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General Information

● ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

(A) Essential Academic Qualifications :

Graduation in any discipline from a recognized University or any equivalent qualification recognised as such by the Central Government. Those who are in the final year/semester of their graduation may also apply provisionally subject to the condition that, if called for interview.

Candidates having Integrated dual degree (IDD) certificate should ensure that the date of passing the IDD is on or before the stipulated date.

(B) Age Limit :

Not below 21 years and not above 30 years as on stipulated date.

Relaxation in the Upper Age Limit to Reserved Category candidates will be permissible.

● SELECTION PROCEDURE

Phase-I : Preliminary Examination : Preliminary Examination consisting of Objective Tests for 100 marks will be conducted online. This test would be of 1 hour duration consisting of 3 Sections as follows :

SL	Name of Test	No. of Questions	Marks	Duration
1.	English Language	30	30	Composite Time of 1 hour
2.	Quantitative Aptitude	35	35	
3.	Reasoning Ability	35	35	
	Total	100	100	

Candidates have to qualify in each of the three tests by securing passing marks to be decided by the Bank. Adequate number of candidates in each category as decided by the Bank (approximately 20 times the numbers of vacancies subject to availability) will be short listed for the Main Examination.

Phase-II : Main Examination : Main Examination will consist of Objective Tests for 200 marks and Descriptive Test for 50 marks. Both the Objective and Descriptive Tests will be online. Candidates will have to answer Descriptive test by typing on the computer. Immediately after completion of Objective Test, Descriptive Test will be administered.

(i) **Objective Test**—The objective test of 2 hour duration consists of 4 sections with 50 marks each (Total 200 marks) as follows :

- (a) Test of English Language (Grammar, Vocabulary, Comprehension etc.)
- (b) Test of General Awareness, Marketing & Computers
- (c) Test of Data Analysis & Interpretation
- (d) Test of Reasoning (High Level)

The candidates are required to qualify in each of the Tests by securing passing marks, to be decided by the Bank.

(ii) **Descriptive Test**—The Descriptive Test of 1 hour duration with 50 marks will be a Test of English Language (Letter Writing & Essay).

The candidates are required to qualify in the Descriptive Test by securing passing marks, to be decided by the Bank.

Descriptive test paper of only those candidates will be evaluated who have scored qualifying marks in the Objective Tests and are placed adequately high as per total marks in objective test.

Phase-III : Group Discussion (20 Marks) & Interview (30 Marks) :

The aggregate marks of candidates qualifying in both the Objective Tests and Descriptive Test will be arranged in descending order in each category. Adequate number of candidates in each category, as decided by the Bank will be called for Group Discussion and Interview. The qualifying marks in Group Discussion and Interview will be as decided by the Bank.

Final Selection

The marks obtained in the Preliminary Examination (Phase-I) will not be added for the selection and only the marks obtained in Main Examination (Phase-II) will be added to the marks obtained in GD and Interview (Phase-III) for preparation of the final merit list.

The candidates will have to qualify both in Phase-II and Phase-III separately. Marks secured by the candidates in the Written Test (out of 250 marks) are converted to out of 75 and marks secured in Group Discussion and Interview (out of 50 marks) are converted to out of 25. The final merit list is arrived at after aggregating converted marks of Written Test and Group Discussion and Interview out of 100 for each category. The selection will be made from the top merit ranked candidates in each category.

Results of the candidates who have qualified GD & Interview and the list of candidates finally selected will be made available on the Bank's website. Final select list will be published in Employment News/Rozgar Samachar.

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Solved Paper**
(Based on Memory)

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Test-I
Reasoning

Directions—(Q. 1–4) Study the following information and answer the question given below—

J, K, L, M, N, O, P and R are sitting around a circular table facing the centre. Each of them was born in a different year – 1971, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985 and 1990, not necessarily in the same order.

M is sitting second to the right of K. L is sitting third to the right of J. L and J were born before 1980. Only the one born in 1984 is sitting exactly between J and K. N who is the eldest is not an immediate neighbour of J and M. R is older than only M. R is sitting second to the right of P. P is not an immediate neighbour of N. J is younger than L. K was born before O.

- Who is the second eldest in the group ?
(A) J (B) L
(C) K (D) P
(E) None of above
- Who is sitting third to the right of O ?
(A) The one born in 1979
(B) The one born in 1980
(C) The one born in 1985
(D) The one born in 1984
(E) None of these
- In which year was R born ?
(A) 1979 (B) 1975
(C) 1980 (D) 1985
(E) None of these
- Which of the following statements is true regarding K ?
(A) K is sitting fourth to the right of R
(B) The one who was born in 1975 is to the immediate left of K
(C) K is younger than R

- (D) There are four people sitting between N and K
(E) None is true

Directions—(Q. 5–10) In each of the questions below, three statements are given followed by conclusions/group of conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume all the statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from the commonly known facts and then decide which of the given two conclusions logically follows from the information given in the statements.

