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19. RECONSTRUCTION OF SENTENCES

In this type of questions, you are provided with the first and last parts of a sentence. The remaining sentence is broken into four parts labelled (P), (Q), (R) and (S). You are required to arrange these parts so as to form a complete meaningful sentence and then choose the correct combination.

Example 1 :

- (1) On being asked by the teacher
(P) and then picking up the bag
(Q) why he always came late
(R) to the class,
(S) the student first kept quiet
(6) left the class red with shame and anger.

The proper order is

- (a) RSPQ (b) QRSP (c) SPQR (d) PQRS

(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)

Solution : For solution, proceed by questioning.

On being asked by the teacher—what? — why he always came late—where?—to the class,—what did the student do?— the student first kept quiet and then? — and then picking up the bag - left the class red with shame and anger.

So, the correct combination is QRSP. Hence, the answer is (b).

Example 2 :

- The Collector said that the
(P) supply of water for irrigation
(Q) dams should receive water
(R) upto a particular level
(S) to ensure uninterrupted

The proper sequence should be

- (a) QRSP (b) RQSP (c) SPRQ (d) SRPQ

(N.D.A. 1996)

Solution : Clearly, the correct sentence which would be formed is : 'The Collector said that the dams should receive water upto a particular level to ensure uninterrupted supply of water for irrigation.'

Thus, the correct sequence is QRSP.

Hence, the answer is (a).

PRACTICE SET 1

1. When you
(P) which one is closest in meaning
(Q) read the four sentences in your text book and decide
(R) to the statement you have heard
(S) hear a statement (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) SRPQ (b) SQPR
(c) SPQR (d) QPSR
2. (1) Thick glass may
(P) which are available
(Q) of the home bottle-cutters
(R) in many large stores, but any fine
(S) be cut with one
(6) glass requires personal attention.
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RQSP (d) SQPR
3. (1) There is a fashion now-a-days
(P) as an evil
(Q) who is born with a silver spoon
(R) to bewail poverty
(S) and to pity the youngman
(6) in his mouth. (S.S.C. 1992)
(a) PSRQ (b) RPSQ
(c) RSQP (d) SPRQ
4. A typical Prakash Padukone day
(P) or even a game of tennis
(Q) starts off
(R) on some days
(S) with an early morning (N.D.A. 1996)
(a) QSPR (b) QSRP
(c) RPSQ (d) RSQP

5. (1) Long, long, time ago
(P) who lived with his virtuous wife
(Q) in a country called Chinchinchoo
(R) there ruled a noble king
(S) and seven daughters-
(6) pretty, graceful and well-versed in fine arts. (Clerks' Grade, 1995)
(a) PSQR (b) QRPS
(c) RPSQ (d) SQRQ
6. (1) Those who
(P) expect others
(Q) cannot treat
(R) should not
(S) others well
(6) to treat them well.
(a) QPRS (b) QSRP
(c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
(Central Excise, 1993)
7. Alexander,
(P) was a disciple of Aristotle,
(Q) who was a great conqueror,
(R) whom the world acknowledges as the greatest philosopher
(S) the world has ever known
(a) PQSR (b) QPPS
(c) RPQS (d) SPQR
8. (1) When I reached my office
(P) to get home early
(Q) I phoned my mother
(R) that I wouldn't be able
(S) to tell her
(6) as I had promised.
(a) PQRS (b) QSRP
(c) RPQS (d) SQPR
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
9. (1) The department has initiated steps
(P) from the corporate sector
(Q) to evolve appropriate schemes
(R) and financial institutions for
(S) for mobilising investment
(6) the development of wastelands.
(a) PRSQ (b) QPSR
(c) QSPR (d) RPSQ
10. Jawaharlal Nehru
(P) under the Cabinet Mission Scheme
(Q) was the first to articulate
(R) long before such an assembly was set up
(S) the idea of a Constituent Assembly
(a) PQSR (b) QSRP
(c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
(C.D.S. 1993)
11. (P) when a chemical substance
(Q) the food poisoning occurred
(R) in the food preparations.
(S) was mistaken for salt and used
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) SRQP
12. If
(P) a foreigner wishes to
(Q) learn standard English
(R) learn English
(S) he will, of course, (N.D.A. 1993)
(a) PQSR (b) PRQS
(c) PRSQ (d) SRQP
13. (1) According to reports
(P) were still trapped inside
(Q) bogies
(R) the wrecked
(S) some of the passengers
(6) of the express
(a) PRQS (b) PSQR
(c) RSQP (d) SPRQ
14. Only
(P) to make himself
(Q) by shouting at the top of his voice
(R) was he able (N.D.A. 1995)
(S) heard
(a) PSQR (b) PSRQ
(c) QPRS (d) QRPS
15. (P) One has no right in law
(Q) of a tenant's room
(R) to break open the lock
(S) and take its possession
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) PRSQ (d) SQRQ
16. When he
(P) did not know
(Q) he was nervous and
(R) heard the hue and cry at midnight
(S) what to do (Railways, 1994)
(a) PQRS (b) QSPR
(c) RQPS (d) SQPR
17. (1) A number of measures
(P) the financial conditions
(Q) for mobilisation of resources
(R) in order to improve
(S) are being taken by the State Governments
(6) of the Municipal Corporations.
(a) PSQR (b) QRSP
(c) RSQP (d) SQRQ
18. By this time
(P) at the railway station
(Q) reported mass looting
(R) reports of violence were flooding in
(S) while police dispatches (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) RSPQ (b) RSQP
(c) SPRQ (d) SQRQ
19. (1) Paintings
(P) have been
(Q) which were submitted
(R) totally ruined by rain
(S) for the exhibition
(6) last night.
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
- (c) QRPS (d) QSPR
20. (1) A four-year study
(P) that babies feel more comfortable
(Q) conducted by the Infant Testing Centre
(R) around other babies
(S) clearly suggests
(6) than with strange adults.
(a) PRSQ (b) QPRS
(c) QSPR (d) SPRQ
(S.S.C. 1994)
21. (P) he told the journalists
(Q) that the government must take firm action
(R) that the meeting unanimously decided
(S) after coming out of the Conference Hall
(a) PRQS (b) PSQR
(c) SPQR (d) SPRQ
22. Work is the one thing
(P) and without it
(Q) that is necessary
(R) to keep the world going
(S) we all should die (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) QPSR (b) QRPS
(c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
23. The man
(P) is generally the one
(Q) who can work very hard
(R) when he must work
(S) who can play most heartily when he has the chance of playing
(a) PSQR (b) QRPS
(c) QRSP (d) SPQR
24. The natives of the Carribean
(P) regarded the papaya
(Q) because of its ability
(R) as a magic tree
(S) to keep them healthy (N.D.A. 1996)
(a) PRQS (b) PRSQ
(c) RPQS (d) RPSQ
25. (1) The decomposers
(P) and hence help to clean the environment
(Q) help in decomposing the
- (R) dead bodies of plants and animals
(S) and put back various useful elements
(6) into soil, air and water.
(a) PSQR (b) QPRS
(c) QRPS (d) SQRQ
26. (P) while some people live
(Q) to eat and drink and wear
(R) many have not even enough
(S) in luxury (N.D.A. 1993)
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) PSRQ (d) RSQP
27. The claim is not
(P) of any kind
(Q) but
(R) that it is without morality
(S) that science is actively anti - moral
(a) PSQR (b) RPQS
(c) RQSP (d) SQRQ
(S.C.R.A. 1993)
28. (1) Though Indian sportsmen
(P) who accompanied them
(Q) the large number of
(R) did not set many records in Seoul Asiad,
(S) officials and politicians
(6) did set a record of sorts.
(a) PRQS (b) QSRP
(c) PRQS (d) SPRQ
29. He reached his office at 10.00 a.m. and
(P) no sooner
(Q) than there was a huge explosion
(R) had he got out of the car
(S) and it went up in flames
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) RPQS (d) RPSQ
(C.D.S. 1995)
30. (1) At the end of the assignment,
(P) the field worker
(Q) submitted his papers
(R) for the work done by him
(S) and also bills
(6) to the office superintendent.
(a) PQSR (b) QPRS
(c) QSRP (d) RSQP
(B. Ed. 1994)

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (b) 6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (b) 9. (c) 10. (b)
11. (b) 12. (c) 13. (d) 14. (d) 15. (b) 16. (c) 17. (d) 18. (d) 19. (d) 20. (c)
21. (d) 22. (b) 23. (b) 24. (a) 25. (c) 26. (c) 27. (d) 28. (c) 29. (b) 30. (a)

