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Practice questions

Verbal Ability: Vocabulary

1. Choose the word closest in meaning to EPHEMERAL.

A. everlasting
B. heavenly
C. unavoidable
D. short-lived

2. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to MAGNANIMOUS.

A. generous
B. courageous
C. prominent
D. petty

3. In the sentence "The manager's terse reply left little room for further discussion," the word TERSE most nearly means:

A. detailed and thorough
B. brief and curt
C. warm and polite
D. vague and confusing

4. Choose the word closest in meaning to AMELIORATE.

A. improve
B. worsen
C. measure
D. postpone

5. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to VERBOSE.

A. concise
B. wordy
C. eloquent
D. boisterous

6. In the sentence "Her candor during the hearing impressed the panel," the word CANDOR most nearly means:

A. elegance
B. composure
C. frankness
D. expertise

7. Choose the word closest in meaning to OBSOLETE.

A. rare
B. outdated
C. fragile
D. costly

8. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to FRUGAL.

A. thrifty
B. extravagant
C. modest
D. prudent

9. In the sentence "The new dikes were built to mitigate the effects of seasonal flooding," the word MITIGATE most nearly means:

A. lessen
B. investigate
C. publicize
D. record

10. Choose the word closest in meaning to IMPARTIAL.

A. incomplete
B. impatient
C. uninformed
D. unbiased

11. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to LUCID.

A. clear
B. bright
C. confusing
D. logical

12. In the sentence "The senator's remarks were so ambiguous that reporters interpreted them in different ways," the word AMBIGUOUS most nearly means:

A. open to more than one meaning
B. deliberately offensive
C. excessively long
D. delivered without preparation

13. Choose the word closest in meaning to DILIGENT.

A. intelligent
B. obedient
C. cautious
D. hardworking

14. Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to BENEVOLENT.

A. kindly
B. wealthy
C. tolerant
D. malevolent

15. In the sentence "The auditor noted several discrepancies between the ledger and the bank statement," the word DISCREPANCIES most nearly means:

A. similarities
B. signatures
C. inconsistencies
D. deposits

Verbal Ability: Grammar and Correct Usage

16. Choose the correct verb: "Neither the supervisor nor the clerks ___ aware of the new memorandum."

A. were
B. was
C. is
D. has been

17. Choose the correct verb: "Each of the applicants ___ required to submit an official transcript."

A. are
B. is
C. were
D. have been

18. Identify the part of the sentence that contains an error: "The number of applicants / who passed the examination / have increased / this year."

A. The number of applicants
B. who passed the examination
C. this year
D. have increased

19. Choose the correct verb form: "By the time the inspectors arrive tomorrow, the staff ___ all the files."

A. organized
B. had organized
C. have organized
D. will have organized

20. Choose the correct pronoun: "The plaque of appreciation was given to Maria and ___."

A. me
B. I
C. myself
D. mine

21. Choose the correct pronoun: "To ___ should the request for leave be addressed?"

A. whom
B. who
C. whose
D. whoever

22. Choose the correct preposition: "She has been working at the agency ___ 2015."

A. for
B. during
C. since
D. until

23. Choose the correct verb: "Mathematics ___ his strongest subject when he was in college."

A. were
B. have been
C. was
D. are

24. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

A. If I was the chairperson, I will approve the request.
B. If I am the chairperson, I would approve the request.
C. If I were the chairperson, I will approve the request.
D. If I were the chairperson, I would approve the request.

25. Choose the correct verb: "The team leader, together with her assistants, ___ expected at the briefing."

A. are
B. were
C. is
D. have been

26. Identify the part of the sentence that contains an error: "Despite of / the heavy rain, / the volunteers continued / distributing relief goods."

A. the heavy rain,
B. the volunteers continued
C. Despite of
D. distributing relief goods.

27. Choose the correct verb form: "I ___ the report when the power suddenly went out, so I lost my unsaved work."

A. have typed
B. am typing
C. will type
D. was typing

28. Choose the correct form: "Of the three proposals submitted, the second is the ___."

A. more practical
B. practicaler
C. most practicalest
D. most practical

29. Choose the correct word: "Hardly ___ the meeting started when the fire alarm rang."

A. did
B. has
C. had
D. was

30. Which sentence shows correct parallel structure?

A. The job requires planning budgets, supervising staff, and preparing reports.
B. The job requires planning budgets, to supervise staff, and preparation of reports.
C. The job requires to plan budgets, supervising staff, and reports preparation.
D. The job requires planning budgets, supervise staff, and to prepare reports.

Verbal Ability: Reading Comprehension and Paragraph Organization

31. Read the passage: "Mangrove forests line many tropical coasts. Their dense, tangled roots slow incoming waves and trap sediment, which helps shield coastal communities from storm surges and erosion. The roots also shelter young fish and crabs, making mangroves nurseries for many species that fishers later catch in open water. Despite these benefits, large areas of mangroves have been cleared for fishponds and coastal development." Which statement best expresses the main idea?