Give Answer

- (A) If only conclusion I follows
(B) If only conclusion II follows
(C) If either conclusion I or conclusion II follows
(D) If neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows
(E) If both conclusions I and II follow

For Q. 5 and 6

Statements : All pens are books.
Some books are pages.
All pages are papers.

5. **Conclusions** : I. No paper is a pen.
II. At least some pages are pens.
6. **Conclusions** : I. All books are papers.
II. Some books are papers.

For Q. 7 and 8

Statements : Some Ds are Gs.
All Gs are Ks.
All Ks are Ls.

7. **Conclusions** : I. At least some Ds are Ls.
II. All Gs are Ls.
8. **Conclusions** : I. At least some Ks are Ds.
II. All Ds are Ls.

For Q. 9 and 10

Statements : Some files are folders.
All folders are pockets.
No pockets is a bag.

9. **Conclusions** : I. All pockets are files.
II. All files are bags.
10. **Conclusions** : I. At least some bags are folders.
II. All folders are files.

Directions—(Q. 11–14) Following are steps of an input. Rearrange them and answer the questions—

Input

- (a) metal offer arrange blue kite
(b) arrange blue kite metal offer
(c) kite metal offer arrange blue
(d) offer arrange blue kite metal
(e) blue kite metal offer arrange

11. Which of the following is step III ?
(A) (a) (B) (b)
(C) (c) (D) (d)
(E) (e)
12. Which of the following is first from the right end of step II ?
(A) arrange (B) kite
(C) metal (D) blue
(E) None of above
13. Which of the following is step V ?
(A) (a) (B) (b)
(C) (c) (D) (d)
(E) (e)
14. Which of the following is step IV ?
(A) (a) (B) (b)
(C) (c) (D) (d)
(E) (e)

Directions—(Q. 15 and 16) Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and so form a group. Which one does not belong to the group ?

15. (A) Stem (B) Branch
(C) Leaf (D) Web
(E) Fruit
16. (A) Clone (B) Replica
(C) Duplicate (D) Copy
(E) Fake

Directions—(Q. 17–21) Study the following information and answer the questions that follow—

In a certain code language, 'hope to see you' is coded as 're so na di', 'please come to see the

party' is coded as 'fi ge na di ke zo', 'hope to come' is coded as 'di so ge' and 'see you the party' is coded as 're fi zo na'.

17. How is 'please' coded in the given code language ?
(A) di (B) ke
(C) fi (D) na
(E) None of above
18. What does the code 'so' stand for in the given code language ?
(A) hope (B) come
(C) see (D) to
(E) None of these
19. How is 'party' coded in the given code language ?
(A) Either 're' or 'fi'
(B) Either 'zo' or 'na'
(C) Either 'zo' or 'fi'
(D) Either 'zo' or 'ge'
(E) Either 'ke' or 'fi'
20. How will 'please see you' be coded in the given code language ?
(A) re na ke (B) so re na
(C) zo re na (D) na di ke
(E) ke re ge
21. Which one of the following will be coded as 'so di re' in the given code language ?
(A) you see hope (B) hope you please
(C) hope you come (D) the hope to
(E) you hope to

Directions—(Q. 22–25) In these questions, relationship between different elements is shown in the statements. These statements are followed by two conclusions.

Mark answer

- (A) If only conclusion I follows
(B) If only conclusion II follows
(C) If either conclusion I or II follows
(D) If neither conclusion I nor II follows
(E) If both conclusions I and II follow
22. **Statement** : $A \geq B = C; B < D \leq E$
Conclusions : I. $D > A$
II. $E > C$
23. **Statement** : $L > U \geq K; Z < U < R$
I. $L > Z$
II. $K < R$

24. **Statement** : $Y < J = P \geq R > I$

Conclusions : I. $J > I$
II. $Y < R$

25. **Statement** : $V \geq K > M = N; M > S; T < K$

Conclusions : I. $T < N$
II. $V = S$

Directions—(Q. 26–30) Each of the questions below consists of a question and two statements numbered I and II given below it. you have to decide whether the data given in the statements are sufficient to answer the questions.

Read both the statements and—

Give Answer

(A) If the data in statement I alone are sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement II alone are not sufficient to answer the question

(B) If the data in statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question, while the data in statement I alone are not sufficient to answer the question

(C) If the data either in statement I alone or statement II alone are sufficient to answer the question

(D) If the data given in both statements I and II together are not sufficient to answer the question

(E) If the data in both statements I and II together are necessary to answer the questions

26. How is J related to K ?

I. J's father P is the brother of N. N is K's wife.

II. J is the son of P. P is the brother of N. N is K's wife.

27. On which floor of the building does G stay. (The building has five floors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) ?