PRACTICE SET 2

1. I was
(P) and stay for a few days in Delhi,
(Q) when my father told me
(R) very excited
(S) that I could go with him
(a) PQRS (b) QRSP
(c) RQSP (d) SPQR
(Railways, 1994)
2. (1) They're mostly people
(P) and they find the club very convenient,
(Q) to get a reasonable meal
(R) who work in the neighbourhood,
(S) because it enables them
(6) without too much trouble
(a) PQRS (b) QPRS
(c) RPSQ (d) SQRQ
3. The invasion of India
(P) is more interesting than any other episode of early Indian history
(Q) to most European readers
(R) by Alexander the Great of Macedonia
(S) which occurred during the rule of the Nandas (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) PQRS (b) QPRS
(c) RSPQ (d) SRPQ
4. (1) I have not come
(P) even if it means some humiliation
(Q) but the boy must learn
(R) to complain, he said,
(S) to be honest
(6) and admit he broke our window pane. (S.S.C. 1993)
(a) PRQS (b) QSPR
(c) RQSP (d) SPRQ
5. (1) If you are serious about
(P) vocabulary building not a hobby,
(Q) you will have to make
(R) an absorbing interest,
(S) increasing your vocabulary,
(6) or even an obsession.
(a) PQSR (b) PRQS
(c) RQPS (d) SQPR
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
6. Reading books
(P) is a habit
(Q) but also enlarges the mind
(R) because it not only increases knowledge
(S) which must be cultivated by everybody
(a) PQSR (b) PQRS
(c) PSRQ (d) SRPQ
(N.D.A. 1993)
7. (1) Every body
(P) attracts every other
(Q) whether big or small,
(R) body with the force
(S) in the universe
(6) of gravitation
(a) PRSQ (b) QPRS
(c) RSPQ (d) SQRQ
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
9. The boy
(P) with big blue eyes
(Q) watched him,
(R) and he never said a word
(S) that had an uncanny cold fire in them (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) PQRS (b) PQSR
(c) QPSR (d) QRPS
10. (1) The establishment of Delhi Sultanate
(P) new features in art and architecture
(Q) and their diffusion to all parts of the country
(R) saw the introduction of
(S) leading to the growth of
(6) India's composite culture.
(a) PRSQ (b) PSQR
(c) RPQS (d) SPQR
11. (1) If evil consisted
(P) men would be drawn to virtue
(Q) but, alas! how many know their duty
(R) merely in ignorance
(S) as soon as it was explained to them
(6) and yet do not do it (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) RPQS (b) RPSQ
(c) RSPQ (d) SPRQ
12. (1) There are people
(P) to be able to say
(Q) not because they enjoy the book,
(R) who read a book
(S) but because they want
(6) that they have read it.
(a) PSQR (b) RQSP
(c) RSPQ (d) SQRQ

13. I have never met
(P) a friendliness and hospitality
(Q) in your city,
(R) like the one
(S) I have met
(6) Calcutta (S.S.C. 1995)
(a) PQRS (b) PRSQ
(c) PSRQ (d) QPRS
14. (1) A sub-inspector of police,
(P) disturbing a public meeting
(Q) justice to his uniform,
(R) rounded up a group of 18 miscreants
(S) bent on doing
(6) and marched them to the local jail in Shimoga.
(a) PRSQ (b) QRPS
(c) RPSQ (d) SQRQ
15. (1) What we would like to judge
(P) in this comprehension exercise,
(Q) the difficult words, phrases and sentence fragments
(R) and also the meanings of
(S) is your grasp of the content
(6) that constitute the paragraph
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) SRQP
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
16. (P) early today
(Q) at least five persons were killed and 32 injured
(R) when a passenger train rammed into
(S) a stationary goods train
(a) PQRS (b) QRSP
(c) RSPQ (d) RSQP
17. This is a letter
(P) from a young lady
(Q) who was lately wounded in a duel
(R) written in the most passionate terms
(S) wherein she laments the misfortune of a gentleman (N.D.A. 1996)
(a) PRQS (b) PRSQ
(c) RPQS (d) RPSQ
18. (1) The ravine was about ten yards wide
(P) and as I stepped down into it
(Q) and four or five feet deep
(R) on which I had
(S) a bird flew off a rock
(6) put my hand
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RSQP (d) SRQP
19. There was
(P) needed for its everyday life
(Q) a time when each family
(R) for itself most of the things it
(S) actually produced (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) QRSP (b) QSRP
(c) RQPS (d) RSPQ
20. (1) There is a continuous demand
(P) are formed to train humanity
(Q) for destructive purposes, and world organisations
(R) in the art of settling their disputes
(S) to ban the application of science
(6) by peaceful negotiations
(a) PRSQ (b) QSRP
(c) RFQS (d) SQRQ
21. It was true that
(P) the pet dog
(Q) would never sleep anywhere
(R) we once had
(S) except on the sofa (N.D.A. 1995)
(a) PQSR (b) PRQS
(c) RPQS (d) SPQR
22. A policeman
(P) to abide
(Q) if he has to do well,
(R) by the strict letters of the law
(S) cannot afford
(a) PRQS (b) QSPR
(c) RQPS (d) SPRQ
23. (P) We must read
(Q) if we want to absorb the fruits of great literature
(R) but with concentration
(S) them not as we do cricket stories
(a) PRQS (b) PRSQ
(c) PSQR (d) QPSR
(C.D.S. 1994)
24. (P) I am planning to go
(Q) to the hill station
(R) to spend my vacation
(S) where an acquaintance of my father lives
(a) PQRS (b) PSQR
(c) RPQS (d) RQPS
25. (1) The little girl
(P) for the mother to leave
(Q) said to her friend
(R) little children on their own
(S) it was not quite right
(6) and go to work (B.Ed. 1994)
(a) PRQS (b) QSPR
(c) RPSQ (d) SQRQ
26. (1) Western civilisation is
(P) in its character that
(Q) national culture by affecting
(R) it is bound to influence every
(S) so powerful and so uniform
(6) its external way of life
(a) PRSQ (b) QSRP
(c) RQSP (d) SPRQ

27. All religions are
(P) to advance the cause of peace
(Q) in a holy partnership
(R) justice and freedom
(S) bound together (N.D.A. 1994)
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) SPQR (d) SQPR
28. Milton said that
(P) those persons
(Q) would be damned
(R) who do not obey
(S) God's commands
(a) PQRS (b) PRSQ
(c) QPRS (d) RSPQ
29. (1) He dared
(P) the forty thieves
(Q) to fight
(R) who
(S) challenged him
(6) to a duel
(a) PQRS (b) QPRS
(c) RSQP (d) SPQR
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
30. The reporter of the newspaper informs us that
(P) Lala Lajpat Rai spent
(Q) lecturing widely and attracting many American leaders
(R) to sympathise with the Indian nationalist position
(S) almost five years in America
(a) PSQR (b) PSRQ
(c) RPSQ (d) SPQR

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (d) 6. (c) 7. (d) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (c)
11. (b) 12. (b) 13. (b) 14. (d) 15. (a) 16. (b) 17. (b) 18. (b) 19. (b) 20. (d)
21. (b) 22. (b) 23. (d) 24. (c) 25. (b) 26. (d) 27. (d) 28. (a) 29. (b) 30. (a)

PRACTICE SET 3

1. (1) The next stop
(P) lying in the centre
(Q) of a bay
(R) was a port
(S) that our ship halted at
(6) in South Wales
(a) PQRS (b) RSQP
(c) SRPQ (d) SRQP
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
2. (P) it becomes difficult
(Q) satisfying our desire
(R) but once we set about
(S) if not impossible to restrain them
(a) PQRS (b) QRPS
(c) RQPS (d) RQSP
3. The captain
(P) when engaged against the enemy
(Q) who was himself a brave man
(R) never to lose heart
(S) advised the soliders (N.D.A. 1993)
(a) PQSR (b) QPSR
(c) QSRP (d) SQRP
4. (1) Ashoka was successful
(P) by the cruelty and horrors of war
(Q) he was so disgusted
(R) in his military operations
(S) and alone among conquerors,
(6) that he renounced it
(a) PSQR (b) QPRS
(c) RSQP (d) SQPR
5. (1) Some remarks
(P) put the police on the right scent
(Q) by a woman
(R) and they discovered
(S) casually dropped
(6) the whole gang of brigands
(a) QSPR (b) RPSQ
(c) RQSP (d) SQPR
(Clerks' Grade, 1995)
6. (P) took place
(Q) when militants opened fire on BSF men
(R) the encounter lasting over two hours
(S) in the town around 8.30 a.m.
(a) QPRS (b) QSRP
(c) RPQS (d) RPSQ
7. They are plant eaters
(P) and various kinds of vegetation
(Q) browsing on grass
(R) and consume
(S) vast quantities of pasture
(a) QPRS (b) QSRP
(c) RSPQ (d) RSQP
(C.D.S. 1994)
8. Dermatologists tell us
(P) that the skin
(Q) is a finely laminated coating
(R) whose layered nature

