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Directions: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are printed in bold to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

The yearly festival was close at hand. The store room was packed with silk fabrics, gold ornaments, clay bowls full of sweet curd and platefuls of sweetness. The orders had been placed with shops well in advance. The mother was sending out gifts to everyone.

The eldest son, a government servant, lived with his wife and children in far off lands. The second son had left home at an early age. As a merchant he travelled at over the world. The other sons had split up over petty squabbles and they now lived in home of their own. The relatives were spread all across the world. They rarely visited. The youngest son, left in the company of a servant, was soon bored left her and stood at the door all day long, waiting and watching. His mother, thrilled and excited, loaded the presents on trays and plates, covered them with colourful kerchiefs, and sent them off with maids and servants. The neightbours looked on.

The day came to an end. All the presents had been sent off.

The child came back into the house and dejectedly said to his mother, “Maa, you gave a present to everyone, but you didn’t give me anything !”

His mother laughed, “I have given all the gifts away to everyone, now see what’s left for you.” She kissed him on the forehead.

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The child said in a tearful voice, “Don’t I get a gift ?”
“You’ll get it when you go far away.”
“But when I am close to you, don’t I get something from your own hands ?”

His mother reached out her arms and drew him to her, “This is all I have in my own hands. It is the most precious of all.”

51. Why did the woman’s second son travel ?
(a) He was restless by nature
(b) He did not want to stay at home
(c) He was rich and could afford to travel
(d) His job was such that he had to travel

52. Why did the woman’s eldest son not attend the festival ?
(a) He was not on good terms with his youngest brother who lived at home
(b) He had quarrelled with his mother
(c) His wife did not allow him to return home
(d) His job prevented him from taking leave

53. How did the woman prepare for the festival?
(A) She bought expensive gifts for her children and neighbours
(B) She ordered her servants to prepare sweets and food well in advance
(C) She made sure that her youngest child was looked after so that he wouldn’t be bored.
(a) None
(b) Only (a)
(c) Only (b)
(d) (a) and (b)

54. What did the youngest child do while his mother was busy ?
(A) He waited for a chance to steal some sweetmeats
(B) He presented his mother to give him a present.
(C) He stood at the door with the servants
(a) Only (a)
(b) Only (b)
(c) (a) and (c)
(d) only (c)

55. Which of the following can be said about the woman ?
(a) She was a widow who had brought up her children single handedly
(b) She was not a good mother since her children had left home at an early age

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(c) She enjoyed sending her family gifts at festival time
(d) She gave expensive presents to show that she was wealthy

56. What did the boy receive from his mother ?

(a) She taught him the value of patience
(b) She encouraged him to grow up and live independently like his brother
(c) She showed him the importance of giving expensive gifts
(d) She gave him a hug to express her love

57. Which of the following a TRUE in the context of the passage ?

(a) The woman usually ignored her youngest son
(b) The woman's eldest son lived abroad
(c) The members of the woman's family did not care about her
(d) The woman made all the preparations herself since she did not want to burden the servants

Directions: Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word as used in the passage.

58. left

(a) gone
(b) quit
(c) remaining
(d) disappeared

59. packed

(a) filled
(b) squeezed
(c) crowd
(d) collected

60. Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word dejectedly as used in the passage.

(a) calmy
(b) happily
(c) willingly
(d) fortunately

Directions: Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer.

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61. Many multinational companies (a)/have not been as (b)/successful in India. (c)/than we expanded (d)

62. He has ruined (a)/his eyeseight (b)/by not using (c)/No error (d)

63. Mostly of the (a)/newly recruited officers (b)/ have no experience (c)/in the banking sector (d)/

64. The resignation of (a)/one of our directors (b)/ have caused the price. (c)/of shares to fall. (d)

65. There are many (a)/ways of which (b)/inflation can (c)/be measured. (d)

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Directions: Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given blow them.

(A) The able bodied men of the tribe gathered to discuss how to climb the mountain.

(B) As part of their plundering they kidnapped a baby of one of the families.

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(E) There were two tribes in the Andes-one lived in the valley and the other high up in the mountains.

(F) Two days later they noticed the child’s mother coming down the mountain that they hadn’t yet figured out how to climb.

71. Which of the following should be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement ?

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(c) C
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Directions: In each question below a sentence with four words printed in bold type is given. These are numbered as (a), (b), (c) and (d). One of these four words printed in bold may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. The number of that word is year answer.

76. The income (a)/of many people in rural (b)/ India is not adequate (c)/to satisfy (d)/their basic needs.

77. He is always (a)/prompt (b)/in caring (c)/out instructions (d).

78. The revized (a)/rates (b)/of interest will be effective (c)/immediately (d).

79. Such transactions (a)/are quiet (b)/ expensive (c)/ and time consuming (d)/for customers.

80. The guidelines (a)/of the new scheme (b)/are expected (c)/ to be finally (d)/soon.

Directions: In the following passage there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each finve words/phrases are suggested one of which for the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

I used to look (71) to the holidays. I was usually (72) to my uncle's house where I (73) his children., I did not get paid a salary for (74). What I received in return however, was far more (75). My uncle was not avid reader. During the time I spent with his family I had an (78) to read the vast amount of books and magazines that he possessed. This improved my English to some (77). Reading became my new (78)–(79) spending my pocket money on a ticket to the cinema I began to (80) books. This has benefitted me greatly.

81. (a) forward
(b) towards
(c) backward
(d) up

82. (a) went
(b) sent
(c) visited
(d) travelled

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83. (a) cared
(b) occupy
(c) guarded
(d) taught
84. (a) them
(b) whom
(c) this
(d) now
85. (a) expensive
(b) deserving
(c) helping
(d) demanding
86. (a) opportunity
(b) ability
(c) use
(d) encouragement
87. (a) distance
(b) extent
(c) hobby
(d) limits
88. (a) activity
(b) hope
(c) hobby
(d) duty
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(c) by
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90. (a) sell
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