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(After the list of questions, the solution will Start.)

Q1. An advertisement for cooking food in a pressure cooker points out that this saves fuel and is economical. What message characteristic is being highlighted in the advertisement?

1. Emotional
2. Rational
3. Familial
4. Personal

Q2. Ananya is pursuing the science stream and aims to be a doctor some day. However, Ananya strums her guitar and sings along whenever she is free. Although she is not a great singer, her spirits lift when she sings along. What is this attribute called?

1. Aptitude
2. Personality
3. Interest
4. Intelligence

Q3. The ability to monitor one's own and other's emotions, to discriminate among them and to use the information to guide one's thinking and actions is called:

1. Social intelligence
2. Emotional intelligence
3. Interpersonal intelligence
4. Abstract intelligence

Q4. Kohs Block Design Test contains a number of wooden blocks to be arranged in a design within a given time period. This test is an example of:

1. Performance test
2. Non-verbal test
3. Verbal test
4. Aptitude test

Q5. Arshiya has an I.Q. of 135. She is an all-rounder. She not only scores at the top of her class but is also an international chess player and a remarkable beat player as well. Arshiya can be classified as:

1. Gifted
2. Smart
3. Creative
4. Intelligent

Q6. Identify the facets of intelligence in the Indian tradition from the following options:

- (A) Cognitive capacity
- (B) Social competence
- (C) Emotional competence
- (D) Individualistic orientation
- (E) Entrepreneurial competence

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A), (B), (C) and (D) only
2. (B), (C), (D) and (E) only
3. (A), (B), (C) and (E) Only
4. (A), (C), (D) and (E) only

Q7. Match List-I with List-II

List-I	List-II
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(A) Poets and writers	(I) Intrapersonal
(B) Scientists	(II) Bodily-Kinaesthetic
(C) Philosophers and spiritual leaders	(III) Logical-Mathematical
(D) Athletes, dancers and gymnasts	(IV) Linguistic

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) – (II), (B) – (III), (C) – (IV), (D) – (I)
2. (A) – (I), (B) – (III), (C) – (IV), (D) – (II)
3. (A) – (IV), (B) – (III), (C) – (II), (D) – (I)
4. (A) – (IV), (B) – (III), (C) – (I), (D) – (II)

Q8. An in-depth study of the individual in terms of his/her psychological attributes, psychological history in the context of his/her psycho-social and physical environment is known as:

1. Interview
2. Self-report
3. Psychological test
4. Case-study

Q9. Which of the following can be categorised under the verbal test?

- (A) Stanford-Binet Test
- (B) Alexander's Passalong Test
- (C) Raven's Progressive Matrices
- (D) Draw-a-Man Test

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) only
2. (C) only
3. (B) and (D) only
4. (C) and (D) only

Q10. Arrange the psychosexual stages of personality development in the correct sequence:

- (A) Anal
- (B) Oral
- (C) Genital
- (D) Latency
- (E) Phallic

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A), (B), (E), (D), (C)
2. (B), (A), (E), (D), (C)
3. (B), (A), (C), (D), (E)
4. (A), (B), (D), (E), (C)

Q11. Source traits are:

- (A) stable
- (B) result of the interaction between surface traits
- (C) considered as the building blocks of personality
- (D) quite generalised dispositions

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) and (B) only
2. (B) and (C) only
3. (A) and (C) only
4. (A) and (D) only

Q12. Match List-I with List-II

List-I	List-II
(A) Interactional approach	(I) Understands personality in relation to the features of ecological and cultural environment

(B) Type approach	(II) Focuses on identifying primary characteristics of the people
(C) Trait approach	(III) Situational characteristics play an important role in determining our behaviour
(D) Cultural approach	(IV) Examines certain broad patterns in the observed behavioural characteristics of the individuals

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) - (IV), (B) - (I), (C) - (II), (D) - (III)
2. (A) - (I), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (III)
3. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)
4. (A) - (III), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)

Q13. Which technique of personality assessment puts individuals into certain categories in terms of their behavioural qualities?

1. Interview
2. Behavioural rating
3. Nomination
4. Situational test

Q14. According to Jung's analytical psychology, 'God' and 'Mother earth' are examples of:

1. Superiority complex
2. Superego
3. Archetypes
4. Basic anxiety

Q15. Tendency of the subject to agree with items irrespective of their content is called:

1. Acquiescence
2. Halo effect

- 3. Social desirability
- 4. Extreme response bias

Q16. As an actor, the self actively engages in the process of knowing itself. This status of self is called _____ .

- 1. self as subject
- 2. self as object

- 3. ideal self
- 4. real self

Q17. The client-centered therapy developed by Carl Rogers is based on:

- 1. Psychodynamic approach
- 2. Cognitive approach
- 3. Behavioural approach
- 4. Humanistic approach

Q18. Who is NOT associated with the trait approach of personality?

- 1. Costa and McCrae
- 2. Allport
- 3. Sheldon
- 4. Cattell

Q19. Who developed the Thematic Apperception Test (TAT)?

- 1. Morgan and Murray
- 2. Binet and Simon
- 3. Miller and Dollard
- 4. Costa and McCrae

Q20. What is the full form of PTSD?