- (S) has inspired comparisons with onions
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) PRSQ (d) PSRQ
9. (P) when
(Q) a child develops best
(R) like a young plant
(S) he is left undisturbed in the same soil (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) PQRS (b) QPRS
(c) QPSR (d) PQSR
10. (1) The Arabs live in tents
(P) so that they can move from one oasis to another
(Q) and taken down very easily and quickly
(R) seeking grass and water
(S) than can be put up
(6) for their sheep, goats, camels and horses.
(a) PRSQ (b) QSPR
(c) SQPR (d) SRPQ
11. (1) At the end of the lecture
(P) for sparing their valuable time
(Q) the speaker thanked the audience
(R) and listening to him
(S) in coming to the meeting
(6) patiently
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RSPQ (d) SRQP
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
12. (1) Charles Goodyear once accidentally
(P) and found that the resulting rubber
(Q) dropped a mixture of natural rubber
(R) was harder, stronger, more elastic
(S) and sulphur over a hot stove
(6) and non-sticky.
(a) PSQR (b) QSPR
(c) RSQP (d) SQPR
13. It would
(P) appear from his statement
(Q) about the policy of the management
(R) in dealing with the strike
(S) that he was quite in the dark
(a) PRQS (b) PSQR
(c) RPSQ (d) RQPS
(C.D.S. 1995)
14. (1) The advantage of travelling
(P) customs and manners, is that
(Q) we learn to appreciate the good points of others
(R) in different places and having
(S) the opportunities of observing people's
- (6) and our prejudice against them disappear
(a) PQRS (b) QRSP
(c) RSPQ (d) SPQR
15. Recently,
(P) containing memorable letters of Churchill
(Q) a book
(R) has been published
(S) by a reputed publisher (N.D.A. 1995)
(a) PQRS (b) QPRS
(c) QRPS (d) RQPS
16. (P) the morning session lasting three hours, was spent
(Q) mainly on reviewing
(R) in the fourth round of talks
(S) the implementation of the decisions taken
(a) PQRS (b) PQSR
(c) PRQS (d) PRSQ
17. I enclose
(P) and the postage
(Q) a postal order
(R) the price of the books
(S) which will cover (S.C.R.A. 1994)
(a) QPSR (b) QSPR
(c) QSRP (d) RPSQ
18. (1) If the parachutes had failed to open
(P) the whole of his couch would
(Q) he could have pulled a liver to provide an emergency ejection
(R) and special parachutes would have unfolded
(S) then have been fired from the cabin
(6) to bring him down
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RSQP (d) SQPR
19. The practice of taking performance-boosting drugs among athletes
(P) but checking it is not going to be easy
(Q) is generally conceded to be unfair
(R) of the detection technology
(S) for the user is generally one jump ahead (N.D.A. 1994)
(a) QPRS (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) RQSP
20. (P) we shall hardly expect to find life there
(Q) knowing that
(R) there is neither air nor water
(S) on the moon
(a) PQRS (b) QRSP
(c) RSPQ (d) SRQP
21. (1) Sugar
(P) and our average consumption of sugar

- (Q) provides something like
(R) itself is rich in calories
(S) one-fifth of our
(6) total calorie intake
(a) PQRS (b) QRPS
(c) RPQS (d) RPSQ

(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)

22. Why do people

- (P) despite a desire
(Q) to quit and despise
(R) continue smoking
(S) the known health hazards?
(a) PQRS (b) RPQS
(c) RQPS (d) RSPQ

23. As lightning accompanies thunder,

- (P) was mingled with
(Q) so in my character
(R) the mutterings of my wrath
(S) a flash of humour (Railways, 1993)
(a) PRSQ (b) QPRS
(c) QRPS (d) QSPR

24. During hibernation

- (P) they have lost a good deal of weight
(Q) of course the animals consume
(R) and when they awake again
(S) the fats accumulated in the summer (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) PQRS (b) QSRP
(c) RQSP (d) SQPR

25. (1) The district collector

- (P) the next of kin
(Q) would be provided to
(R) announced that financial assistance
(S) of the deceased
(6) from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund
(a) PSRQ (b) QSPR
(c) RQPS (d) SQRP

26. (1) In the coming session,

- (P) of our computer management services

- (Q) to make them
(R) more useful, efficient and cost-effective
(S) we are undertaking a thorough review
(6) for your needs
(a) PQRS (b) QRSP
(c) RSPQ (d) SPQR

(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)

27. (1) Though the Govt. claims

- (P) it has failed to arrest
(Q) the rate of inflation is down,
(R) or the decrease
(S) the rise in prices
(6) in the per capita income
(a) PQRS (b) PQSR
(c) PSQR (d) QPSR

(Assistant Grade, 1993)

28. (1) The greatest tragedy of Bhopal

- (P) we in India
(Q) is that ever after the Bhopal disaster,
(R) have not realized
(S) the necessity
(6) of town planning
(a) PRQS (b) PRSQ
(c) QPRS (d) RSQP

29. The exhibition committee

- (P) attractive and useful
(Q) to make the exhibition
(R) making efforts
(S) has been (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) QPRS (b) QPSR
(c) SRPQ (d) SRQP

30. The house,

- (P) about half a mile distant
(Q) that stands in front of us,
(R) was built of stones
(S) which were dug out of its own site
(a) QPRS (b) QRPS
(c) QRSP (d) QSPR

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (d) 6. (c) 7. (a) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (c)
11. (b) 12. (b) 13. (b) 14. (c) 15. (b) 16. (b) 17. (c) 18. (b) 19. (b) 20. (a)
21. (c) 22. (b) 23. (d) 24. (b) 25. (c) 26. (d) 27. (d) 28. (c) 29. (d) 30. (a)

PRACTICE SET 4

1. We

- (P) agreed with
(Q) the manner in which you said it
(R) but we objected to
(S) what you said (N.D.A. 1996)

2. (1) The Reserve Bank of India has

- taken the risk
(P) as measured by the Wholesale Price Index
(Q) by allowing a large flow of funds
(R) when the annual rate of inflation
(S) into the economy at a time
(6) is slowly moving up.
(a) PRQS (b) QSRP
(c) RSPQ (d) SQPR

3. (1) I reasoned with him

- (P) but could not disabuse him
(Q) that the lawyer
(R) for an hour
(S) of the notion
(6) who had his case in hand was incompetent. (Clerks' Grade, 1995)
(a) PRSQ (b) QPSR
(c) RPSQ (d) SRPQ

4. (1) There are

- (P) laid on school games
(Q) who support the emphasis
(R) still those devotees of sport
(S) and for whom sports is
(6) a kind of religion.
(a) PQRS (b) PSQR
(c) RPSQ (d) RQPS

5. (P) as environmental tools

- (Q) for military purposes
(R) are finding various new uses
(S) the world's fastest computers
initially conceived (N.D.A. 1993)
(a) PQRS (b) QPSR
(c) RPSQ (d) SQRP

6. (1) The fact that

- (P) go to the police
(Q) did not let him
(R) to speak the truth
(S) he was a murderer
(6) about the theft.
(a) PRSQ (b) QSPR
(c) RQSP (d) SQPR

7. The U.S. soyabean

- (P) in the developing world
(Q) and when famine strikes
(R) is America's singlemost lucrative export
(S) American soyabeans are a major source of high protein sustenance

(a) PRSQ

(b) PSRQ

(c) RQPS

(d) RQSP

(C.D.S. 1995)

8. (1) Yesterday, I chanced to meet

- (P) where he lived
(Q) and asked him
(R) now in his seventies
(S) an old acquaintance,
(6) and what he did for his living.
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) SRQP

(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)

9. (1) Guru Nanak evolved

- (P) on omnipresence of God
(Q) with his simple teachings
(R) a new religious outlook
(S) and removal of
(6) the evil religious practices.
(a) PQRS (b) QPSR
(c) PRSQ (d) RQPS

10. Women

- (P) till the other day
(Q) who were content being housewives
(R) about spending their time cooking
(S) now sound apologetic
(a) PQRS (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) RSPQ

(C.D.S. 1993)

11. (1) The Indians of coming generations

- (P) and aware of the continuity of
(Q) will not be unconvincing and self conscious
(R) but will be men, rooted in their own traditions,
(S) copiers of European culture
(6) their own cultural heritage.
(a) QPSR (b) QRPS
(c) QSRP (d) SRQP

12. (1) If all the nations

- (P) for the common good of mankind
(Q) then they will never fight with each other
(R) work together
(S) and agree to obey these laws,
(6) and there will be no war.
(a) PRQS (b) RPSQ
(c) RQPS (d) SQRP

(S.S.C. 1992)

13. (1) What handicapped people

- (P) an opportunity to pull their weight
(Q) but what we are ready
(R) and do something useful
(S) want most of all is
(6) to offer is pity
(a) PQSR (b) QSPR

