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Directions (101-105) : In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If there is no error, the answer is (4).

101. We saw (1)/ sand sculptures (2)/ in the beach. (3)/ No error. (4)

102. Everybody in the office (1)/ has left early. (2)/ haven't they? (3)/ No error. (4)

103. The teacher told that (1)/ the students should have gone to the library (2)/ instead of having wasted their time. (3)/ No error. (4)

104. He is (1)/ one of the tallest boy (2)/ in the class. (3)/ No error. (4)

105. He was awarded (1)/ with a doctorate degree (2)/ for his new invention. (3)/ No error. (4)

Directions (106-110) : In the following questions, some of the sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with appropriate words. Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

106. The work was _____ by the rains.
 (1) restricted (2) prevented
 (3) hampered (4) obstructed

107. He knows French and German _____ Russian.
 (1) beside (2) besides
 (3) aside (4) except

108. His reputation has been _____ by his foolish acts.
 (1) increased (2) decreased
 (3) retrieved (4) tainted

109. Meditation is _____ way to calm your nerves.
 (1) a best
 (2) one of the best
 (3) the best
 (4) an best

110. The Prime Minister of England called _____ the President of America.
 (1) in (2) out
 (3) on (4) at

Directions (111-115) : In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

111. INADVERTENT

- (1) thoughtless
- (2) unintentional
- (3) insane
- (4) unintelligent

112. BARREN

- (1) insane (2) rough
- (3) infertile (4) lush

113. ABSTAIN

- (1) insist (2) persist
- (3) refrain (4) resist

114. COUNTERFEIT

- (1) constant (2) unknown
- (3) biased (4) fake

115. NOVICE

- (1) expert (2) specialist
- (3) generalist (4) beginner

Directions (116-120) : In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

116. DIMINISH

- (1) increase (2) improve
- (3) introduce (4) decrease

117. COMPLY

- (1) challenge (2) complain
- (3) conform (4) compete

118. TREACHEROUS

- (1) tactful (2) violent
- (3) faithful (4) false

119. INQUISITIVE

- (1) inadequate (2) immature
- (3) uncomfortable
- (4) unconcerned

120. AFFLUENCE

- (1) poverty (2) influence
- (3) neglect (4) semblance

Directions (121-125) : In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase **bold** in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

121. Do not **run down** your friends in public.

- (1) fight with
- (2) follow
- (3) make a mention of
- (4) criticise

122. Most parents find it difficult to **make both ends meet** because of inflation.

- (1) to lead a lavish life
- (2) to live within one's income
- (3) to live a misery life
- (4) to lead an active life

123. The students were advised to **pore over** the lessons thoroughly.

- (1) go through (2) go down
(3) go off (4) go out

124. The two famous writers **crossed swords** with each other on every issue.

- (1) fought physically
(2) crossed the road on meeting
(3) took different routes
(4) disagreed

125. The traffic came to a **standstill** after the heavy downpour of rain.

- (1) complete halt
(2) accident spot
(3) diversion
(4) confused disorder

Directions (126-130) : In the following questions, a part of the sentence is **bold**. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (1), (2) and (3) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (4).

126. Both the **mother-in-laws** welcomed the newly weds with garlands of flowers.

- (1) mothers-in-laws
(2) mother-in-law
(3) mothers-in-law
(4) No improvement

127. The workers looked **run down**.

- (1) happy
(2) relaxed
(3) exhausted
(4) No improvement

128. The relatives **comforted** the old man whose wife had died.

- (1) sympathized with
(2) pitied
(3) consoled
(4) No improvement

129. They obtained the top-secret information by **wrong** means.

- (1) clever
(2) fraudulent
(3) bad
(4) No improvement

130. His speech was **broadcasted** over the radio last Thursday.

- (1) was broadcast
(2) had been broadcast
(3) has been broadcast
(4) No improvement

Directions (131-135) : In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

131. To agree to something

- (1) assure (2) assent
(3) adapt (4) adhere

132. A person who withdraws from the world to live in seclusion and often in solitude

- (1) iconoclast (2) recluse
(3) sage (4) priest

133. A lover of books

- (1) bibliomaniac
(2) bibliophile
(3) bibliographer
(4) bilingualist

134. Occurring at irregular intervals in time

- (1) epidemic
(2) endemic
(3) temporal
(4) sporadic

135. To keep a great person or event in people's memory

- (1) communicate
(2) commensurate
(3) commemorate
(4) commiserate

Directions (136-140) : In the following questions, groups of four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelled. Find the correctly spelled word.

136. (1) columen
(2) autumn
(3) condamm
(4) symptem

137. (1) precarius
(2) preceede
(3) prentier
(4) preperation

138. (1) corespondent
(2) commandent
(3) superintendent
(4) attendent

139. (1) imaginery
(2) dictionary
(3) itinercery
(4) stationerry

140. (1) pronouciation
(2) repercutation
(3) rehabilitation
(4) tutton

Directions (141-150) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

Passage

Experts are beginning to suspect that one of the major **141** of crime in modern cities is the actual design of the city. Oscar Newman, a professor of architecture, in his book titled "Defensible Space" has **142** the results of his research on this question. The effect of environment **143** crime is two-fold.

Prof. Newman's research shows that some buildings may encourage people not only to interfere but to allow crimes to **144**. Crowded apartments in a huge block bring people physically together but isolate them **145**. People living in what is **146** one building with a common entry fall isolated within their own apartments.

They are unconcerned **147** their neighbours: Some years ago, a girl was stabbed to death **148** a period of half an hour while hundreds of people living in the block **149** without interfering, without even calling the police.

The other obvious effect of the design of buildings is that it affords room for crimes. Hidden nooks and corners, spaces between buildings out of **150** are convenient spots where crimes can be committed without the fear of detection.

141. (1) expositions (2) causes
(3) theories (4) results

142. (1) published (2) printed
(3) predicted (4) pasted

143. (1) on (2) in
(3) over (4) about

144. (1) witness (2) show
(3) appear (4) happen

145. (1) spiritually (2) cognitively
(3) intellectually (4) mentally

146. (1) essentially (2) deliberately
(3) accidentally (4) ideologically

147. (1) for (2) with
(3) about (4) at

148. (1) between (2) through
(3) over (4) across

149. (1) viewed (2) studied
(3) observed (4) watched

150. (1) sight (2) vision
(3) visual (4) observation

**Answer: General
Awareness**

101	(2)	126	(3)
102	(4)	127	(3)
103	(1)	128	(3)
104	(2)	129	(2)
105	(3)	130	(1)
106	(4)	131	(2)
107	(2)	132	(2)
108	(4)	133	(2)
109	(3)	134	(4)
110	(3)	135	(3)
111	(2)	136	(2)
112	(3)	137	(3)
113	(3)	138	(3)
114	(4)	139	(2)
115	(4)	140	(3)
116	(1)	141	(2)
117	(1)	142	(1)
118	(3)	143	(1)
119	(4)	144	(4)
120	(1)	145	(4)
121	(4)	146	(3)
122	(2)	147	(2)
123	(1)	148	(3)
124	(4)	149	(3)
125	(1)	150	(2)