- 1. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- 2. Pre Traumatic Stress Disorder

3. Post Traumatic Situational Disorder

4. Pre Traumatic Situational Disorder

Q21. Tinku has been undergoing Rational Emotive Therapy (RET). Identify the correct sequence of the therapeutic process:

(A) Negative emotions and behaviours as consequences of the antecedent event are identified and noted

(B) Client's irrational beliefs which are distorting present reality are identified

(C) Antecedent events which caused psychological distress are noted

(D) The irrational beliefs are refuted by the therapist through non-directive questioning

(E) Eventually, the client is able to replace the irrational beliefs with the rational ones.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (B), (D), (A), (C), (E)

2. (C), (B), (A), (D), (E)

3. (D), (B), (A), (C), (E)

4. (A), (B), (C), (D), (E)

Q22. Who used the concept of 'balance' in his theory of attitude change?

1. Leon Festinger

2. Fritz Heider

3. Richard LaPiere

4. Gordon Allport

Q23. Which one of the following is NOT a significant property of attitude?

1. Valence

2. Centrality

3. Extremeness

4. Quantity

Q24. Who has proposed two-step concept to describe the process of attitude change?

1. Mohsin
2. Heider
3. Janis
4. Triplett

Q25. Festinger and Carlsmith conducted a famous experiment in the field of social psychology. This experiment was related to:

1. Groupthink
2. Prejudice
3. Cognitive dissonance
4. Schema

Q26. Which one of the following strategies is not effective in dealing with prejudice?

1. Minimising opportunities for learning prejudices
2. Encouraging the tendency towards self-fulfilling prophecy among the victims of prejudice
3. Changing discriminatory attitudes
4. De-emphasising a narrow social identity based on the ingroup

Q27. Match List-I with List-II

List-I	List-II
(A) Cohesiveness	(I) Strengthening of group's initial position as a result of group interaction and discussion
(B) Status	(II) Socially defined expectations that are expected to be fulfilled
(C) Roles	(III) Relative position given to group members by others

(D) Group polarisation	(IV) Togetherness or mutual attraction among group members
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Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) – (I), (B) – (III), (C) – (IV), (D) – (II)
2. (A) – (III), (B) – (II), (C) – (IV), (D) – (I)
3. (A) – (II), (B) – (IV), (C) – (I), (D) – (III)
4. (A) – (IV), (B) – (III), (C) – (II), (D) – (I)

Q28. Arrange the following from the highest to lowest level of correlation in terms of IQ:

- (A) The correlation between siblings reared together
- (B) The correlation between identical twins reared together
- (C) The correlation between siblings reared apart
- (D) The correlation between identical twins reared in different environments
- (E) The correlation of fraternal twins reared together

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (E), (D), (C), (A), (B)
2. (C), (A), (E), (D), (B)
3. (B), (E), (D), (A), (C)
4. (B), (D), (E) (A), (C)

Q29. Anxiety disorders have been linked to low activity of the _____ neurotransmitter.

1. Gamma Aminobutyric Acid
2. Serotonin
3. Dopamine
4. Cortisol

Q30. Which model emphasises that 'psychological disorders are the result of learning maladaptive ways of behaving'?

1. Psychodynamic model
2. Behavioural model
3. Cognitive model
4. Humanistic-existential model

Q31. Pari, who is eight years old now, continues to cling to her parents and refuses to go to school without them. She screams, throws tantrums and feels fearful when she is left alone in a room by herself. These are characteristic features of:

1. Panic disorder
2. Phobia
3. Separation anxiety disorder
4. Generalised anxiety disorder

Q32. Archit works in an office where he feels that he is being spied on. He is sure that people deliberately assign him more work as they want him thrown out on grounds of incompetence. Archit also feels that people tamper with his computer and call him from multiple numbers to attack his personal space. What kind of delusion is Archit suffering from?

1. Delusion of grandeur
2. Delusion of reference
3. Delusion of control
4. Delusion of persecution

Q33. Arrange different levels of Intellectual Disability in order of higher to lower level of dysfunctioning:

- (A) Mild
- (B) Moderate
- (C) Severe

(D) Profound

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A), (B), (C), (D)
2. (C), (B), (D), (A)
3. (B), (A), (C), (D)
4. (D), (C), (B), (A)

Q34. Match List-I with List-II

List-I	List-II
Disorder	Symptom (s)
(A) Schizophrenia	(I) Overly preoccupied with body-related symptoms
(B) Bipolar and Related Disorders	(II) Positive symptoms
(C) Separation Anxiety Disorder	(III) Fear
(D) Somatic Symptom Disorder	(IV) Suicidal thoughts

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)
2. (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)
3. (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (III), (D) - (I)
4. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Q35. Which of the following is NOT a component of the therapeutic relationship?

1. Contractual nature of the relationship
2. Limited duration of the therapy
3. Trusting and confiding relationship
4. Peer counseling

Q36. In an upscale food delivery chain, the delivery persons are given badges for timely food delivery at the end of each month. Bonus is given annually in exchange for six such badges. The company has therefore been able to retain most of its employees and get better returns year after year. Which behavioural technique is being used to reinforce delivery personnel?

1. Negative reinforcement
2. Differential reinforcement
3. Modelling
4. Token economy

Q37. What is the most appropriate goal of Logotherapy?