- (c) RPQS (d) SPRQ
14. Little
(P) that he had been let down
(Q) stood by all these years
(R) did he realise
(S) by a colleague whom he had
(a) QSPR (b) QSRP
(c) RPSQ (d) RSQP
(C.D.S. 1995)
15. It has been established that
(P) Einstein was
(Q) although a great scientist
(R) weak in arithmetic
(S) right from his school days
(a) QPRS (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) SRPQ
(Railways, 1994)
16. (P) environmental and psychological stress and strain
(Q) He said that
(R) the development of positive attitudes to cope with
(S) what the world needed today was
(a) PQSR (b) QSRP
(c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
17. Without books
(P) no cultured society is possible
(Q) no fresh ideas are possible
(R) and
(S) without fresh ideas (N.D.A. 1993)
(a) PRSQ (b) QRSP
(c) RSPQ (d) RSQP
18. (1) The social groups in power
(P) especially when these happen to depend upon the state
(Q) have always manipulated the education systems
(R) for their very existence,
(S) to strengthen and perpetuate
(6) their own privileged position.
(a) QPRS (b) QRPS
(c) QSRP (d) SPQR
19. (1) No part of this publication may be
(P) without the written permission
(Q) reproduced, stored in or transmitted
(R) of the copyright owner and
(S) in any form or by any means
(6) the publisher of this book.
(a) PQRS (b) QSPR
(c) RPSQ (d) SRQP
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
20. (1) Fair play demands that
(P) which may tend to give a poor impression
(Q) before any comments are made
(R) the person concerned should be asked
(S) about a person,
- (6) to give his side of the story.
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) SRQP
21. (1) The ongoing research
(P) to relax the vigil
(Q) for development of an AIDS vaccine
(R) is not reason enough
(S) due to enter laboratory trials shortly
(6) against the killer - disease.
(a) PQSR (b) QSRP
(c) SQRP (d) SRQP
(Clerks' Grade, 1994)
22. (1) The unfortunate person,
(P) of social contempt
(Q) but he is also the victim
(R) who is unemployed, is
(S) not only the object of self-pity,
(6) and a danger to the society.
(a) PQSR (b) QPRS
(c) RSQP (d) SRPQ
23. The statement
(P) therefore you must listen carefully
(Q) what the speaker has said
(R) in order to understand
(S) will be made just once (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) RSPQ (b) SPQR
(c) SPRQ (d) SRQP
24. Towards midnight
(P) so that the sky was lighted with
(Q) and the clouds drifted away
(R) the rain ceased
(S) the incredible lamp of stars
(a) RPQS (b) RQPS
(c) SPQR (d) SQPR
(N.D.A. 1995)
25. The idea of the Yahoos
(P) too,
(Q) in all its devastating implications,
(R) is one to be explored
(S) but not taken as the last word about human nature
(a) PRQS (b) RQSP
(c) SPRQ (d) SRPQ
26. The administration will soon launch
(P) to educate the people about their rights
(Q) a consumer protection drive
(R) against using fraudulent means
(S) and to warn traders (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) PQSR (b) PSQR
(c) QPSR (d) SPQR
27. Some of our social sciences
(P) that cannot be attacked by modern society
(Q) such as psychology and sociology
(R) seem to have become
(S) sacred cows
(a) PQRS (b) QRSP
(c) RSPQ (d) RSQP

28. (1) Inaugurating the Bharat Bhawan
(P) the then Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi said that
(Q) in all states so that the creative faculties of the people
(R) in Bhopal on February 13, 1982
(S) it had been her long cherished desire to see such bhavans come up
(6) could find their proper outlet
(a) PQRS (b) RPSQ
(c) SPQR (d) SRPQ
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
29. (1) I am aware of the exciting demands
(P) in the highest public office
(Q) these demands have to
(R) but I do not see that
(S) of security of those
(6) wildly inconsistent with the rights of a citizen.
(a) PRQS (b) RSPQ
(c) SPQR (d) SPRQ
30. Dear Lodger, I agree, the roof is leaking; but
(P) there would be no need
(Q) while it is raining
(R) and when the sun shines,
(S) I can't get it repaired (N.D.A. 1992)
(a) PRQS (b) QRSP
(c) RSPQ (d) SQRP

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (d) 6. (d) 7. (d) 8. (d) 9. (d) 10. (b)
11. (c) 12. (b) 13. (d) 14. (c) 15. (a) 16. (b) 17. (b) 18. (a) 19. (b) 20. (b)
21. (c) 22. (c) 23. (c) 24. (b) 25. (a) 26. (c) 27. (b) 28. (b) 29. (d) 30. (d)

PRACTICE SET 5

1. It was
(P) in keeping with my mood
(Q) a soft summer evening
(R) as I walked sedately
(S) in the direction of the new house
(a) QPRS (b) QRPS
(c) SQPR (d) SRPQ
(C.D.S. 1993)
2. (1) Freedom, which
(P) in the sense
(Q) that a wide gulf separates
(R) a modern woman enjoys,
(S) is the restricted kind,
(6) the rich and the poor women.
(a) PQRS (b) QPRS
(c) RSPQ (d) SRQP
3. Padukone's retirement
(P) as is obvious
(Q) his concern for the game
(R) has not diminished
(S) when he talks of the Badminton Association of India (N.D.A. 1995)
(a) PQRS (b) PSQR
(c) RPQS (d) RQPS
4. (1) After a laborious life
(P) to the quiet village where he was born
(Q) most of which he had spent in the metropolis,
(R) and where he intended to spend
(S) he retired in his old age
(6) his remaining years.
- (a) QRPS (b) QSPR
(c) SPQR (d) SQPR
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
5. (P) The management having agreed
(Q) the workers called off the strike
(R) to increase their wages
(S) and returned to work
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) RSQP (d) SPQR
6. The Bible,
(P) has in many respects
(Q) the sacred book of all Christians
(R) among all the books of the world
(S) a unique character and position
(a) QPSR (b) QRPS
(c) RPQS (d) RQPS
(S.C.R.A. 1993)
7. The ultimate hope
(P) will force the nations
(Q) that the destructive nature of weapons
(R) to give up war
(S) has not been fulfilled
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) QPRS (d) RSQP
8. (P) deserve all honour in society
(Q) in doing their job well
(R) men of conscience who take pride
(S) whatever its nature (N.D.A. 1993)
(a) PRSQ (b) QRPS
(c) RQSP (d) SPQR

9. (P) I wonder
(Q) whenever I decide to go to the cinema
(R) with my moped
(S) why I always have trouble
(a) PRSQ (b) PSRQ
(c) QPSR (d) QRSP
(C.D.S. 1994)
10. (P) expresses itself in many diverse art forms
(Q) ancient in origin
(R) The essence of the spirit of Bulgaria
(S) of great creativity
(a) PQRS (b) PSRQ
(c) QPSR (d) RQPS
11. (1) He had started the book thinking
(P) he had decided to
(Q) that it would be an interesting work,
(R) but by the time
(S) he reached the middle,
(6) throw it into the bin.
(a) PSQR (b) QRSP
(c) RSPQ (d) SFRQ
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
12. (1) People read and recite the Ramayana,
(P) which refers to those high ideals of human conduct
(Q) with great devotion,
(R) that aspect of its greatness
(S) but they mostly fail to appreciate
(6) that this great epic places before us.
(a) PRQS (b) QSRP
(c) RSPQ (d) SRQP
13. This majestic mahogany table
(P) belongs to an old prince
(Q) which has one leg missing
(R) who is now impoverished
(S) but not without some pride
(a) PQSR (b) PRSQ
(c) QPRS (d) QRSP
(C.D.S. 1995)
14. If you have patience
(P) to become an interesting and enthusiastic listener
(Q) from the other person himself
(R) and if you train yourself
(S) you will get to know all the details, first hand
(a) PRSQ (b) PSRQ
(c) RPSQ (d) RSQP
15. (1) O why
(P) creator shatter
(Q) should the great
(R) one of
(S) his most adorable
(6) works!
(a) PRQS (b) QPRS
(c) QPSR (d) RPQS
(S.S.C. 1995)
16. (P) a difficult construction job that calls for innovation
(Q) offer her
(R) in Mrs. Roy, a Bombay based business woman
(S) and you will find a willing taker
(a) PQRS (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) SRPQ
17. (1) Even though he had prepared well
(P) in the examination hall
(Q) and could not do well
(R) for the examination,
(S) he got nervous
(6) as well as he had hoped to do.
(a) PQRS (b) QRSP
(c) RSPQ (d) SPQR
(Stenographer's Exam, 1995)
18. As the whole human blood and its related blood products
(P) the collection and distribution is
(Q) are drugs,
(R) and rules there under
(S) regulated under Drugs and Cosmetics Act
(a) QSPR (b) PSRQ
(c) QPSR (d) SPRQ
19. Seventy-two people
(P) reports PTI
(Q) were affected by food poisoning
(R) including several women and children
(S) of the Tilak Vihar area of west Delhi
(a) RSPQ (b) RSQP
(c) SQRP (d) SRQP
(N.D.A. 1994)
20. (1) The main purpose
(P) how much
(Q) is to find out
(R) of this test
(S) of English
(6) he knows.
(a) PQSR (b) PRQS
(c) RQPS (d) SPQR
(Central Excise, 1993)
21. (1) Excavators have discovered
(P) in Iraq's
(Q) and half animal figure
(R) a colossal half human
(S) dating back to the Ice Ages
(6) northern city of Mosul.
(a) PRQS (b) QSPR
(c) RQSP (d) SPRQ
22. You must leave a note
(P) otherwise she will be terribly worried
(Q) for your mother
(R) at the usual hour
(S) if you are not back home
(a) QPRS (b) QPSR