I. Only the even numbered floors are occupied and G does not stay on the second floor.

II. G does not stay on an odd numbered floor.

28. How many days did Raju take to complete his assignment ?

I. Mohit correctly remembers that Raju took more than 3 days but less than 9 days to complete his assignment.

II. Mina correctly remembers that Raju took more than 7 days but less than 11 days to complete his assignment.

29. How is the word 'GATES' coded in the code language ?

I. 'BRICK' is coded as 'LDJSC' and 'PIN' is coded as 'OJQ'.

II. 'WATER' is coded as 'SFUBX' and 'DISH' is coded as 'ITJE'.

30. Among A, B, C, D which school has the highest number of students ?

I. School A has lesser students than school D.

II. School C has lesser students than school D.

Directions—(Q. 31–35) In these questions, relationship between different elements is shown in the statements. The statements are followed by two conclusions.

Give Answer

(A) If only conclusion I is true

(B) If only conclusion II is true

(C) If only conclusion I or II is true

(D) If only conclusion I nor II is true

(E) If both conclusions I and II are true

31. **Statement** : $T < P \leq U; L > U \leq K; P \geq R$

Conclusions : I. $K \geq R$
II. $L > R$

32. **Statement** : $H = I \leq R; M \geq R < S$

Conclusions : I. $M = I$
II. $M > I$

33. **Statement** : $D > H \geq N; S > I \leq H$

Conclusions : I. $N \leq S$
II. $I < D$

34. **Statement** : $P \leq O < I; P > Y > W$

Conclusions : I. $Y \leq I$
II. $O > W$

35. **Statement** : $A \geq B > C \geq F; Z < C \leq D < E$

Conclusions : I. $A > Z$
II. $F < E$

Directions—(Q. 36–40) Study the following information to answer the given questions—

Six people—C, D, E, F, G and H are standing in a straight line facing north not necessarily in the

same order. D is standing second to the right of F. C is standing fourth to the left of H and H is not standing on the extreme end of the line. E is standing second to the right of D.

36. What is the position of G with respect to E ?
 (A) Immediate left (B) Second to the left
 (C) Third to the left (D) Third to the right
 (E) None of above
37. Which of the following pairs represents the people standing at the extreme ends of the line ?
 (A) FH (B) CE
 (C) DE (D) CH
 (E) None of above
38. Who is standing second to the right of C ?
 (A) F (B) D
 (C) G (D) E
 (E) None of above
39. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on their positions in the above arrangement and so form a group. Which of the following does not belong to the group ?
 (A) CG (B) GE
 (C) GH (D) DE
 (E) FD
40. If all the people are asked to stand in an alphabetical order from left to right, the positions of how many will remain unchanged ?
 (A) One (B) Two
 (C) Three (D) None
 (E) None of above

Directions—(Q. 41–45) In each question below is given a statement followed by three courses of action lettered (a), (b) and (c). A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to Assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

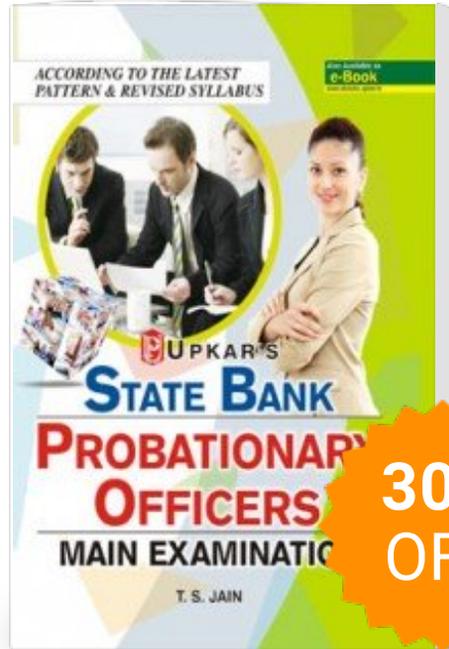
41. **Statement :**

There has been a continuous increase in the number of dropout of student of Govt. run primary schools in the state.

Courses of action :

- (a) Govt. should immediately set up a committee to review the situation and suggest measures to reverse the trend.
 (b) Govt. should conduct orientation programmes for parents of the students emphasizing on the need for educating their children.
 (c) Govt. should close down such state run primary schools where dropout rates are more than fifty per cent.
 (A) Only (a) follows
 (B) Only (b) follows
 (C) Only (c) follows
 (D) Only (a) and (b) follow
 (E) None of above
42. **Statement :** Every year during monsoon condition, most of the roads in the city deteriorates causing immense problem to the commuters.
Courses of action :
 (a) The civic body should include a heavy Penalty clause while awarding future contracts for road repairs.
 (b) The civic officials in charge of maintenance of city roads should be asked to explain why the condition of the roads worsens every year.
 (c) General public should avoid taking their vehicles out during monsoon.
 (A) Only (a) follows
 (B) Only (b) follows
 (C) Only (a) and (b) follow
 (D) Only (b) and (c) follow
 (E) None of above
43. **Statement :** During the past few days more and more number of indoor patients of the local Govt. hospital are diagnosed to be suffering from malaria.
Courses of action :
 (a) All such patients who are suffering from malaria should immediately be discharged from the hospital,
 (b) The hospital authority should immediately put a ban on admitting new patients into the hospital.
 (c) All such patients who are suffering from malaria should be kept in an isolated ward.

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