1. To unlearn faulty behaviour patterns
2. To facilitate the client to find the meaning of his/her being
3. Cognitive restructuring which in turn reduces anxiety
4. To increase an individual's self-awareness

Q38. Aparna went to her college counsellor with her problem that was causing her sleepless nights. Later, she realized that the counsellor had shared the details with the staff of the college. Aparna's faith was completely shaken, and she resolved never to trust any counsellor. Which one of the following ethics has been breached by the counsellor?

1. Informed consent
2. Confidentiality of the client
3. Respect for human rights and dignity
4. Professional competence

Q39. Match List-I with List-II

List-I	List-II
(A) Emotional unburdening	(I) Healing bond between therapist and client
(B) Therapist variable	(II) Expectation of improvement due to the treatment
(C) Patient variable	(III) Catharsis

(D) Therapeutic alliance	(IV) Absence of unresolved emotional conflicts
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Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)
2. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)
3. (A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
4. (A) - (III), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)

Q40. Aslam, a 12-year-old, gets too tired by evening to complete his homework. This is because he goes off for football training soon after school. The school counsellor advised Aslam to reduce his football training time and increase his weekend practice time. This way, Aslam will not be too tired and will be able to complete his homework. Identify the antecedent operation:

1. Not completing his homework
2. Playing football after school
3. Reduce his football training time on weekdays
4. Completing his homework happily

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:-

The prisoners in the concentration camps in World War-II had lost faith in the future. Being in the camp, I felt disgusted with the state of affairs and I forced my thoughts to turn to another subject. "Suddenly, I saw myself standing on the platform of a well - lit, warm and pleasant lecture room. In front of me, the attentive audience were seated in comfortable upholstered seats. I saw myself giving a lecture on hope, optimism, and resilience under difficult circumstances." Suddenly, all that oppressed me stopped giving me pain and distress. This practice was so impactful that I could succeed in rising above the situation and the sufferings of the moment."

Q41. Which method has the writer used to rise above his sufferings in the concentration camp?

1. Cognitive Behavioural Techniques
2. Creative Visualisation
3. Biofeedback

4. Relaxation Techniques

Q42. The prisoners in the concentration camps were in a state of despair that caused them physical and mental 'wear and tear'. This state can best be described by which term?

1. Eustress
2. Strain
3. Distress
4. Burnout

Q43. Choose the correct sequence of the method used by the author as a stress management technique:

- (A) One must set a realistic goal.
- (B) Visualize when the mind is quiet, body is relaxed and eyes are closed.
- (C) This will enable the creative energy to turn an imagined scene into reality.
- (D) This reduces the risk of interference from unbidden thoughts.
- (E) This subjective experience will effectively reduce stress.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A), (C), (B), (E), (D)
2. (A), (B), (C), (D), (E)
3. (A), (D), (B), (C), (E)
4. (A), (B), (D), (C), (E)

Q44. Identify the correct fact/s related to the stress management technique used by the author in the passage.

- (A) Use of images and imagery to deal with stress.
- (B) The yogic method of meditation for refocusing of attention.
- (C) Procedure to monitor and reduce physiological aspects of stress by providing feedback.
- (D) Replacing negative and irrational thoughts with positive and rational ones.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) and (B) only
2. (A) only
3. (B) only
4. (B) and (D) only

Q45. The survivors of World War-II who were prisoners in the concentration camps had the common personality trait which consists of 'the three Cs', i.e. commitment, control and challenges. These traits are referred to as:

1. Self-esteem
2. Hardiness
3. Assertiveness
4. Rational thinking

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:-

Just as individuals compare themselves with others in terms of similarities and differences with respect to what they have and what others have, individuals also compare the group they belong to with groups of which they are not a member. It has been found that groups are more likely to take extreme decisions than individuals alone. Suppose there is an employee who has been caught taking a bribe or engaging in some other unethical act. His/her colleagues are asked to decide what punishment he/she should be given. They may let him/her go scot-free or decide to terminate his/her services instead of imposing a punishment which may commensurate with the unethical act he/she had engaged in. Whatever the initial position in the group, this position becomes much stronger as a result of discussions and interaction in the group.

Q46. The strengthening of the group's initial position as a result of group discussion and interaction is referred to as:

1. Group polarisation
2. Groupthink
3. Obedience
4. Social loafing

Q47. When you find others also favouring your opinion against the employee, who was caught taking a bribe, you feel that your view is being validated by the public. This phenomenon is called:

1. Cohesiveness
2. Autokinetic effect
3. Compliance
4. Bandwagon effect

Q48. Identify the correct statements in reference to the influence of group on individual behavior:

- (A) Individuals are more likely to take extreme decisions than the group.
- (B) When you find others favouring your opinion, you feel that your view is being validated by the public
- (C) When you find people having similar views, you are likely to perceive them as in-group and as a consequence your views get strengthened.
- (D) Groups are more likely to take extreme decisions than individuals alone.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) and (B) only
2. (B), (C) and (D) only
3. (A) and (C) only
4. (A), (B) and (C) only

Q49. When you find others having views similar to yours, you are likely to perceive them as:

1. Ingroup
2. Outgroup
3. Non-conformists
4. Friends

Q50. Match List-I with List-II

List-I	List-II
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(A) Members are viewed differently and are often perceived negatively	(I) Group polarisation
(B) The strengthening of the group's initial position as a result of group interaction and discussion	(II) Cohesiveness
(C) Appearance of consensus or unanimous agreement within a group	(III) Outgroup
(D) Team spirit or 'we' feeling or a sense of belongingness to the group	(IV) Groupthink

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (A) - (II), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
2. (A) - (IV), (B) - (II), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)
3. (A) - (III), (B) - (II), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)
4. (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)

Solution

Q1.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Rational**

A rational message appeals to logic, reasoning, and factual benefits rather than emotions.