- (c) SRPQ (d) SRQP
(C.D.S. 1995)
23. (1) The move to revert to a six-day week
(P) among the employees
(Q) while their leaders represented to the Chief Minister
(R) that they be taken into confidence
(S) led to an animated decision
(6) before any decision was taken.
(a) QPSR (b) RSPQ
(c) SPQR (d) SQPR
24. Some achievements
(P) have made
(Q) happier and more comfortable
(R) of science
(S) human life
(a) PQRS (b) QRSP
(c) RPSQ (d) RSPQ
(S.C.R.A. 1994)
25. (1) The first component is
(P) and vocational training
(Q) so as to enable them
(R) the provision of further technical
(S) to both rural and urban youth
(6) to secure employment in industry and the services sector.
(a) PRSQ (b) RPSQ
(c) RSQP (d) SRPQ
26. As we all know
(1) a legislation
(Q) needs the assent of the President
(R) passed by the houses of Parliament
(S) to become law
(a) PQSR (b) PRQS
(c) QPRS (d) SPQR
(N.D.A. 1996)
27. (1) It was obvious
(P) made by him
- (Q) submitted at the meeting
(R) from the comments
(S) on the draft proposals
(6) that he was not satisfied with them.
(a) PSRQ (b) QRSP
(c) RPSQ (d) SQRP
(S.S.C. 1993)
28. (1) The Minister of State for power
(P) laying emphasis
(Q) in conservation of electricity in industries
(R) has written to his counterparts in State Governments
(S) on bringing about improvement
(6) by introduction of energy efficient equipment.
(a) QPSR (b) RPSQ
(c) SPQR (d) SQPR
29. As the situation has changed,
(P) since we last discussed this matter
(Q) it was best to contact you
(R) it appeared to me
(S) without losing time
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) PRSQ (d) SPRQ
(N.D.A. 1995)
30. (1) In reply to a question
(P) that securing extradition
(Q) operating from the U.K. soil remained
(R) of anti-India elements
(S) the spokesman said
(6) New Delhi's 'first priority'.
(a) PRQS (b) QSPR
(c) RQSP (d) SPRQ

ANSWERS

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (d)
11. (b) 12. (b) 13. (c) 14. (c) 15. (b) 16. (b) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (b) 20. (c)
21. (c) 22. (b) 23. (c) 24. (c) 25. (b) 26. (b) 27. (c) 28. (b) 29. (b) 30. (d)

PRACTICE SET 6

1. According to an engineer
(P) might hit the market next year
(Q) a newly developed air-cooler system
(R) that employed in conventional room coolers
(S) which is based on a principle radically different from (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) PQRS (b) QSRP
(c) RSQP (d) SQRP
2. (P) with an idea to reach the deprived child
(Q) by the United Nations Organisation
(R) the year 1979 has been declared as
(S) the International Year of the Child
(a) PQRS (b) PRSQ
(c) PSQR (d) RSPQ
3. (P) which is sold
(Q) for its horn
(R) the Rhinoceros is hunted by poachers
(S) at high prices
(a) QPSR (b) QRSP
(c) RQSP (d) SPRQ
(N.D.A. 1993)

- (c) RQPS (d) SQPR
4. It is
(P) the king and his four sons
(Q) believed that
(R) when they were riding in a royal procession
(S) were killed
(a) PQSR (b) PSQR
(c) QPRS (d) QPSR
5. When rescuers arrived
(P) they had to wait several hours
(Q) before the ground was
(R) at the ruins
(S) cool enough to stand on (C.D.S. 1994)
(a) PQRS (b) QSPR
(c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
6. (1) In the middle of the dark night,
(P) of a woman
(Q) by the shrill cry
(R) I was awakened
(S) who seemed to be wailing
(6) the death of someone close to her
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) SRQP
7. (1) A political decision or policy
(P) if judged by its immediate results,
(Q) in the light of its
(R) may seem to be very wise
(S) but may prove to be unsound
(6) ultimate consequences
(a) RPQS (b) RPSQ
(c) RQPS (d) SQPR
(Assistant Grade, 1993)
8. We can think of
(P) often confused in the public mind
(Q) which suggest the need for
(R) two factors
(S) an international language
(a) PRQS (b) RPQS
(c) RQSP (d) SQRP
9. (1) I am of the opinion that
(P) a terrible mistake
(Q) our Govt.
(R) is making
(S) by discontinuing the train lines
(6) in Calcutta
(a) QRPS (b) PRQS
(c) SQRP (d) PQRS
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
10. (1) If we study the lives of great men
(P) achieve greatness and,
(Q) footmarks to guide others
(R) we are reminded that we too can
(S) when we die, leave behind us
(6) and infuse them with new life.
(a) PSRQ (b) RPSQ
(c) RQPS (d) SQPR
11. (1) Lakhs of students
(P) on all-India basis
(Q) from all over India
(R) which are held
(S) appear in the examinations
(6) by different recruiting organisations.
(a) PQSR (b) QSPR
(c) QSRP (d) SRQP
(S.S.C. 1992)
12. (P) four degrees below normal
(Q) icy winds lashed Srinagar
(R) with minimum temperature registering
(S) which was already in the grip of gruelling cold wave conditions
(a) PQSR (b) QSRP
(c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
13. (1) Almost every country in the world
(P) that it is of the chosen people
(Q) it has some special dispensation from Providence
(R) and that others are somewhat
(S) believes that
(6) inferior creatures (C.B.I. 1995)
(a) RPQS (b) RQPS
(c) SQPR (d) SQRP
14. The policeman
(P) to return the lady's purse
(Q) asked him
(R) who had caught a pick-pocket
(S) if he wished to avoid imprisonment
(a) PSQR (b) QRPS
(c) RQPS (d) SQRP
15. The world
(P) although it sometimes seems that way
(Q) is not a total chaos
(R) the newspaper headlines
(S) when we read (C.D.S. 1991)
(a) PQSR (b) QPSR
(c) QSRP (d) RSPQ
16. It is
(P) for a man
(Q) when he accompanies a lady
(R) an accepted custom
(S) to open the door (N.D.A. 1996)
(a) PSQR (b) PSRQ
(c) RPQS (d) RPSQ
17. (1) Haryana gets the credit
(P) for the first time
(Q) for training block level extension farmers
(R) for using INSAT-2
(S) in the country
(6) in various aspects of agriculture
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RPSQ (d) SQRP
18. The impact
(P) is to be seen
(Q) in the diverse changes in consumer habits
(R) of technological and industrial development
(S) in cities, towns and even in village conglomerates (C.D.S. 1993)
(a) PQRS (b) PSQR
(c) RPQS (d) RSPQ
19. The main cause of Industrial Revolution was
(P) owing to the geographical discoveries
(Q) in the 17th and 18th centuries
(R) the great increase in overseas trade
(S) of Columbus and Vasco - da - Gama
(a) RPQS (b) RQPS
(c) RSPQ (d) RSQP
20. (1) They would gather information
(P) and then report the findings
(Q) of the lands
(R) through which they travelled
(S) about the wealth and military strength
(6) to the king (S.S.C. 1995)
(a) PQSR (b) PSQR
(c) QRSP (d) SQRP
21. (1) Under the present system
(P) teaching
(Q) of mass education by classes
(R) and too little on
(S) too much stress is laid on
(6) active learning.
(a) QPRS (b) QPSR
(c) QRPS (d) QSPR
22. (1) Many people
(P) that the government can always pay out money quite easily,
(Q) that the government can only pay out money
(R) seem to think
(S) but they forget
(6) that it has received in taxes.
(a) PRQS (b) QPRS
(c) RPSQ (d) SQRP
(Clerks' Grade, 1994)
23. (P) accidents are still bound to happen
(Q) occasionally,
(R) though
(S) despite everyone's best efforts
(a) PQRS (b) RSPQ
(c) SPRQ (d) SRPQ
24. All such students
(P) get success
(Q) who are honest and hardworking
(R) and recognition
(S) in every walk of life
- (a) PRQS (b) PSRQ
(c) QPRS (d) SPRQ
(Railways, 1994)
25. (1) Above all,
(P) in the present age of light reading,
(Q) it is well if something heavier is cast now and then
(R) of reading hastily and thoughtlessly,
(S) that is,
(6) into the midst of the reading public.
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) PSRQ (d) QSRP
26. The Buddha
(P) who had
(Q) set views
(R) was opposed to all those
(S) or closed system of thought
(a) PQRS (b) PQSR
(c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
(N.D.A. 1995)
27. (1) Though the exact dimensions
(P) involved in the rocket
(Q) and the precise amounts
(R) it is clear that such a large scale operation
(S) are yet to be ascertained,
(6) could not have been possible without the connivance of officials at various levels.
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) RQPS (d) SPRQ
28. We have to
(P) as we see it
(Q) speak the truth
(R) there is falsehood and darkness
(S) even if all around us (C.D.S. 1995)
(a) QPSR (b) QRPS
(c) RQSP (d) RSQP
29. (1) What the country needs
(P) and change tactics
(Q) who would encourage players
(R) are coaches and officials
(S) to read the game as it progresses
(6) accordingly.
(a) QSPR (b) RQPS
(c) RQSP (d) SPRQ
30. The ancient peoples of the Mediterranean
(P) like a horse with a long horn
(Q) elieved in the existence of the unicorn
(R) on its forehead
(S) a mythical animal supposed to look
(a) PRQS (b) QPSR
(c) QSPR (d) RSQP
(C.D.S. 1995)