A. Fishponds are more profitable than mangrove forests.
B. Mangroves provide important protective and ecological benefits but have been lost to human activity.
C. Storm surges are the main cause of coastal erosion.
D. Young fish can survive only among mangrove roots.

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A. greater coastal erosion and smaller fish catches over time
B. an immediate rise in wild fish populations
C. fewer storm surges reaching the coast
D. more sediment being trapped along the shore

33. Read the passage: "Many companies have adopted open-plan offices, believing that removing walls will encourage employees to talk and collaborate. Some studies, however, have found that workers in open offices often react to the loss of privacy by wearing headphones, sending more emails, and speaking face to face less often. Designers have therefore begun combining open areas with small rooms where employees can work quietly or hold private conversations." Which statement best expresses the main idea?

A. Open-plan offices are cheaper to build than traditional offices.
B. Employees prefer email to face-to-face conversation in every workplace.
C. Open-plan offices do not always produce the collaboration expected of them, leading to more balanced designs.
D. All offices should return to fully enclosed rooms.

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A. By requesting transfers to other branches
B. By wearing headphones and relying more on email
C. By holding more frequent group meetings
D. By moving their desks closer together

35. Read the passage: "A city government introduced a small fee for plastic shopping bags. Within a year, the number of bags handed out by supermarkets fell sharply, while sales of reusable bags rose. Critics had predicted that shoppers would simply take their business to stores outside the city, but sales records showed no significant drop in the revenue of city supermarkets." Which conclusion is best supported by the passage?

A. Shoppers moved their purchases to stores outside the city.
B. The fee was withdrawn because of public opposition.
C. The fee reduced plastic bag use without noticeably hurting city supermarket sales.
D. Plastic bags became more popular after the fee was introduced.

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A. pollution caused by reusable bags
B. loss of business for stores within the city
C. the cost of enforcing the fee
D. the poor quality of plastic bags

37. Read the passage: "Some people treat a long list of finished tasks as proof of a productive day. Yet completing twenty minor chores may matter less than making real progress on one difficult, important project. Productivity is better measured by the value of what is accomplished than by the number of items crossed off a list." What is the author's main point?

A. To-do lists are useless and should be abandoned.
B. Productivity should be judged by the importance of results rather than the number of tasks completed.
C. Difficult projects should always be done first thing in the morning.
D. Minor chores should never be done during working hours.

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A. The more tasks a person finishes, the more productive that person is.
B. Important projects should always be divided among many people.
C. Making lists helps people avoid all difficult work.
D. A person who makes progress on one crucial task may have had a more productive day than one who finishes many trivial ones.

39. Read the passage: "Before the printing press, books in Europe were copied by hand, a slow process that made them scarce and expensive. Once printing allowed many identical copies to be made quickly, books became cheaper and more widely available. Historians link this change to rising literacy and the faster spread of new ideas." Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

A. Hand-copied books contained no errors.
B. Before printing, relatively few people owned books.
C. The printing press was invented mainly to promote literacy.
D. Literacy declined after printing became common.

40. Read the passage: "A farmer noticed that one corner of her field always produced smaller crops. Soil tests showed normal nutrient levels there. She later observed that water running off a nearby road collected in that corner after every heavy rain." Which explanation for the smaller crops does the passage most strongly suggest?

A. A lack of nutrients in that part of the soil
B. Excessive sunlight in that corner of the field
C. Waterlogging caused by poor drainage in that corner
D. Seeds of lower quality planted in that corner

41. Arrange the sentences in logical order: (1) After the list was approved, she invited suppliers to submit quotations. (2) First, the procurement officer listed the items the office needed. (3) Finally, she awarded the contract to the supplier with the lowest responsive offer. (4) Once the quotations came in, she checked each one against the technical requirements.

A. 2-1-4-3
B. 2-4-1-3
C. 1-2-4-3
D. 2-1-3-4

42. Arrange the sentences in logical order: (1) As pressure builds, the magma forces its way upward through cracks in the crust. (2) Deep underground, intense heat melts rock into magma. (3) When it finally reaches the surface, it erupts as lava. (4) Because magma is less dense than the surrounding solid rock, it begins to rise.

A. 2-1-4-3
B. 4-2-1-3
C. 2-4-3-1
D. 2-4-1-3

43. Consider these sentences: "It improves blood circulation. It also helps control weight and reduces stress. In addition, people who do it regularly tend to sleep better." Which sentence would best serve as the topic sentence placed before them?

A. Many people dislike going to the gym.
B. Regular exercise brings several benefits to physical and mental health.
C. Sleep is essential for good health.
D. Exercise equipment has become more affordable.

44. Which sentence does NOT belong in the paragraph? (1) Coral reefs cover only a small fraction of the ocean floor. (2) Yet they support a remarkable share of all marine species. (3) Deep-sea fish have adapted to living in total darkness. (4) Reefs also protect shorelines by breaking the force of incoming waves.