In this advertisement, the focus is on **saving fuel** and being **economical**, which are **practical and measurable advantages**.

The ad uses **facts and logic** to convince consumers that using a pressure cooker is more efficient and cost-saving.

Q2.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 3. Interest**

Interest refers to the activities or subjects that a person enjoys doing in their free time, regardless of skill or expertise.

In this case, **Ananya enjoys singing and playing the guitar** even though she may not be very good at it. This shows her liking or preference for that activity, which defines **interest**, not aptitude or intelligence.

Q3.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Emotional intelligence**

Emotional intelligence (EI) is the ability to **recognize, understand, and manage one's own emotions**, as well as to **recognize and influence the emotions of others**.

It includes:

- **Self-awareness:** Knowing one's own emotions.
- **Self-regulation:** Managing emotions effectively.
- **Empathy:** Understanding others' feelings.
- **Social skills:** Using emotional understanding to guide behavior and relationships.

Q4.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. Performance test**

The **Kohs Block Design Test** measures a person's ability to **analyze and reproduce visual patterns** using wooden blocks. It does not require reading, writing, or verbal responses - instead, it depends on **manipulating physical objects**.

Hence, it is a **Performance Test**, as it assesses intelligence or problem-solving ability through **action-based tasks** rather than spoken or written language.

Q5.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. Gifted**

A person is considered **gifted** when they have an **IQ above 130** and show **exceptional ability or talent** in multiple areas such as academics, music, arts, or sports.

In this case, **Arshiya's IQ is 135**, which is well above average, and she excels in academics, chess, and music. This combination of **high intelligence and outstanding performance** makes her a **gifted individual**.

Q6.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 3. (A), (B), (C) and (E) only**

In the **Indian tradition**, intelligence is viewed as a **holistic concept** that integrates not only thinking ability but also emotional, social, and practical aspects. The major **facets of intelligence** in this view are:

- **(A) Cognitive capacity:** The ability to think, reason, and understand.
- **(B) Social competence:** The ability to build and maintain harmonious relationships.
- **(C) Emotional competence:** Understanding and managing one's emotions effectively.
- **(E) Entrepreneurial competence:** Practical intelligence and problem-solving skills in real-life situations.

However, **(D) Individualistic orientation** does not align with the Indian view, which emphasizes **collective well-being and interdependence**, not individualism.

Q7.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. (A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)**

This question is based on **Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences**, which identifies different types of intelligence people use to perform various activities effectively.

Here's the correct matching:

- **(A) Poets and writers → (IV) Linguistic intelligence**
They use language creatively and effectively for expression.
- **(B) Scientists → (III) Logical-Mathematical intelligence**
They use reasoning, logic, and analysis to solve problems.
- **(C) Philosophers and spiritual leaders → (I) Intrapersonal intelligence**
They have deep self-awareness and understanding of inner thoughts and feelings.
- **(D) Athletes, dancers, and gymnasts → (II) Bodily-Kinaesthetic intelligence**
They use body coordination and movement skillfully.

Q8.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. Case-study**

A **case study** is a detailed and in-depth investigation of an individual to understand their **psychological attributes, life history, and behavior** in the context of their **social and physical environment**.

- It provides a **holistic understanding** of a person's life experiences, emotional patterns, and personality.
- It is commonly used in **clinical psychology, counseling, and education** to study unique or complex cases in depth.

- Example: Studying a patient's background, behavior, and recovery process to understand the causes of a mental disorder.

Q9.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. (A) only**

A **verbal test** measures intelligence or ability through the use of **language-based questions**, such as vocabulary, comprehension, and reasoning.

Let's analyze each option:

- **(A) Stanford-Binet Test → Verbal Test** ✓

This test measures **verbal reasoning, comprehension, and language skills** along with other cognitive abilities.

- **(B) Alexander's Passalong Test → Performance Test** ✗

It involves **manipulating blocks** to complete patterns, which doesn't require verbal responses.

- **(C) Raven's Progressive Matrices → Non-verbal Test** ✗

It assesses **abstract reasoning and pattern recognition**, independent of language.

- **(D) Draw-a-Man Test → Performance Test** ✗

It requires **drawing**, not verbal communication, so it's non-verbal.

Q10.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. (B), (A), (E), (D), (C)**

According to **Sigmund Freud's psychosexual theory of personality development**, the stages occur in a **fixed sequence** based on the focus of

libido (sexual energy) on different erogenous zones:

1. **Oral stage (B):** Birth to 1 year — pleasure centers on the mouth (sucking, eating).
2. **Anal stage (A):** 1 to 3 years — focus on controlling bowel and bladder movements.

3. **Phallic stage (E)**: 3 to 6 years — focus on genitals; development of Oedipus/Electra complex.
4. **Latency stage (D)**: 6 years to puberty — sexual impulses are repressed; focus on learning and social skills.
5. **Genital stage (C)**: Puberty onward — mature sexual interests re-emerge.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **Oral → Anal → Phallic → Latency → Genital**

Q11.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. (A) and (D) only**

The concept of **Source Traits** was proposed by **Raymond Cattell** in his **Trait Theory of Personality**.