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (b) 9. (a) 10. (b)
 11. (c) 12. (b) 13. (c) 14. (c) 15. (b) 16. (d) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (b) 20. (d)
 21. (d) 22. (c) 23. (c) 24. (c) 25. (b) 26. (c) 27. (b) 28. (a) 29. (c) 30. (c)

PRACTICE SET 7

1. He said that those who
 (P) would miss a very interesting game
 (Q) to be played
 (R) between two famous teams
 (S) would not accompany him
 (a) QRPS (b) SPQR
 (c) SQRP (d) SRPQ
 (N.D.A. 1993)
2. (P) by the hard hitting cyclone
 (Q) and bridges broken leaving the population marooned
 (R) Fiji Islands presented the ghastly scene of an earthly paradise overrun by marauders
 (S) after the tops of several houses were blown off (C.D.S. 1993)
 (a) PQRS (b) PRQS
 (c) RSQP (d) SRQP
3. Churchill observed that
 (P) the impressive and inspiring spectacle
 (Q) displayed the vigour and efficiency
 (R) of the civil defence forces of London
 (S) he had witnessed in Hyde park that morning
 (a) PQRS (b) PSQR
 (c) PSRQ (d) SPRQ
4. (P) Since they are swayed exclusively
 (Q) the mental horizon of students
 (R) has narrowed these days
 (S) by considerations of career
 (a) PQRS (b) PSQR
 (c) QPRS (d) QRPS
 (S.C.R.A. 1993)
5. (1) The candidate will be expected to have
 (P) and will be responsible
 (Q) a commitment to application-oriented research
 (R) for development of methods/products
 (S) in the emerging
 (6) field of biotechnology
 (a) PRSQ (b) QPRS
 (c) QPSR (d) RSQP
6. Spiders
 (P) build webs
 (Q) in houses
 (R) that many people fear
 (S) those eight-legged bugs (C.D.S. 1991)
 (a) PQRS (b) PQSR
 (c) SPQR (d) SRPQ
7. (P) when the artist had started
 (Q) singing a popular song
 (R) in chorus
 (S) everyone in the audience joined
 (a) PQRS (b) PQSR
 (c) RPQS (d) RQPS
8. He was so kind and generous that
 (P) he not only
 (Q) made others do so
 (R) but also
 (S) helped them himself (C.D.S. 1995)
 (a) PRSQ (b) PSRQ
 (c) QPRS (d) SPQR
9. A French woman
 (P) committed suicide
 (Q) where she had put up
 (R) who had come to Calcutta
 (S) by jumping from the first floor balcony of the hotel (S.C.R.A. 1994)
 (a) PRQS (b) QSRP
 (c) RPSQ (d) SRQP
10. (P) supported by soft term loans
 (Q) to supply imported equipment worth Rs. 8 crore
 (R) the Hungarian Government has offered
 (S) with a very low rate of interest
 (a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
 (c) RQPS (d) SRQP
11. (1) In spite of repeated attempts,
 (P) in the dictionary
 (Q) and finally had to ask his teacher
 (R) he could not locate
 (S) the strange-looking word
 (6) what it meant. (S.S.C. 1995)
 (a) PQRS (b) SPQR
 (c) QRSP (d) RSPQ
12. (1) Believe it or not but
 (P) to be a news reader
 (Q) the Hindi film industry's leading actor
 (R) was once dismissed
 (S) for close to a decade

- (6) on All India Radio
 (a) PSQR (b) QSRP
 (c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
13. (1) About a hundred Vintage beauties
 (P) have been restored
 (Q) over the years
 (R) from the scrap
 (S) many of which
 (6) participate in the famous Vintage Car Rally every year.
 (a) PQRS (b) SPQR
 (c) SPRQ (d) SQPR
 (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
14. The workhouse authorities
 (P) in the household
 (Q) of a shopkeeper
 (R) find her a job
 (S) and she succeeds in placing Jackie with a kindly widow
 (a) PRQS (b) QSRP
 (c) RPQS (d) SQRP
15. (1) I wasn't sure
 (P) to hear his voice
 (Q) in my heart of hearts—
 (E) through that window once more,
 (S) what I really wished
 (6) or never to see him there again.
 (a) PRSQ (b) QSPR
 (c) RSQP (d) SQPR
 (Assistant Grade, 1994)
16. (1) The man whom I hit on the head
 (P) says that when he meets me
 (Q) on my way back home from school
 (R) on the road
 (S) he will beat me
 (6) till I cry for mercy.
 (a) PSRQ (b) QPRS
 (c) RPSQ (d) RQSP
 (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
17. As his hunting skill increased,
 (P) till at last it was as impossible for him
 (Q) so did his love for the hunt
 (R) as it is for the opium eater
 (S) to pass a day without it
 (6) to forgo his daily potion.
 (a) PQRS (b) PSQR
 (c) QPSR (d) RSQP
18. If you need help
 (P) promptly and politely
 (Q) ask for attendants
 (R) to help our customers
 (S) who have instructions (C.D.S. 1995)
 (a) QPSR (b) QSRP
 (c) SQPR (d) SQRP
19. (1) In every country, children
 (P) in their proper development, because
 (Q) a great care is taken
 (R) are given good education and
 (S) what they become depends
 (6) upon this impressionable period of their lives.
 (a) RSPQ (b) QSRP
 (c) RQPS (d) PRSQ
20. After the awarding speeches
 (P) the prize given
 (Q) and
 (R) had been made
 (S) I got up to give my address in reply
 (a) RQPS (b) RSQP
 (c) SPQR (d) SRQP
 (N.D.A. 1995)
21. (1) The two men who were following
 (P) and who were separated from the tigress by the rock,
 (Q) when they saw me stop
 (R) a few yards behind me
 (S) stood still
 (6) and turn my head.
 (a) PSQR (b) QSPR
 (c) RPSQ (d) SQRP
 (Assistant Grade, 1993)
22. The leader of the Opposition,
 (P) in the manner he had planned to convince them,
 (Q) on realising that he had failed to convince the assembly,
 (R) who had a reputation for speech making,
 (S) was very much disappointed
 (a) PSRQ (b) QSRP
 (c) RSQP (d) SPRQ
23. The professor
 (P) who has explored many jungles
 (Q) will lecture on the new expedition
 (R) about which I have read
 (S) which he is now planning
 (a) PQRS (b) PRQS
 (c) QRSP (d) RSPQ
 (C.D.S. 1994)
24. The budget
 (P) with high expectations
 (Q) by all types of tax payers
 (R) of tax relief
 (S) is being awaited
 (6) particularly the salaried middle-class.
 (a) PRQS (b) QPRS
 (c) RPSQ (d) SPRQ
25. During routine investigation
 (P) other Harappan sites
 (Q) archaeologists discovered artifacts
 (R) that perfectly matched
 (S) remains from (N.D.A. 1996)
 (a) PQSR (b) PRQS
 (c) QRSP (d) RSQP

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. (d) 7. (b) 8. (b) 9. (c) 10. (c)
 11. (d) 12. (b) 13. (c) 14. (c) 15. (d) 16. (b) 17. (c) 18. (b) 19. (c) 20. (a)
 21. (c) 22. (c) 23. (b) 24. (d) 25. (c)