A. Sentence 1
B. Sentence 2
C. Sentence 3
D. Sentence 4

45. Arrange the sentences of this letter in logical order: (1) Our office ordered fifty folding chairs from your company last month. (2) We therefore request replacement of the damaged items. (3) However, the shipment arrived two weeks late, and several boxes were damaged. (4) The order was confirmed with a promised delivery within ten days.

A. 1-4-3-2
B. 1-3-4-2
C. 4-1-3-2
D. 1-4-2-3

Analytical Ability: Analogy and Logic

46. PHYSICIAN is to HOSPITAL as TEACHER is to:

A. student
B. school
C. lesson
D. chalk

47. PEN is to WRITE as KNIFE is to:

A. cut
B. sharp
C. kitchen
D. blade

48. DROUGHT is to RAIN as FAMINE is to:

A. hunger
B. poverty
C. disease
D. food

49. STANZA is to POEM as SCENE is to:

A. actor
B. audience
C. play
D. curtain

50. ARCHIVE is to DOCUMENTS as GRANARY is to:

A. farmers
B. grain
C. harvest
D. field

51. All inspectors are employees. All employees are taxpayers. Which conclusion necessarily follows?

A. All inspectors are taxpayers.
B. All taxpayers are inspectors.
C. Some taxpayers are not employees.
D. No employee is an inspector.

52. No reptiles are mammals. All snakes are reptiles. Which conclusion necessarily follows?

A. Some mammals are snakes.
B. All reptiles are snakes.
C. Some snakes are mammals.
D. No snakes are mammals.

53. Some clerks are typists. All typists are graduates. Which statement must be true?

A. All clerks are graduates.
B. Some clerks are graduates.
C. All graduates are typists.
D. Some typists are not clerks.

54. What letter comes next in the series? A, C, F, J, O, ...

A. T
B. U
C. V
D. S

55. What number comes next in the series? 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, ...

A. 42
B. 40
C. 36
D. 44

56. What comes next in the series? AZ, BY, CX, ...

A. DV
B. DW
C. EW
D. CW

57. In a certain code, CAT is written as DBU. How is DOG written in the same code?

A. CNF
B. EPG
C. EPH
D. FQI

58. Is x greater than 10? (1) x is greater than 8. (2) x is an even number less than 14. Which choice describes the statements?

A. The statements together are still not sufficient
B. Statement (1) alone is sufficient, but (2) alone is not
C. Statement (2) alone is sufficient, but (1) alone is not
D. Both statements together are sufficient, but neither alone is

59. What is the value of y? (1) 2y + 3 = 11. (2) y is positive. Which choice describes the statements?

A. Statement (2) alone is sufficient, but (1) alone is not
B. Both statements together are sufficient, but neither alone is
C. Statement (1) alone is sufficient, but (2) alone is not
D. The statements together are still not sufficient

60. What is the price of one notebook? (1) Three notebooks and two pens cost PHP 130 in all. (2) One pen costs PHP 20. Which choice describes the statements?

A. Statement (1) alone is sufficient, but (2) alone is not
B. Statement (2) alone is sufficient, but (1) alone is not
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61. Is the integer n odd? (1) n + 4 is greater than 9. (2) 3n is odd. Which choice describes the statements?

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B. Both statements together are sufficient, but neither alone is
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62. If it rains, the outdoor ceremony will be cancelled. The outdoor ceremony was not cancelled. What can be validly concluded?

A. It rained.
B. The ceremony was moved indoors.
C. It did not rain.
D. It rained only after the ceremony.

63. Five employees, P, Q, R, S and T, sit in a row of five seats. P sits at the far left and T at the far right. Q sits immediately to the left of R. S does not sit next to P. Who sits in the middle seat?

A. R
B. Q
C. S
D. P

64. Maria is taller than Joy. Joy is taller than Liza. Carla is shorter than Liza. Who is the shortest?

A. Carla
B. Liza
C. Joy
D. Maria

65. A man walks 5 km north, turns right and walks 3 km, then turns right again and walks 5 km. Where is he now relative to his starting point?

A. 3 km west
B. 5 km north
C. 13 km east
D. 3 km east

Numerical Ability

66. What is 15% of 240?

A. 32
B. 30
C. 36
D. 40

67. The price of an item rises from PHP 800 to PHP 920. What is the percent increase?

A. 12%
B. 15%
C. 13%
D. 20%

68. An appliance tagged at PHP 1,250 is sold at 20% off, and then a further 10% is taken off the reduced price. What is the final price?