- **Source traits** are the **basic, underlying, and stable characteristics** that shape a person's behavior.
- They are **broad and general dispositions** that influence many surface traits (observable behaviors).
- In contrast, **surface traits** are the visible and less stable expressions of personality.

Therefore:

- (A) ☒ **Stable** — Source traits are enduring over time.
- (D) ☒ **Quite generalised dispositions** — They reflect fundamental patterns of personality.
- (B) ☒ **Source traits are not a result of surface traits; instead, surface traits arise from them.**
- (C) ☒ **“Building blocks” refers more to surface traits, not source traits.**

Q12.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 3. (A) – (III), (B) – (IV), (C) – (II), (D) – (I)**

- (A) Interactional approach → (IV) Examines certain broad patterns in behaviour: This approach suggests that personality is shaped by the interaction between personal traits and situational factors.
- (B) Type approach → (II) Focuses on identifying primary characteristics of people: It classifies individuals into distinct types (e.g., introvert-extrovert, Type A-Type B).
- (C) Trait approach → (I) Understands personality in relation to ecological and cultural environment: The trait approach emphasizes stable characteristics that describe how a person behaves consistently across situations.
- (D) Cultural approach → (III) Situational characteristics play an important role in determining behaviour: This approach explains personality in the context of cultural and environmental influences that shape individual traits and actions.

Hence, the correct matching is: (A) - (IV), (B) - (II), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)

Q13.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Behavioural rating**

A **behavioural rating** technique involves evaluating individuals on specific behavioural traits and then **categorizing them into defined groups** based on their observable qualities - such as sociability, responsibility, or leadership. It helps in systematically assessing personality by using rating scales or checklists completed by observers like teachers, peers, or supervisors.

Unlike interviews or situational tests, which focus on qualitative understanding or performance in specific contexts, **behavioural rating** directly classifies people according to their behavioural characteristics.

Q14.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 3. Archetypes**

According to **Carl Jung's Analytical Psychology**, **archetypes** are universal, inherited symbols or images stored in the **collective unconscious** that shape

human thoughts and behaviours. Examples include the mother, Hero, God, and Shadow archetypes.

‘God’ and ‘Mother Earth’ represent powerful symbolic patterns that appear across cultures and religions, reflecting humanity’s shared psychological heritage — hence, they are **archetypes**, not personal experiences or complexes.

Q15.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. Acquiescence**

Acquiescence refers to a **response bias** in which a person tends to **agree with statements or items** on a questionnaire **regardless of their actual content**. It reflects a general tendency to say “yes” or show approval rather than providing thoughtful, content-based responses.

This differs from:

- **Halo effect:** judging a person’s overall impression based on one positive trait.
- **Social desirability:** answering in a way that makes one look good socially.
- **Extreme response bias:** consistently choosing only the extreme ends of rating scales.

Q16.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. self as subject**

When the self is viewed as an **active knower or experiencer**, engaging in understanding or reflecting upon itself, it is referred to as the **self as subject**. This aspect of self represents the “I” — the one who thinks, feels, and acts.

In contrast, **self as object** refers to the “me”, the part of the self that is being observed or known. Thus, when the self actively participates in the process of knowing itself, it is functioning as the **subject**.

Q17.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. Humanistic approach**

Client-centered therapy, developed by **Carl Rogers**, is grounded in the **Humanistic approach** to psychology. This approach emphasizes the inherent goodness and potential of individuals, focusing on **self-growth, self-awareness, and personal responsibility**.

Rogers believed that people can achieve psychological well-being when provided with a supportive environment characterized by **empathy, unconditional positive regard, and genuineness**. Unlike the psychodynamic or behavioural approaches, the humanistic approach views the client as the center of the healing process, capable of directing their own growth.

Q18.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 3. Sheldon**

William Sheldon is known for his **somatotype theory**, which links **body types** (endomorph, mesomorph, ectomorph) with personality traits. His approach is **biological and constitutional**, not part of the **trait approach**.

In contrast:

- **Allport** identified **cardinal, central, and secondary traits**.
- **Cattell** proposed **16 Personality Factors (16PF)**.
- **Costa and McCrae** developed the **Five-Factor Model (Big Five)**.

Hence, **Sheldon** is **not** associated with the trait approach of personality.

Q19.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. Morgan and Murray**

The **Thematic Apperception Test (TAT)** was developed by **Henry A. Murray** and **Christiana D. Morgan**. It is a **projective personality test** designed to uncover a person's **underlying motives, emotions, and conflicts**.

In the TAT, individuals are shown **ambiguous pictures** and asked to create stories about them. The way they interpret these images reveals aspects of their **personality, needs, and drives**, based on the themes and emotions they project onto the pictures.

Q20.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder**

PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) is a psychological condition that develops after experiencing or witnessing a **traumatic or life-threatening event**, such as an accident, natural disaster, or violence.

People with PTSD may experience **flashbacks, nightmares, severe anxiety, and intrusive thoughts** related to the event. The term “post-traumatic” means that the symptoms occur **after** the trauma has taken place.

