experiences
 (2) a career which helped him make lots of money
 (3) a career where he signed a lot of cheques
 (4) did odd jobs
74. Women should be paid the same as men when they do the same job, for surely, what is sauce for gander is sauce for the goose.
- (1) both goose and gander should be equally treated
 (2) what is thought suitable for a man should also be for a woman
 (3) goose and gander eat the same sauce
 (4) the principle of equal treatment should be implemented
75. The two women are so jealous that at the drop of a hat they start insulting each other.
- (1) on every occasion
 (2) for no reason at all
 (3) when a hat is dropped
 (4) very rarely

Directions to Question Nos. 76 to 90 : Each of the questions below contains one or more blank spaces, each blank space indicating an omitted word or phrase. Beneath the sentence are four words or set of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank space that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

76. The judge, after ruling that the news report had unjustlythe reputation of the Physician, ordered the newspaper to its libellous statements in print.
- (1) injured — retract (2) sullied — publicize
(3) damaged — disseminate (4) tarnished — cover up
77. Psychologists agree that human beings have a strong need to their time; having too much idle time can be as stressful as having none at all.
- (1) compartmentalise (2) structure
(3) functionalise (4) remand
78. several generations, Alex Haley wrote *Roots*, a novel explaining both his family history and the history of American bigotry.
- (1) Focusing on (2) Centering around
(3) With an eye on (4) Looking through
79. Although for centuries literature was considered something that would instruct as well as entertain, the modern reader has little patience with works and seeks only to be
- (1) fiction — enlightened (2) didactic — distracted
(3) voluminous — absorbed (4) philosophical — entertained
80. To strive, to seek, to find, and are the heroic goals of Ulysses in Tennyson's famous poem.
- (1) not yielding (2) yet to yield
(3) not to yield (4) yet not yield
81. The most frustrating periods of any diet are the inevitable....., when weight loss if not stops.
- (1) moods — accelerates (2) feasts — halts
(3) meals — ceases (4) plateaus — slows

82. Since the author's unflattering references to her friends were so, she was surprised that her were recognized.
- (1) laudatory — styles (2) obvious — anecdotes
 (3) oblique — allusions (4) critical — eulogies
83. Gaurav was intent on maintaining his status as first in his class; because even the smallest mistakes infuriated him, he reviewed all his papers before submitting them to his teacher.
- (1) explicitly (2) perfunctorily
 (3) assiduously (4) honestly
84. The subtleties of this novel are evident not so much in the character as they are in its profoundly plot structure.
- (1) assessment — eclectic (2) development — trite
 (3) delineation — intricate (4) portrayal — aesthetic
85. Perhaps because something in us instinctively distrusts such displays of natural fluency, some readers approach John Updike's fiction with
- (1) bewilderment (2) suspicion
 (3) veneration (4) recklessness
86. We were amazed that a man who had been heretofore the most of public speakers could, in a single speech, clarify an audience and bring them cheering to their feet.
- (1) masterful (2) suspicious
 (3) pedestrian (4) accomplished
87. Despite the mixture's nature, we found that by lowering its temperature in the laboratory we could dramatically reduce its tendency to vaporize.
- (1) volatile (2) resilient
 (3) insipid (4) acerbic
88. In one shocking instance of research, one of the nation's most influential researchers in the field of genetics reported on experiments that were never carried out and published deliberately scientific papers on his nonexistent work.
- (1) comprehensive — abstract (2) theoretical — challenging
 (3) fraudulent — deceptive (4) erroneous — impartial

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93. The more the union stubbornly refused to budge from its original demand for 20% across-the-board salary increase, the more the company management reiterated its original proposal of a mere 3% raise
- (1) the more the company management reiterated its original proposal of a mere 3% raise
 - (2) the company management's original proposal for a mere 3% raise was reiterated all the more
 - (3) the company management kept on reiterating its original proposal of a mere 3% raise
 - (4) the more the company management's original proposal of a mere 3% raise was reiterated
94. The president of the resident welfare association tried to convince his neighbours they should join forces prevent crime in the neighbourhood rather than continuing to be victimized.
- (1) they should join forces to prevent crime in the neighbourhood rather than continuing to be victimized
 - (2) that they should join forces to prevent crime in the neighbourhood rather than continue to be victimized
 - (3) about joining forces to prevent crime in the neighbourhood instead of continuing to be victimized
 - (4) to join forces to prevent crime in the neighbourhood rather than continuing to be victimized
95. Lawyers and doctors alike both agree something should be done about the rise in medical malpractice cases which are on the increase.
- (1) alike both agree that something should be done about the rise in medical malpractice cases which are on the increase
 - (2) alike agree that something should be done about the rise in medical malpractice cases
 - (3) agree that something should be done about the rise in the number of medical malpractices
 - (4) None of the above

96. The conductor seemed entirely arbitrary the choice of tempo, because of which each successive movement of the piece seemed to have no connection to what had come before.
- (1) The conductor's choice of tempo seemed entirely arbitrary
 - (2) It seemed the conductor chose tempo entirely arbitrary
 - (3) The conductor was entirely arbitrary in his choice of tempo
 - (4) The tempo was chosen entirely by the arbitrary conductor
97. Although the conditions in which she lived suggest that she was miserly, her contributions to charities show that she is generous.
- (1) her charities showed generous contributions
 - (2) her generosities made large contributions
 - (3) her contributions to charities showed that she is not generous
 - (4) her contributions to charities show that she was generous
98. The governor's intolerance of dissent among his aids was intensified by loyalty from all
- (1) by him insisting upon total loyalty from all
 - (2) by his insistence upon total loyalty from all
 - (3) by all insisting upon his loyalty
 - (4) by his insisting upon their loyalty
99. Although he was often incomplete in his work, he was promoted simply because he was with the company longer than anyone else.
- (1) Although work was often incomplete
 - (2) His work was often incomplete although
 - (3) Although his work was often incomplete
 - (4) Although he often completed his work
100. Though the concert had been enjoyable, it was protracted overly
- (1) it was overly protracted
 - (2) it overly protracted
 - (3) it protracted overly
 - (4) it got protracted overly