A. PHP 900
B. PHP 875
C. PHP 950
D. PHP 925

69. PHP 36,000 is divided among A, B and C in the ratio 2:3:4. How much does B receive?

A. PHP 8,000
B. PHP 16,000
C. PHP 9,000
D. PHP 12,000

70. A can finish a job in 6 days and B can finish it in 12 days. Working together, how many days will they need?

A. 9 days
B. 3 days
C. 4 days
D. 6 days

71. A pipe can fill a tank in 4 hours, while a drain can empty it in 6 hours. If both are open, how long will it take to fill the empty tank?

A. 10 hours
B. 2.4 hours
C. 8 hours
D. 12 hours

72. A car travels 180 km in 2.5 hours. What is its average speed?

A. 70 km/h
B. 75 km/h
C. 72 km/h
D. 68 km/h

73. What is the average of the scores 82, 90, 76, 88 and 84?

A. 83
B. 85
C. 84
D. 86

74. The average of four numbers is 25. When a fifth number is added, the average becomes 28. What is the fifth number?

A. 40
B. 28
C. 31
D. 37

75. How much simple interest does PHP 50,000 earn in 3 years at 6% per year?

A. PHP 3,000
B. PHP 9,000
C. PHP 18,000
D. PHP 6,000

76. What principal will earn PHP 4,800 in simple interest in 2 years at 8% per year?

A. PHP 38,400
B. PHP 24,000
C. PHP 60,000
D. PHP 30,000

77. A 20-liter solution is 30% alcohol. How many liters of water must be added to make it 20% alcohol?

A. 5 liters
B. 8 liters
C. 12 liters
D. 10 liters

78. Rice costing PHP 40 per kg is mixed with rice costing PHP 55 per kg to make 30 kg worth PHP 45 per kg. How many kg of the PHP 40 rice are used?

A. 20 kg
B. 10 kg
C. 15 kg
D. 18 kg

79. What number comes next? 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, ...

A. 125
B. 126
C. 95
D. 127

80. What number comes next? 81, 27, 9, 3, ...

A. 1
B. 0
C. 1/3
D. 2

81. What number comes next? 5, 8, 13, 20, 29, ...

A. 38
B. 41
C. 36
D. 40

82. If 12% of a PHP 25,000 monthly salary is withheld, how much is left?

A. PHP 22,500
B. PHP 22,000
C. PHP 3,000
D. PHP 21,000

83. 45 is 18% of what number?

A. 225
B. 270
C. 250
D. 300

84. The ratio of boys to girls in a class of 40 is 3:5. How many girls are there?

A. 15
B. 25
C. 24
D. 20

85. A father is three times as old as his son. In 12 years, he will be twice as old as his son. How old is the son now?

A. 36
B. 12
C. 10
D. 16

86. A vendor buys goods for PHP 2,400 and sells them for PHP 3,000. What is the percent profit based on cost?

A. 25%
B. 20%
C. 30%
D. 24%

87. Two trains 300 km apart travel toward each other at 70 km/h and 80 km/h. After how many hours will they meet?

A. 2.5 hours
B. 1.5 hours
C. 3 hours
D. 2 hours

88. Eight workers can finish a project in 15 days. Working at the same rate, how many days would 12 workers need?

A. 12 days
B. 22.5 days
C. 9 days
D. 10 days

89. What is 3/4 of 2/5 of 600?

A. 200
B. 180
C. 240
D. 150

90. A town's population grows by 10% in one year and by another 10% the next year. What is the total percent increase over the two years?

A. 20%
B. 22%
C. 21%
D. 19%

General Information: Constitution, Ethics, Human Rights and Environment

91. In the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the Bill of Rights is found in which Article?

A. Article II
B. Article IV
C. Article VI
D. Article III

92. Under the 1987 Constitution, natural-born citizens of the Philippines are those who:

A. were born in Philippine territory regardless of their parents' citizenship
B. are citizens from birth without having to perform any act to acquire or perfect their citizenship
C. have lived in the Philippines for at least ten years
D. were naturalized before reaching the age of majority

93. Under Article V of the 1987 Constitution, a qualified voter must have resided in the Philippines and in the place where he or she proposes to vote for at least how long immediately before the election?

A. One year in the Philippines and six months in the place of voting
B. Six months in the Philippines and one year in the place of voting
C. Two years in the Philippines and one year in the place of voting
D. Three months in the Philippines and one month in the place of voting

94. Under the 1987 Constitution, legislative power is vested in:

A. the President of the Philippines
B. the Congress of the Philippines, consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives
C. the Senate alone
D. the Supreme Court and the lower courts

95. Under the 1987 Constitution, what is the term of office of the President?

A. Four years, with one reelection allowed
B. Six years, with one reelection allowed
C. Six years, without eligibility for reelection
D. Five years, without eligibility for reelection

96. Under the 1987 Constitution, a Senator may serve for no more than how many consecutive terms?

A. Two
B. Three
C. One
D. Four

97. Under the 1987 Constitution, what is the term of office of a Member of the House of Representatives?

A. Six years
B. Three years
C. Four years
D. Two years

98. Under Article IX-B of the 1987 Constitution, the civil service includes government-owned or controlled corporations that:

A. were organized under the general corporation law
B. are listed on the stock exchange
C. operate only outside Metro Manila
D. have original charters

99. Under Article IX-B of the 1987 Constitution, appointments in the civil service shall be made only according to:

A. seniority in government service
B. merit and fitness, determined as far as practicable by competitive examination
C. the endorsement of the ruling political party
D. length of residence in the locality

100. The constitutional rule that no officer or employee of the civil service shall be removed or suspended except for cause provided by law is known as:

A. the doctrine of qualified political agency
B. security of tenure
C. the rule on nepotism
D. presidential immunity from suit

101. Under Article IX-B of the 1987 Constitution, officers and employees in the civil service are prohibited from:

A. engaging directly or indirectly in any electioneering or partisan political campaign
B. joining employee associations or unions
C. voting in national and local elections
D. pursuing graduate studies

102. Which statement about government employees is consistent with Article IX-B of the 1987 Constitution?

A. They may not form or join any association.
B. They may campaign for candidates as long as they are off duty.
C. The right to self-organization shall not be denied to them.
D. They may receive double compensation without any law authorizing it.

103. Under the 1987 Constitution, a public officer may accept a title or office from a foreign government only with the consent of:

A. the Congress
B. the President
C. the Civil Service Commission
D. the Supreme Court

104. Under the 1987 Constitution, the Civil Service Commission is composed of:

A. a Chairman and four Commissioners
B. a Chairman and six Commissioners
C. a Chairman and two Commissioners
D. three Commissioners who take turns as Chairman

105. Republic Act No. 6713 is known as the:

A. Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act
B. Government Procurement Reform Act
C. Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees
D. Anti-Red Tape Act

106. Which of the following is one of the norms of conduct of public officials and employees under RA 6713?

A. Seniority
B. Simple living
C. Party loyalty
D. Maximization of personal income

107. A government official regularly displays luxury vehicles and expensive jewelry far beyond what his salary could support. Which norm of conduct under RA 6713 does this behavior most directly violate?

A. Simple living
B. Responsiveness to the public
C. Nationalism and patriotism
D. Commitment to democracy

108. A permit clerk serves applicants who belong to his political party ahead of everyone else. Which norm of conduct under RA 6713 is most directly violated?

A. Political neutrality
B. Simple living
C. Nationalism and patriotism
D. Commitment to democracy

109. Under RA 6713, the Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALN) of a public official must include the assets and liabilities of:

A. the official alone
B. the official and all children regardless of age
C. the official, the spouse, the parents and the siblings
D. the official, the spouse, and unmarried children under eighteen living in their household

110. Under RA 6713, a newly appointed public official must first file a Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth within how many days after assuming office?

A. 60 days
B. 30 days
C. 15 days
D. 90 days

111. Under RA 6713, public officials and employees must act on letters and requests from the public within how many working days from receipt?

A. 5 working days
B. 30 working days
C. 15 working days
D. 45 working days

112. Which independent office created by the 1987 Constitution is tasked with investigating human rights violations involving civil and political rights?

A. The Commission on Audit
B. The Commission on Human Rights
C. The Civil Service Commission
D. The Commission on Elections

113. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by which body?

A. The United Nations General Assembly
B. The United Nations Security Council
C. The International Court of Justice
D. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations

114. Under Article III of the 1987 Constitution, a person under investigation for the commission of an offense has the right:

A. to be released without bail in every case
B. to choose the judge who will hear the case
C. to be tried only by a jury of fellow residents
D. to remain silent and to have competent and independent counsel, preferably of his own choice

115. Under the 1987 Constitution, the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus may be suspended only in cases of:

A. invasion or rebellion, when public safety requires it
B. a severe economic crisis
C. a sharp rise in crime rates
D. any natural calamity declared by the President

116. Under Article III of the 1987 Constitution, probable cause for issuing a search warrant must be determined personally by:

A. the arresting officer
B. the barangay captain
C. the chief of police
D. a judge

117. Republic Act No. 9003 is known as the:

A. Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999
B. Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004
C. Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000
D. Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act

118. Under RA 9003, the facility to be set up in every barangay or cluster of barangays to receive, sort and process compostable and recyclable materials is called a:

A. Sanitary Landfill
B. Materials Recovery Facility
C. Waste Incineration Plant
D. Hazardous Waste Treatment Center

119. What is the primary aim of RA 8749, the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999?

A. To regulate the collection and disposal of solid waste
B. To protect and manage watersheds and river basins
C. To achieve and maintain healthy air quality by controlling pollution from stationary and mobile sources
D. To regulate the grant of mining permits

120. Article II of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to:

A. unlimited use of natural resources for economic growth
B. free ownership of all public lands
C. a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature
D. exclusive private control of forests and waters

Answer key

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1. D. short-lived

Ephemeral describes something that lasts only a very short time.