Q21.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. (C), (B), (A), (D), (E)**

Rational Emotive Therapy (RET), developed by **Albert Ellis**, follows the **A–B–C–D–E model** of understanding and correcting irrational beliefs:

- **A (Activating event)**: Identify the antecedent event that caused distress → **(C)**
- **B (Belief)**: Recognize the irrational beliefs related to that event → **(B)**
- **C (Consequence)**: Note the negative emotions and behaviours resulting from those beliefs → **(A)**
- **D (Disputation)**: Challenge and refute the irrational beliefs through questioning → **(D)**
- **E (Effect)**: Replace the irrational beliefs with rational, healthy thoughts → **(E)**

Thus, the correct therapeutic sequence is: **(C) → (B) → (A) → (D) → (E)**

Q22.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Fritz Heider**

Fritz Heider proposed the **Balance Theory** of attitude change, which explains how people strive to maintain **psychological consistency** in their relationships and beliefs.

According to this theory, individuals prefer a **balanced state** where their attitudes toward people and objects are harmonious. When imbalance occurs - for example, when you like someone who dislikes what you like - it creates **psychological tension**, motivating you to **change your attitude** to restore balance.

This concept is part of **Heider's P-O-X model** (Person-Other-Object), illustrating how attitudes adjust to maintain mental harmony.

Q23.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. Quantity**

The **significant properties of attitude** are:

- **Valence:** Whether the attitude is positive or negative toward an object or issue.
- **Centrality:** How central or important the attitude is to one's belief system.
- **Extremeness:** The intensity or strength of the attitude (how strongly one feels).

Quantity, however, is **not** a recognized property of attitude — it does not describe the nature or strength of an attitude but merely refers to an amount, which is unrelated to psychological measurement of attitudes.

Q24.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. Mohsin**

S.M. Mohsin, an Indian psychologist, proposed the **two-step concept** to explain the **process of attitude change**.

According to this model, attitude change occurs through **two stages**:

1. **Step 1 – Acceptance of new information:** The individual receives and understands persuasive communication or information.

2. **Step 2 – Internalization and change:** The person integrates the new information into their belief system, leading to an actual change in attitude.

This concept emphasizes that **attitude change is not immediate**; it involves **understanding first and acceptance later**, distinguishing Mohsin's model from other theories like Festinger's cognitive dissonance or Heider's balance theory.

Q25.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 3. Cognitive dissonance**

Leon Festinger and James Carlsmith conducted a classic 1959 experiment demonstrating the concept of **cognitive dissonance**, which refers to the mental discomfort experienced when a person holds two or more **inconsistent beliefs, attitudes, or behaviors**.

In their study, participants performed a boring task and were later asked to tell others it was interesting. Those paid **\$1** (insufficient justification) experienced more dissonance and changed their attitude to believe the task was enjoyable, compared to those paid **\$20**.

This experiment showed that people often **change their attitudes to align with their actions** to reduce internal psychological tension — a key idea in Festinger's **Cognitive Dissonance Theory**.

Q26.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Encouraging the tendency towards self-fulfilling prophecy among the victims of prejudice**

A **self-fulfilling prophecy** occurs when people internalize negative expectations about themselves and behave in ways that confirm those expectations. Encouraging this tendency would **reinforce prejudice** rather than reduce it, making it **ineffective** in dealing with prejudice.

On the other hand:

- **Minimising opportunities for learning prejudices** prevents biased attitudes from developing.

- **Changing discriminatory attitudes** promotes equality and social harmony.
- **De-emphasising narrow social identity** encourages inclusivity and reduces “us vs. them” thinking.

Hence, promoting self-fulfilling prophecy among victims **worsens** prejudice instead of helping overcome it.

Q27.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. (A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)**

- **(A) Cohesiveness → (IV) Togetherness or mutual attraction among group members:** Cohesiveness refers to the strength of the bond and sense of unity within a group.
- **(B) Status → (III) Relative position given to group members by others:** Status represents the social standing or rank of an individual within the group.
- **(C) Roles → (II) Socially defined expectations that are expected to be fulfilled:** Roles describe the functions or responsibilities individuals are expected to perform in the group.
- **(D) Group Polarisation → (I) Strengthening of group's initial position as a result of group interaction and discussion:** Group polarisation occurs when discussions within a group lead members to adopt more extreme positions than they initially held.

Hence, the correct matching is: **(A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)**

Q28.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. (B), (D), (E), (A), (C)**

Studies on **genetic and environmental influences on intelligence (IQ)** show that IQ correlation depends on both **genetic similarity** and **shared environment**.

The more genes two people share, the higher their IQ correlation — especially if they grow up together.

Here's the correct order from **highest to lowest correlation**:

- **(B) Identical twins reared together:** Highest correlation ($\sim 0.85-0.90$) because they share 100% genes and the same environment.
- **(D) Identical twins reared in different environments:** High correlation (~ 0.70) due to identical genetics despite different environments.
- **(E) Fraternal twins reared together:** Moderate correlation (~ 0.60) as they share about 50% genes and the same environment.
- **(A) Siblings reared together:** Lower correlation ($\sim 0.45-0.50$) with 50% shared genes and same environment.
- **(C) Siblings reared apart:** Lowest correlation (~ 0.25) because they share only genes, not the environment.

