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**PART D**

**ENGLISH COMPREHENSION**

Directions: In questions nos. 151 to 155, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

151. Poignant  
(A) showy (B) sad  
(C) silly (D) snobbish
152. Querulous  
(A) critical (B) curious  
(C) complaining (D) ambiguous
153. Audacious  
(A) brilliant (B) powerful  
(C) bold (D) frightening
154. Perilous  
(A) hazardous (B) rigorous  
(C) resilient (D) requisite
155. Reverie  
(A) determination (B) rigorous  
(C) reality (D) requisite

Directions: In question nos. 156 to 160, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word and mark in the Answer Sheet.

156. Autonomous  
(A) self-government  
(B) dependent  
(C) defensive  
(D) neutral
157. Deceitful  
(A) sincere (B) useful  
(C) plain (D) honest
158. Exonerate  
(A) admit (B) release  
(C) convict (D) reject
159. Exaggerate  
(A) underwrite (B) understate  
(C) ignore (D) condemn

160. Controversial  
(A) indisputable (B) restrained  
(C) controlled (D) appealing

Directions: In questions nos. 161 to 165, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase and bold italicized in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

161. To strain every nerve  
(A) to make utmost efforts  
(B) to feel weak and tired  
(C) to be a diligent worker  
(D) to be methodical in work
162. To flog a dead horse  
(A) to whip a dead horse  
(B) to attempt to do the impossible  
(C) waste one's efforts  
(D) to take advantage of a weakness
163. To show a clean pair of heels  
(A) to hide (B) to escape  
(C) to pursue (D) to follow
164. To die in harness  
(A) premeditated murder  
(B) dying young in an accident  
(C) to die while in service  
(D) to be taken by surprise
165. To feather one's nest  
(A) to make a residential house  
(B) something that lasts for a short time  
(C) to profit in a dishonest way  
(D) none of the above

Directions: In questions nos. 166 to 170, a sentence is given which may need improvement. Alternatives are given at (A), (B) and (C) below which may be a better option. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (D).

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Blacken the appropriate rectangle [ ] in the Answer Sheet.

166. A taller Sikh rushed forward than any of his comrades.  
(A) A Sikh, taller than any of this comrades, rushed forward  
(B) A Sikh rushed forward taller than any of his comrades  
(C) A Sikh rushed forward than any of his comrades taller  
(D) No improvement
167. An author in the reign of Queen Anne who was famous lived in a cottage.  
(A) An author in the reign, who was famous, of Queen Anne lived in a cottage  
(B) In the reign of Queen Anne, an author lived in a cottage, who was famous  
(C) An author who was famous in the reign of Queen Anne lived in a cottage  
(D) No improvement
168. In the absence of your support, he would have lost the election.  
(A) Lacking your support, he would have lost the election  
(B) But for your support, he would have lost the election  
(C) He would have lost the election, if you had not support him  
(D) No improvement
169. My uncle is enough rich to buy a car.  
(A) My uncle is rich enough to buy a car  
(B) My uncle is richer enough to buy a car  
(C) My uncle is enough richer to buy a car  
(D) No improvement
170. Walking along the road, an old man ran over the lorry.  
(A) Walking along the road, an old man ran behind the lorry  
(B) Running along the road, the lorry ran over an old man  
(C) The lorry ran over an old man walking along the road  
(D) No improvement

Directions: In questions nos. 171 to 175, groups of four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelt. find the correctly spelt word and mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

171. (A) persistence (B) thesaurus  
(C) conspicuous (D) renaissance
172. (A) acoustic (B) norcoctic  
(C) pesimist (D) permanant
- 173 (A) impetous (B) ignoable  
(C) ignominious (D) idiosyncrasy
174. (A) Inconsistant (B) Repentant  
(C) Exponent (D) Exculcent
175. (A) demagogue (B) deliverance  
(C) delinquency (D) deliberative

Directions: In question nos. 176 to 180, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence and indicate it by blackening the appropriate rectangle [ ] in the answer Sheet.