2. D. petty

Magnanimous means noble and forgiving in spirit; petty, meaning small-minded and spiteful, is its opposite.

3. B. brief and curt

A terse reply uses few words and sounds abrupt, which is why it discouraged further discussion.

4. A. improve

To ameliorate a condition is to make it better.

5. A. concise

Verbose means using more words than needed; concise means expressing much in few words.

6. C. frankness

Candor is the quality of being open, honest and direct in speech.

7. B. outdated

Something obsolete is no longer in use because it has been replaced by something newer.

8. B. extravagant

Frugal means sparing in spending; extravagant means spending lavishly or wastefully.

9. A. lessen

To mitigate is to make something less severe; the dikes reduce, rather than study or announce, the flood damage.

10. D. unbiased

An impartial person treats all sides equally, without favoring any of them.

11. C. confusing

Lucid means clearly expressed and easy to understand; confusing is the opposite.

12. A. open to more than one meaning

The clue is that reporters understood the remarks differently, which happens when words can be read in more than one way.

13. D. hardworking

A diligent person shows steady, careful effort in work or duties.

14. D. malevolent

Benevolent means well-meaning and kind; malevolent means wishing harm to others.

15. C. inconsistencies

A discrepancy is a difference or lack of agreement between things that should match.

16. A. were

With "neither...nor", the verb agrees with the nearer subject; "clerks" is plural, so "were" is correct.

17. B. is

"Each" is singular and is the true subject, so it takes the singular verb "is".

18. D. have increased

"The number of" is singular, so the verb should be "has increased".

19. D. will have organized

The future perfect describes an action that will be completed before another future event.

20. A. me

The pronoun is an object of the preposition "to", so the objective case "me" is required.

21. A. whom

The pronoun is the object of the preposition "to", so the objective form "whom" is correct.

22. C. since

"Since" introduces a starting point in time with the present perfect; "for" is used with a length of time.

23. C. was

Subjects of study ending in -s, like mathematics, are singular, and the time clause calls for the past tense.

24. D. If I were the chairperson, I would approve the request.

A hypothetical condition uses the subjunctive "were" in the if-clause and "would" in the main clause.

25. C. is

Phrases such as "together with" do not change the subject; "team leader" is singular, so "is" is correct.

26. C. Despite of

"Despite" is not followed by "of"; the correct form is "Despite the heavy rain" or "In spite of the heavy rain".

27. D. was typing

The past progressive shows an action in progress that was interrupted by another past event.

28. D. most practical

When comparing three or more items, use the superlative; longer adjectives form it with "most".

29. C. had

In the inverted structure "Hardly had ... when", the past perfect is used for the earlier of two past events.

30. A. The job requires planning budgets, supervising staff, and preparing reports.

Items in a series should share the same grammatical form; here all three are gerund phrases.

31. B. Mangroves provide important protective and ecological benefits but have been lost to human activity.

The passage lists the benefits of mangroves and ends by noting their clearing, which this statement captures.

32. A. greater coastal erosion and smaller fish catches over time

If roots that block waves and shelter young fish are removed, erosion should increase and fewer fish should mature for fishers to catch.

33. C. Open-plan offices do not always produce the collaboration expected of them, leading to more balanced designs.

The passage contrasts the intended benefit of open offices with what studies found and the resulting mixed designs.

34. B. By wearing headphones and relying more on email

The passage states that workers wore headphones, sent more emails, and talked face to face less often.

35. C. The fee reduced plastic bag use without noticeably hurting city supermarket sales.

Bag distribution fell sharply while supermarket revenue showed no significant drop.

36. B. loss of business for stores within the city

Critics expected shoppers to take their business elsewhere, which would hurt city stores.

37. B. Productivity should be judged by the importance of results rather than the number of tasks completed.

The final sentence states the thesis: value accomplished matters more than items crossed off.

38. D. A person who makes progress on one crucial task may have had a more productive day than one who finishes many trivial ones.

The author argues that one important accomplishment can outweigh many minor ones.

39. B. Before printing, relatively few people owned books.

Since hand-copied books were scarce and expensive, it follows that few people could own them.

40. C. Waterlogging caused by poor drainage in that corner

Normal soil tests rule out nutrients, and the pooling runoff points to waterlogged soil.

41. A. 2-1-4-3

The list comes first, then the invitation, then evaluation of the quotations received, and finally the award.

42. D. 2-4-1-3

Magma must first form, then begin rising because it is less dense, then push through cracks, and finally erupt.

43. B. Regular exercise brings several benefits to physical and mental health.

Each sentence names a benefit of exercise, so the topic sentence should introduce those benefits.

44. C. Sentence 3

Sentences 1, 2 and 4 discuss coral reefs and their value; sentence 3 shifts to deep-sea fish.

45. A. 1-4-3-2

The letter states the order, its confirmed terms, the problem ("However"), and then the request ("therefore").