Thus, the sequence is: **(B) \rightarrow (D) \rightarrow (E) \rightarrow (A) \rightarrow (C)**

Q29.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. Gamma Aminobutyric Acid**

Gamma Aminobutyric Acid (GABA) is an **inhibitory neurotransmitter** in the brain that helps calm neural activity and reduce anxiety. Low levels or reduced functioning of GABA lead to **increased neural excitation**, resulting in **heightened anxiety, tension, and nervousness**.

Medications for anxiety, such as **benzodiazepines**, work by enhancing the effects of GABA to produce a calming effect.

Hence, **low GABA activity** is strongly associated with **anxiety disorders**.

Q30.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Behavioural model**

The **Behavioural model** explains that psychological disorders arise from **learning maladaptive or faulty behaviours** through processes like **classical conditioning, operant conditioning, or observational learning**.

According to this model, abnormal behaviour is **learned just like normal behaviour** — through reinforcement or imitation — and can therefore be **unlearned or modified** using behavioural techniques such as **systematic desensitisation, reinforcement, or extinction**.

In contrast,

- The **Psychodynamic model** focuses on unconscious conflicts,
- The **Cognitive model** on faulty thinking, and
- The **Humanistic-existential model** on issues of self and personal growth.

Q31.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 3. Separation anxiety disorder**

Separation Anxiety Disorder is common in children and involves **excessive fear or anxiety when separated from home or attachment figures**, such as parents. The child may cry, cling, or throw tantrums when separation is anticipated or occurs.

In Pari's case, her refusal to go to school without her parents, fear of being alone, and emotional distress when separated clearly indicate **separation anxiety**, not a general or specific fear like in phobia or generalized anxiety disorder.

Q32.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. Delusion of persecution**

A **delusion of persecution** occurs when a person believes that others are **trying to harm, spy on, or conspire against them**, even though there is no real evidence. In Archit's case, he thinks people are assigning him extra work, tampering with his computer, and calling him to invade his personal space—all signs of a **persecutory belief**.

Such delusions are commonly seen in disorders like **Paranoid Schizophrenia**, where individuals misinterpret ordinary events as targeted attacks against them.

Q33.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. (D), (C), (B), (A)**

The levels of **Intellectual Disability (ID)** are categorized based on the **severity of dysfunctioning** (from most severe to least severe):

- **Profound:** Individuals show very limited functioning in all areas; they require complete support in daily activities.
- **Severe:** There is marked developmental delay; individuals can learn basic self-care and simple communication skills.
- **Moderate:** Individuals can perform simple tasks under supervision and may achieve some independence in daily life.
- **Mild:** They show slight intellectual impairment, can achieve basic academic skills, and often live semi-independently.

Hence, the order from **higher to lower level of dysfunctioning** is: **Profound → Severe → Moderate → Mild**,

which corresponds to **(D), (C), (B), (A)**.

Q34.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 3. (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (III), (D) - (I)**

- **Schizophrenia → Positive symptoms (II):** Schizophrenia involves positive symptoms like hallucinations, delusions, and disorganized thinking — behaviors added to normal functioning.
- **Bipolar and Related Disorders → Suicidal thoughts (IV):** Individuals with bipolar disorder may experience extreme mood swings, including depressive episodes that can lead to suicidal ideation.
- **Separation Anxiety Disorder → Fear (III):** The main symptom of this disorder is excessive fear or anxiety about being separated from loved ones.
- **Somatic Symptom Disorder → Overly preoccupied with body-related symptoms (I):** Here, the person becomes excessively concerned or anxious about physical symptoms that may or may not have a medical cause.

Q35.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. Peer counseling**

A **therapeutic relationship** is the professional bond between a **therapist and client**, based on trust, respect, and confidentiality. It includes elements such as:

- **Contractual nature** (clear goals and roles)
- **Limited duration** (it exists for the period of therapy)
- **Trusting and confiding relationship** (essential for effective therapy)

Peer counselling, however, refers to help provided by equals—like students helping fellow students—which is **not** a part of the professional therapeutic relationship between a trained counsellor and client.

Q36.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. Token economy**

A **token economy** is a behavioural technique in which individuals earn **tokens or symbolic rewards** (like badges, stars, or points) for displaying desired behaviours. These tokens can later be **exchanged for a larger reward** — in this case, a **bonus** for collecting six badges. This system encourages consistent good performance and strengthens positive behaviour through **positive reinforcement**.

Q37.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. To facilitate the client to find the meaning of his/her being**

Logotherapy, developed by **Viktor Frankl**, focuses on helping individuals discover **meaning and purpose in life**, even amidst suffering or hardship. It is based on the belief that the primary human drive is not pleasure or power, but the **search for meaning**. By finding meaning in life, individuals can overcome feelings of emptiness, despair, or anxiety, leading to psychological well-being.

Q38.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Confidentiality of the client**

The counsellor violated the **ethical principle of confidentiality**, which requires that all personal information shared by a client during counselling sessions must be kept private. Sharing Aparna's problem with college staff without her permission breached her trust and the ethical duty of the counsellor to protect client privacy. Confidentiality is fundamental to maintaining a safe and trustworthy counselling relationship.