176. A person who has no money to pay off his debts  
(A) Insolvent (B) Poor  
(C) Destitute (D) Pauper
177. Words uttered impiously about God  
(A) amoral (B) philosophy  
(C) logic (D) blasphemy
178. Quibble  
(A) Premeditate (B) Prenominate  
(C) Prevaricate (D) Preponderate
179. One who compiles a dictionary  
(A) geographer (B) lexicographer  
(C) lapidist (D) linguist
180. A test in which cells from diseased organs are removed and tested  
(A) Biopsy (B) Autopsy  
(C) Operation (D) Amputation

Directions: In the following passage (181 to 190), some of the words have been left out. First read

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the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

**PASSAGE**  
(Question Nos. 181 to 190)

A 181 becomes a flowing stream only 182 there is continuity of 183 life in a society. In 184 words, a 185 culture comes into 186 when people 187 a continuous way of life. Such 188 expresses itself 189 various ways in common tradition and 190 of conduct.

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| 181. (A) civilization  | (B) culture     |
| (C) idea               | (D) philosophy  |
| 182. (A) at            | (B) what        |
| (C) when               | (D) as          |
| 183. (A) individual    | (B) nature's    |
| (C) society's          | (D) collective  |
| 184. (A) different     | (B) difficult   |
| (C) other              | (D) many        |
| 185. (A) distinctive   | (B) unique      |
| (C) clean              | (D) foggy       |
| 186. (A) phase         | (B) existence   |
| (C) action             | (D) thinking    |
| 187. (A) develop       | (B) create      |
| (C) follow             | (D) end         |
| 188. (A) inconsistency | (B) uniqueness  |
| (C) greatness          | (D) continuity  |
| 189. (A) in            | (B) of          |
| (C) with               | (D) at          |
| 190. (A) rules         | (B) regulations |
| (C) norms              | (D) laws        |

Directions (191-195): In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If a sentence is free from errors, then your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

191. If you had told (a) / I would have helped you (b) / solve the problem. (c) / No error (d).
192. "The Arabian Nigh" (a) / are indeed (b) / an interesting book. (c) / No error (d).
193. He (a) / lover her (b) / despite of himself (c) / No error (d).
194. Of all the models (a) / Jessica is (b) / the more good-looking one (c) / No error (d).
195. When I went there (a) / Charles is playing (b) / a game of chess. (c) / No error (d).

Directions (196-200): In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate words. Four alternatives are suggested for each question.

Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

196. \_\_\_\_\_ your instructions, we have closed you bank account.  
(a) In lieu of (b) With regard to  
(c) In accordance with  
(d) On account of
197. \_\_\_\_\_ she is cleaver, she often makes mistakes.  
(a) Despite (b) Since  
(c) Although (d) Yet
198. Do you prefer \_\_\_\_\_ or traditional art forms?  
(a) archaic (b) contemporary  
(c) foreign (d) simultaneous
199. The farmers \_\_\_\_\_ their farms, if they had known that a thunderstorm was approaching.  
(a) will leave (b) would leave  
(c) will have left (d) would have left
200. The Paralympics is a competition for the \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) disadvantaged (b) discouraged  
(c) disabled (d) despised

## ANSWER SHEET

151 (b) 152 (c) 153 (c) 154 (a) 155 (b) 156 (b) 157 (d) 158 (c) 159 (b) 160 (a)  
161 (a) 162 (b) 163 (b) 164 (c) 165 (c) 166 (a) 167 (c) 168 (c) 169 (a) 170 (c)  
171 (b) 172 (a) 173 (c) 174 (b) 175 (a) 176 (a) 177 (d) 178 (c) 179 (b) 180 (a)  
181 (b) 182 (c) 183 (b) 184 (c) 185 (a) 186 (b) 187 (c) 188 (d) 189 (a) 190 (c)  
191 (d) 192 (b) 193 (c) 194 (c) 195 (b) 196 (c) 197 (c) 198 (b) 199 (d) 200 (c)



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