46. B. school

A physician typically works in a hospital, just as a teacher typically works in a school.

47. A. cut

The relationship is tool to function: a pen is used to write and a knife is used to cut.

48. D. food

A drought is a severe lack of rain; a famine is a severe lack of food.

49. C. play

A stanza is a division of a poem, just as a scene is a division of a play.

50. B. grain

An archive is a place where documents are stored, and a granary is a place where grain is stored.

51. A. All inspectors are taxpayers.

If every inspector is an employee and every employee is a taxpayer, every inspector must be a taxpayer.

52. D. No snakes are mammals.

Snakes fall entirely within reptiles, and reptiles share no members with mammals, so no snake is a mammal.

53. B. Some clerks are graduates.

The clerks who are typists must also be graduates, so at least some clerks are graduates.

54. B. U

The gaps grow by one: +2, +3, +4, +5, so the next gap is +6. O is the 15th letter, and the 21st letter is U.

55. A. 42

The differences are 4, 6, 8, 10, so the next difference is 12: 30 + 12 = 42.

56. B. DW

The first letter moves forward one step (A, B, C, D) while the second moves backward one step (Z, Y, X, W).

57. C. EPH

Each letter is shifted one place forward: D to E, O to P, G to H.

58. A. The statements together are still not sufficient

Together the statements allow x = 10 or x = 12; one is not greater than 10 and the other is, so the question cannot be answered.

59. C. Statement (1) alone is sufficient, but (2) alone is not

Statement (1) gives 2y = 8, so y = 4. Statement (2) only says y is positive and allows many values.

60. D. Both statements together are sufficient, but neither alone is

Neither statement alone fixes the notebook price, but together 3n + 2(20) = 130 gives 3n = 90, so n = PHP 30.

61. D. Statement (2) alone is sufficient, but (1) alone is not

A product of integers is odd only if every factor is odd, so 3n odd means n is odd. Statement (1) only says n > 5.

62. C. It did not rain.

By denying the consequent (modus tollens), if rain guarantees cancellation and there was no cancellation, there was no rain.

63. A. R

Seat 2 cannot be S, so Q and R take seats 2 and 3 and S takes seat 4. The middle seat (3) is R.

64. A. Carla

The order from tallest is Maria, Joy, Liza, Carla, so Carla is the shortest.

65. D. 3 km east

He goes north 5 km, east 3 km, then south 5 km. The north and south legs cancel, leaving him 3 km east.

66. C. 36

0.15 x 240 = 36.

67. B. 15%

The increase is 920 - 800 = 120, and 120 / 800 = 0.15, or 15%.

68. A. PHP 900

1,250 x 0.80 = 1,000; then 1,000 x 0.90 = PHP 900. Successive discounts are not simply added.

69. D. PHP 12,000

There are 2 + 3 + 4 = 9 parts, each worth 36,000 / 9 = 4,000. B gets 3 x 4,000 = PHP 12,000.

70. C. 4 days

Combined rate = 1/6 + 1/12 = 3/12 = 1/4 of the job per day, so they need 4 days.

71. D. 12 hours

Net rate = 1/4 - 1/6 = 3/12 - 2/12 = 1/12 tank per hour, so it takes 12 hours.

72. C. 72 km/h

Average speed = distance / time = 180 / 2.5 = 72 km/h.

73. C. 84

The sum is 82 + 90 + 76 + 88 + 84 = 420, and 420 / 5 = 84.

74. A. 40

The first four total 4 x 25 = 100; all five total 5 x 28 = 140. The fifth number is 140 - 100 = 40.

75. B. PHP 9,000

I = Prt = 50,000 x 0.06 x 3 = PHP 9,000.

76. D. PHP 30,000

P = I / (rt) = 4,800 / (0.08 x 2) = 4,800 / 0.16 = PHP 30,000.

77. D. 10 liters

Alcohol = 0.30 x 20 = 6 L. For 6 L to be 20%, the total must be 6 / 0.20 = 30 L, so add 30 - 20 = 10 L of water.

78. A. 20 kg

Let x be the PHP 40 rice: 40x + 55(30 - x) = 45 x 30 = 1,350. Then 1,650 - 15x = 1,350, so x = 20 kg.

79. D. 127

Each term is double the previous term plus 1: 63 x 2 + 1 = 127.

80. A. 1

Each term is the previous term divided by 3: 3 / 3 = 1.

81. D. 40

The differences are 3, 5, 7, 9, so the next is 11: 29 + 11 = 40.

82. B. PHP 22,000

The amount withheld is 0.12 x 25,000 = 3,000, leaving 25,000 - 3,000 = PHP 22,000.

83. C. 250

45 / 0.18 = 250. Check: 0.18 x 250 = 45.

84. B. 25

There are 3 + 5 = 8 parts, each equal to 40 / 8 = 5 students. Girls = 5 x 5 = 25.