Q39.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. (A) - (III), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)**

- **Emotional unburdening → Catharsis (III):** Emotional unburdening refers to releasing pent-up feelings, which is known as catharsis.
- **Therapist variable → Expectation of improvement due to treatment (II):** The therapist's competence, empathy, and positive attitude can enhance the client's expectation of improvement.
- **Patient variable → Absence of unresolved emotional conflicts (IV):** A client's readiness for therapy and emotional stability reflect patient-related factors.
- **Therapeutic alliance → Healing bond between therapist and client (I):** This refers to the trust and collaborative relationship that helps in the healing process.

Q40.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Playing football after school**

An antecedent operation refers to an event or activity that occurs **before a behavior** and influences it. In this case, Aslam becomes too tired (which affects his ability to complete homework) **because he plays football after school**. This football practice happens **before** the problem behavior (not completing homework), making it the antecedent operation.

Q41.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Creative Visualisation**

In the passage, the writer imagines himself standing in a pleasant lecture hall, speaking about hope and resilience. He mentally transports himself away from the painful reality of the concentration camp. This technique of **using imagination to create a positive mental picture** and reduce present suffering is known as **Creative Visualisation**.

Q42.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 3. Distress**

The prisoners had **lost hope**, were suffering, and were emotionally and physically exhausted. This type of negative, overwhelming stress that causes harm to the mind and body is known as **distress**.

- **Eustress** refers to positive stress.
- **Strain** refers to the physical effect of stress.
- **Burnout** happens due to prolonged workplace stress.

Here, the prisoners' suffering clearly indicates **distress**.

Q43.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. (A), (B), (D), (C), (E)**

The passage describes **Creative Visualisation** as a stress management technique. The logical order of steps is:

- **(A)** First, set a realistic and meaningful goal to visualize.
- **(B)** Then, relax the body and mind and visualize with closed eyes.
- **(D)** Relaxation reduces unnecessary or distracting thoughts, ensuring a clear mental picture.
- **(C)** This allows creative energy to transform imagination into a vivid experience.
- **(E)** The positive subjective experience lowers stress and enhances hope.

Q44.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. (A) only**

In the passage, the author uses **Creative Visualisation** to cope with stress. This involves **using mental images and imagination** to create a positive scene - a method to mentally escape distressing realities and generate hope.

- (A) **Use of images and imagery to deal with stress** → ☒ Correct, as it directly describes Creative Visualisation.
- (B) **The yogic method of meditation** → ☐ Not mentioned in the passage.
- (C) **Biofeedback** → ☐ Involves monitoring physiological responses, not mental imagery.
- (D) **Cognitive Behavioural Techniques** → ☐ Involves replacing negative thoughts, which isn't the method used here.

Q45.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. Hardiness**

The three traits - **Commitment, Control, and Challenge** - are the core components of **Hardiness**, a personality characteristic identified by psychologist **Suzanne Kobasa**.

People high in **hardiness** view stressful situations as opportunities for growth rather than threats. This helps them remain **resilient, optimistic, and mentally strong** even in extreme adversity, such as the experiences of World War-II survivors.

Q46.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. Group polarisation**

Group polarisation refers to the tendency of group members to make **more extreme decisions** after group discussions than they would have made individually.

When people with similar opinions discuss an issue, their views become **stronger and more extreme** — either more positive or more negative. In the passage, the group of employees takes an extreme decision after discussion, which clearly illustrates **group polarisation**.

Q47.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. Bandwagon effect**

The **Bandwagon effect** refers to the tendency of people to **adopt certain beliefs, attitudes, or behaviours simply because others around them do so**. When an individual perceives that many others share their opinion, they feel validated and become more confident in their stance.

In this case, when others in the group also favour punishing the employee, you feel your opinion is **socially supported**, which strengthens your belief - a classic example of the **bandwagon effect**.

Q48.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 2. (B), (C) and (D) only**

- (A) is **incorrect** because individuals alone are less likely to take extreme decisions — **groups** tend to become more extreme after discussion (group polarisation).
- (B) is **correct** — when others share your opinion, you feel validated, which reflects the **bandwagon effect**.
- (C) is **correct** — when you identify people with similar views, you see them as your **in-group**, and this strengthens your beliefs due to shared identity.
- (D) is **correct** — **groups** tend to take more **extreme decisions** than individuals due to **group discussion and mutual reinforcement**.

Hence, the correct combination is **(B), (C), and (D)**

Q49.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 1. Ingroup**

An **ingroup** refers to a group of people with whom an individual **identifies** or feels a sense of **belonging**. When you find others sharing similar

opinions, beliefs, or values, you naturally perceive them as part of your **ingroup**.

This perception strengthens feelings of unity, trust, and agreement, while those who hold opposing views are seen as part of the **outgroup**.

Q50.

Ans.

The correct answer is **Option 4. (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)**

- **(A) Members are viewed differently and are often perceived negatively → (III) Outgroup:** Members of the outgroup are usually seen as different or inferior by the ingroup, often leading to bias or prejudice.
- **(B) The strengthening of the group's initial position as a result of group interaction → (I) Group polarisation:** This refers to how discussions within a group lead to more extreme opinions or decisions.
- **(C) Appearance of consensus or unanimous agreement within a group → (IV) Groupthink:** Groupthink occurs when the desire for harmony or conformity leads to suppression of dissenting opinions and an illusion of agreement.
- **(D) Team spirit or 'we' feeling or sense of belonging → (II) Cohesiveness:** Cohesiveness describes the mutual attraction and unity among group members.

Thus, the correct matching is: **(A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)**