PRACTICE SET 8

1. (1) If the sovereignty
 (P) of the people and their elected
 representatives,
 (Q) and the unity
 (R) in the hands
 (S) of a country is not safe
 (6) it cannot be safe in any other hands
 (a) PQRS (b) QSRP
 (c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
 (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
2. (1) Never
 (P) that which
 (Q) put off
 (R) till tomorrow
 (S) can be done
 (6) today (Central Excise, 1993)
 (a) QRPS (b) QRSP
 (c) SQRP (d) SRQP
3. Political liberty
 (P) is secured
 (Q) whereby civil and religious liberty
 (R) is no more
 (S) than the instrument
 (a) QPRS (b) QRPS
 (c) QRSP (d) RSQP
4. Though he was only a child
 (P) he often worked much harder
 (Q) than was either necessary
 (R) in order to please his parents
 (S) or good for him (C.D.S. 1995)
 (a) PRQS (b) PRSQ
 (c) RPQS (d) RQSP
5. Be careful in choosing your companions,
 and
 (P) never to be departed from, that
 (Q) no youth ought to be called your
 friend
 (R) lay this down as a rule
 (S) who is addicted to indecent talk or
 who is fond of low society
 (a) QPRS (b) QSPR
 (c) RPQS (d) RPSQ
6. (1) There are many versions
 (P) of a 15 ft. rope,
 (Q) in which the magician
 (R) of the Indian rope-trick
 (S) firmly holds one end
 (6) the other end of which he throws
 upwards
 (a) PSQR (b) QRPS
 (c) RQSP (d) SPQR
 (S.S.C. 1995)
7. (P) to dispose off the waste matter
 (Q) the modernisation would reduce
 (R) provide better sanitary facilities
 (S) manual labour considerably and
 would also
 (a) PQSR (b) QSRP
 (c) RPQS (d) SRPQ
8. (1) The leader's public meeting was
 disrupted
 (P) by a section of the audience
 (Q) any firm assurance
 (R) he had not given them
 (S) who felt that
 (6) for the solution of their problems
 (a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
 (c) RQPS (d) SRQP
 (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
9. (1) China is clearly
 (P) become a middle income nation
 (Q) its economy and society, and
 (R) and perhaps a super power
 (S) determined to modernise
 (6) in the next twenty five years
 (a) PRSQ (b) QRPS
 (c) RSQP (d) SQPR
10. People
 (P) at his dispensary
 (Q) went to him
 (R) of all professions
 (S) for medicine and treatment
 (C.D.S. 1995)
 (a) QPRS (b) QRPS
 (c) RPQS (d) RQSP
11. Today
 (P) we have the law
 (Q) and 'might is right'
 (R) to protect us all
 (S) does not operate
 (6) any more
 (a) PRQS (b) QRPS
 (c) RPSQ (d) SQPR

12. Athens
 (P) it was also at its height
 (Q) the first democracy in the world,
 (R) was not only
 (S) an almost perfect democracy
 (a) QRPS (b) QRSP
 (c) RQPS (d) PSRQ
 (N.D.A. 1994)
13. (1) Kiran with a deep sigh
 (P) as if she were the thief herself,
 (Q) and at the top she placed
 (R) replaced the inkstand in the box, and
 (S) covered it with the linen
 (6) the presents together with the bank
 note.
 (a) PSQR (b) QSRP
 (c) RPSQ (d) SQPR
14. It is a rule
 (P) by anyone and admits
 (Q) that must not
 (R) of no variation
 (S) be violated (C.D.S. 1995)
 (a) PSQR (b) QRPS
 (c) QSPR (d) RQPS
15. (1) The communique took note of
 (P) facing the world and
 (Q) support of terrorism and subversion
 (R) the issues of peace and security
 (S) called on all states to eschew any
 form of
 (6) directed against other states.
 (a) PSQR (b) RPSQ
 (c) RQSP (d) SPQR
16. Education is
 (P) of the proper sense of responsibilities
 (Q) the first need
 (R) in a citizen
 (S) for the development (Railways, 1994)
 (a) PQRS (b) QSPR
 (c) QSRP (d) SQPR
17. (1) The Government has constituted
 (P) keeping in mind the necessary
 (Q) to ensure adequate inputs of
 science and technology
 (R) environmental safeguards
 (S) an expert group to incorporate
 strategies
 (6) for ecologically sustainable production
 (a) PRSQ (b) RQPS
 (c) SPRQ (d) SQPR
18. (1) Nothing is more common than the
 idea
 (P) of the twentieth century
 (Q) in the western world
 (R) the people living
 (S) that we
 (6) are eminently sane (S.S.C. 1992)
- (a) PQRS (b) SPQR
 (c) SRPQ (d) SRQR
19. (P) will normally be granted
 (Q) candidates should note
 (R) that no request for
 (S) change of centre
 (a) PSQR (b) QRSP
 (c) RSPQ (d) SPQR
20. The doctor's offer
 (P) not only saved Julie
 (Q) but enabled her to blossom into a
 happy woman
 (R) from the jaws of death
 (S) of marriage (N.D.A. 1995)
 (a) PQRS (b) PSQR
 (c) SPRQ (d) SPQR
21. (1) Gandhiji wanted the Congress Party
 (P) for he knew that
 (Q) its usefulness and would merely be
 (R) to be disbanded on Independence,
 (S) after that the party had outlived
 (6) used by some politicians for their
 own ends.
 (a) PSQR (b) QSPR
 (c) RPSQ (d) SQPR
 (Assistant Grade, 1993)
22. I,
 (P) one hand before me on the wall,
 (Q) unlocked the door,
 (R) to guide me in the heavy blackness
 (S) and went softly down the stairs
 (a) PQRS (b) QPRS
 (c) QSPR (d) RQPS
23. He knew that
 (P) and then to save himself
 (Q) was to save all the lives
 (R) entrusted to his care
 (S) the duty of a captain (S.C.R.A. 1994)
 (a) SQRP (b) SPRQ
 (c) QSRP (d) PQRS
24. To much of the world.
 (P) which produces radio and television
 (Q) it is science
 (R) by airplanes and satellites
 (S) and which conquers space
 (a) RSPQ (b) RQPS
 (c) QRPS (d) QPSR
 (C.D.S. 1994)
25. (1) In this stage of the world,
 (P) that their gross ignorance of one
 another should be diminished
 (Q) it is essential,
 (R) when many nations are brought into
 close and vital contact for good and
 evil,
 (S) as never before
 (6) that they should begin to
 understand a little of one another's

- historical experience and resulting mentality.
(a) PSRQ (b) PQRS
(c) PRSQ (d) RQSP
26. It is not, therefore
(P) that I pay a tribute
(Q) to conductors as a class
(R) with any feeling of unfriendliness
(S) to a particular member of that class
(a) PQRS (b) PSRQ
(c) RQPS (d) RSPQ
(C.D.S. 1993)
27. (1) The code
(P) is normally put onto cards
(Q) that the computer understands
(R) small holes are punched
(S) through which
(6) in specially arranged patterns
(a) PQSR (b) QPSR
(c) SRQP (d) SRPQ
(S.S.C. 1995)
28. I believed then
(P) that no matter
(Q) one should always find some time for exercise
(R) and I believe even now
(S) what amount of work one has
(a) PSRQ (b) PRQS
(c) RPSQ (d) RPQS
29. I know it is not nice to compromise but
(P) if placed in his situation
(Q) you can hardly blame him
(R) for doing what
(S) most people would do
(a) QRPS (b) QRSP
(c) SPQR (d) SPRQ
(C.D.S. 1995)
30. Village and small industries while requiring limited capital
(P) can provide
(Q) a variety of goods for consumption
(R) and produce
(S) employment to large numbers
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) PRSQ (d) PSRQ
(N.D.A. 1996)

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (c) 6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (d) 10. (d)
11. (a) 12. (c) 13. (c) 14. (c) 15. (b) 16. (b) 17. (d) 18. (d) 19. (b) 20. (c)
21. (c) 22. (b) 23. (a) 24. (d) 25. (d) 26. (d) 27. (b) 28. (a) 29. (b) 30. (d)