85. B. 12

Let the son be s: 3s + 12 = 2(s + 12), so 3s + 12 = 2s + 24 and s = 12. (The father is 36.)

86. A. 25%

Profit = 3,000 - 2,400 = 600, and 600 / 2,400 = 0.25, or 25%.

87. D. 2 hours

They close the gap at 70 + 80 = 150 km/h, so the time is 300 / 150 = 2 hours.

88. D. 10 days

The job requires 8 x 15 = 120 worker-days, so 12 workers need 120 / 12 = 10 days.

89. B. 180

2/5 x 600 = 240, and 3/4 x 240 = 180.

90. C. 21%

1.10 x 1.10 = 1.21, so the population grows by 21%; the second increase applies to the larger base.

91. D. Article III

Article III of the 1987 Constitution is the Bill of Rights.

92. B. are citizens from birth without having to perform any act to acquire or perfect their citizenship

Article IV defines natural-born citizens as those who are citizens from birth without having to perform any act to acquire or perfect their Philippine citizenship.

93. A. One year in the Philippines and six months in the place of voting

Article V requires residence in the Philippines for at least one year and in the place of voting for at least six months immediately preceding the election.

94. B. the Congress of the Philippines, consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives

Article VI vests legislative power in a bicameral Congress, except to the extent reserved to the people through initiative and referendum.

95. C. Six years, without eligibility for reelection

Article VII provides a single six-year term for the President, who is not eligible for any reelection.

96. A. Two

Article VI sets the Senate term at six years and bars a Senator from serving more than two consecutive terms.

97. B. Three years

Article VI fixes the term of House Members at three years, with a limit of three consecutive terms.

98. D. have original charters

The civil service embraces all branches and agencies of government, including GOCCs with original charters.

99. B. merit and fitness, determined as far as practicable by competitive examination

Article IX-B requires appointments based on merit and fitness, determined as far as practicable by competitive examination, with stated exceptions.

100. B. security of tenure

Article IX-B protects civil servants from removal or suspension except for cause provided by law, which is security of tenure.

101. A. engaging directly or indirectly in any electioneering or partisan political campaign

Article IX-B bars civil servants from electioneering and partisan political campaigns.

102. C. The right to self-organization shall not be denied to them.

Article IX-B expressly states that the right to self-organization shall not be denied to government employees.

103. A. the Congress

Article IX-B prohibits public officers from accepting any present, emolument, office or title from a foreign government without the consent of Congress.

104. C. a Chairman and two Commissioners

Article IX-B provides that the Commission is composed of a Chairman and two Commissioners.

105. C. Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees

RA 6713 (1989) is the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

106. B. Simple living

RA 6713 lists eight norms: commitment to public interest, professionalism, justness and sincerity, political neutrality, responsiveness to the public, nationalism and patriotism, commitment to democracy, and simple living.

107. A. Simple living

The norm of simple living requires officials and their families to lead modest lives and avoid extravagant or ostentatious display of wealth.

108. A. Political neutrality

Political neutrality requires service to everyone without unfair discrimination and regardless of party affiliation or preference.

109. D. the official, the spouse, and unmarried children under eighteen living in their household

RA 6713 requires the SALN to cover the official together with the spouse and unmarried children under 18 living in the household.

110. B. 30 days

RA 6713 requires the SALN to be filed within thirty days after assumption of office, annually thereafter, and within thirty days after separation.

111. C. 15 working days

Section 5 of RA 6713 requires action on letters and requests within fifteen working days from receipt.

112. B. The Commission on Human Rights

Article XIII creates the Commission on Human Rights and gives it power to investigate violations of civil and political rights.

113. A. The United Nations General Assembly

The UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

114. D. to remain silent and to have competent and independent counsel, preferably of his own choice

Section 12 of Article III guarantees these rights and requires that the person be informed of them.

115. A. invasion or rebellion, when public safety requires it

Article III and Article VII allow suspension of the privilege only in cases of invasion or rebellion when public safety requires it.

116. D. a judge

Section 2 of Article III requires probable cause to be determined personally by the judge after examining the complainant and witnesses under oath.

117. C. Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000

RA 9003 provides the framework for solid waste management, including segregation at source, recycling and composting.

118. B. Materials Recovery Facility

RA 9003 requires a Materials Recovery Facility in every barangay or cluster of barangays.

119. C. To achieve and maintain healthy air quality by controlling pollution from stationary and mobile sources

RA 8749 is a comprehensive air quality management law covering pollution from stationary sources such as factories and mobile sources such as vehicles.

120. C. a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature
Section 16 of Article II states this policy, which the Supreme Court has treated as an enforceable right.

Topics to review

• Vocabulary, grammar and correct usage

• Reading comprehension and paragraph organization

• Analogy, logic and numerical reasoning

• Philippine Constitution, RA 6713, human rights and environment

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