PRACTICE SET 9

1. I read an advertisement that said
(P) posh, airconditioned
(Q) gentlemen of taste
(R) are available for
(S) fully furnished rooms
(a) SRPQ (b) PSRQ
(c) PSQR (d) PQRS
(Railways, 1994)
2. (1) Nationalism in its extreme form
(P) that nations are not able to understand one another rightly
(Q) and good will, which are essential
(R) creates false notions with the result
(S) it stands in the way of mutual understanding
(6) for international peace and security.
(a) PRQS (b) QSRP
(c) RPSQ (d) SQPR
(S.S.C. 1994)
3. As a youth
(P) extravagant clothes and adopting
(Q) he was a dandy
(R) melodramatic Byronic poses
(S) who delighted in wearing
(a) PQRS (b) QPSR
(c) QRPS (d) QSPR
4. (1) The man
(P) to be changed
(Q) who resolves
(R) by the first counter suggestion of a friend
(S) but suffers his resolution
(6) can never accomplish anything great or useful.
(a) PRSQ (b) QPSR
(c) QRSP (d) RSQP
(Stenographer's Exam, 1995)
5. In the modern times
(P) certainly
(Q) hijackings are
(R) experienced by the air personnel
(S) the most cruel form of horror
(a) PRQS (b) QPSR
(c) RSQP (d) SQPR
6. They tell us
(P) in some places
(Q) there must have been
(R) that when the great glaciers of the Ice Age melted
(S) vast steppes or wide treeless plains
(a) QRPS (b) QRSP
(c) RQPS (d) RQSP
(C.D.S. 1995)
7. (P) after travelling in other countries,
(Q) he should not forget
(R) all about the countries he has travelled
(S) when a man returns home
(a) PRQS (b) PRQS
(c) SPQR (d) SRQP
(S.C.R.A. 1993)
8. The Indian woman wants
(P) in a male dominated society
(Q) as an equal partner
(R) and it is not too much to demand
(S) her rightful place
(a) QPSR (b) RSQP
(c) SQPR (d) SRPQ
(N.D.A. 1996)
9. The national unity of a free people
(P) to make it impracticable
(Q) for there to be an arbitrary administration
(R) depends upon a sufficiently even balance of political power
(S) against a revolutionary opposition that is irreconcilably opposed to it
(a) QRPS (b) QRSP
(c) RPQS (d) RSPQ
(C.D.S. 1995)
10. (1) Variety, they say, is the spice of life,
(P) decided to take this adage to heart and
(Q) pieces of garlic
(R) serve sambar garnished with a few
(S) but a certain reputed hotel
(6) in its 'vegetarian food only' restaurant.
(a) PRQS (b) QSPR
(c) RQSP (d) SPRQ
(C.D.S. 1995)
11. (1) Strike
(P) when all the other methods
(Q) is a legitimate weapon of the worker
(R) to get better pay,
(S) shorter hours of work and better working conditions
(6) have failed.
(a) QRSP (b) QSPR
(c) RPSQ (d) SPRQ
(Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
12. The mother exclaimed that
(P) to have solved the puzzle
(Q) so quickly
(R) it was
(S) very clever of him
(a) PSQR (b) QRPS
(c) RSPQ (d) SPRQ
13. (1) If the sword fish really attacked
(P) it could have cut it
(Q) and that would have been
(R) to pieces very quickly
(S) the rubber raft with its vicious sword
(6) the end of the experiment.
(a) PRQS (b) QSPR
(c) RQSP (d) SPRQ
(Assistant Grade, 1993)
14. (1) India has been a land
(P) but in the sense that learning has always been very highly valued
(Q) not indeed in the sense that education has been universal,
(R) and the learned man has been held in higher esteem
(S) of learning throughout the ages
(6) than the warrior or the administrator.
(a) QPSR (b) RQPS
(c) SQRQ (d) SRQP
15. The essay
(P) like that of the human face,
(Q) because the variety is infinite,
(R) is a literary form
(S) which is not easy to define
(a) PQRS (b) PQSR
(c) RSPQ (d) RSQP
(C.D.S. 1994)
16. (1) She had understood
(P) so she withdrew herself from the ordinary people,
(Q) like a curse to her father's house,
(R) that God had sent her,
(S) from her earliest childhood
(6) and tried to live apart.
(a) PRQS (b) QSPR
(c) SPQR (d) SRQP
17. (1) In this way, balancing his accounts
(P) would bring about
(Q) only extreme non-violence,
(R) with violence and non-violence,
(S) Gandhi concluded that
(6) the end of British rule. (S.S.C. 1995)
(a) RPQS (b) RQSP
(c) RSPQ (d) RSQP
18. (1) He said the agitation was launched
(P) after all other attempts
(Q) as a last resort
(R) the demands conceded
(S) to make the authorities implement
(6) nearly a decade ago failed
(a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
(c) QRSP (d) SRPQ
19. Almost thirty-five years ago
(P) seemed inconsequential compared to the benefits
(Q) scientists said, would flow from it

- (R) the problems of dismantlement
(S) when nuclear power reactors first went on line (C.D.S. 1995)
- (a) RSPQ (b) RSQP
(c) SRPQ (d) SRQP
20. Georgian loyalists and rebel forces
(P) after a week of fighting
(Q) agreed to
(R) a ceasefire today
(S) in which 51 people were killed
(a) PQRS (b) QPSR
(c) QRPS (d) QRSP
21. (1) If the question of record of human rights
(P) in the last fifty years or so,
(Q) it is difficult to see how most of the countries,
(R) had been raised in the past,
(S) that have staged the olympics
(6) would have been allowed to hold them. (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
- (a) PRQS (b) QPSR
(c) RPQS (d) RQSP
22. (1) The germanium metal
(P) should be so pure that
(Q) one part of copper impurity
(R) to be used in semi-conductor devices
- (S) it should not contain more than
(6) in ten million parts of germanium.
- (a) PSQR (b) PRQS
(c) RPSQ (d) SQRP
23. (1) Those that have seen the Hindus
(P) have naturally no more doubt
(Q) of the existence of other persons
(R) among them in their own country
(S) of their existence than they have
(6) whom they have met. (S.S.C. 1992)
- (a) PSQR (b) PSRQ
(c) RPSQ (d) RQPS
24. (P) through the long, hot summer
(Q) if you plan to train hard
(R) continually
(S) you will need to acclimatise yourself
(a) PQRS (b) QRPS
(c) QRSP (d) SRPQ
25. The effectiveness of a film
(P) the needs of the audience
(Q) is judged by
(R) and its relation to
(S) its theme
(a) PQRS (b) PSQR
(c) QPRS (d) QSRP (N.D.A. 1995)

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (b) 6. (d) 7. (c) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (d)
11. (a) 12. (c) 13. (d) 14. (c) 15. (d) 16. (d) 17. (d) 18. (b) 19. (c) 20. (c)
21. (d) 22. (c) 23. (a) 24. (b) 25. (d)

20. REARRANGEMENT OF SENTENCES IN A PARAGRAPH

In this type of questions, six sentences are given and labelled S₁, P, Q, R, S and S₆. S₁ and S₆ are the first and the last sentences of a paragraph respectively. The middle four sentences viz. P, Q, R and S are given in a jumbled order. The candidate is required to arrange these four sentences in a meaningful sequence and then choose the correct order from among the alternatives provided.

Example : Considering the positions of S₁ and S₆ as fixed, rearrange the four sentences P, Q, R and S and choose one of the four alternatives which would be the most logical sequence of the sentences in the passage.

S₁: Speech was the first means of conveying information.

(a) PQSR (b) QPRS
(c) QPSR (d) QRPS

P: Thirdly printing helped in dissemination of knowledge in a permanent form.

Solution : Clearly, the author speaks of 'passive media' of conveying information on the one hand and 'computer' on the other hand. In S₁, speech is talked of as the first means. Then comes sentence Q which talks of writing as the next means.

Q: Then writing as a means introduced a capacity for storing information.

P follows Q because it discusses about printing as the third means.

R: Computer is the only medium that can not only store but analyse information to make decision.

The next sentence is S because the author conveys that all these three are passive media. Since S₆ (the last sentence) is concerned with computers, so the fifth sentence in the paragraph should be R.

S: However, all these are passive media.

Hence, the correct sequence is QPSR.

S₆: Therefore, computer is hailed as the fourth information revolution.

(N.D.A. 1996)

The proper sequence should be

So, the answer is (c).

PRACTICE SET 1

Directions : In each of the following questions, there are six sentences marked S₁, S₆, P, Q, R, S. The positions of S₁ and S₆ are fixed. You are required to choose one of the four alternatives which would be the most logical sequence of the sentences in the passage.

1. S₁. The Hound of Baskervilles was feared by the people of the area.

S₆. The Hound of Baskervilles remains an unsolved mystery.

P: Some people spoke of seeing a huge, shadowy form of a hound at midnight on the moor.

Q: But they spoke of it in tones of horror.

R: Nobody had actually seen the hound.

S: This shadowy form did not reveal any details about the animal.

(a) PQRS (b) PSRQ
(c) SPQR (d) SPRQ

(C.D.S. 1994)

2. S₁. Rammohan Roy was associated with several newspapers.

P: Many educationists protested vigorously against these measures.

Q: But this came to grief soon after the enactment in 1823, of new measures for the control of the press.

R: He brought out a bilingual, Bengali-English magazine.

S: Later, desiring an all - India circulation, he published a weekly in Persian, which was recognised then as the language of the cultured classes all over India.

S₆. Rammohan Roy even addressed a petition to the King - in - Council in England.

(a) QPRS (b) RQPS
(c) RSPQ (d) RSQP

3. S₁. Different countries show different patterns of growth.

P: Many others have a high birth rate with a low death rate.