

NTSE STAGE – I (DELHI STATE)  
 05 – A (2019 – 20)  
 (For Class – X)  
 MENTAL ABILITY TEST (MAT)  
 HINTS & SOLUTIONS

1. 2  
 1. Positive factors of 256 are  
 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256  
 $\therefore sq = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{(r - 1)} = \frac{1(2^9 - 1)}{(2 - 1)}$  [where a = 1, and r = 2, and n = 9]  
 $\therefore Sq = 511$

2. 4  
 2.  $\frac{X}{X+1} + \frac{X+1}{X} - \frac{1}{X(X+1)} = \frac{X^2 + (X+1)^2 - 1}{X(X+1)}$   
 $= \frac{X^2 + X^2 + 1 + 2X - 1}{X(X+1)} = \frac{2X^2 + 2X}{X(X+1)} = \frac{2X(X+1)}{X(X+1)}$   
 $= 2$

3. 1  
 3.  $5 + 6 + 7 + \dots + 19$   
 Here a = 5, d = 1 and n = 15  
 $\therefore S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$   
 $S_{15} = \frac{15}{2} (10 + 14 \times 1) = \frac{15}{2} \times 24$   
 $= 15 \times 12 = 180$

4. 1  
 4.  $\frac{1}{2} : \frac{2}{3} : \frac{3}{4} = 6 : 8 : 9$   
 Let numbers be 6x, 8x and 9x  
 $\therefore 9x - 6x = 27$   
 $\therefore x = 9$   
 $\therefore$  Numbers are 54, 72, 81

5. 2 or 4  
 5.  $3^{25} + 3^{26} + 3^{27} + 3^{28} = 3^{25} (3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + 3^3)$   
 $= 3^{25} (1 + 3 + 9 + 27)$   
 $= 3^{25} \times 40 = 3^{23} \times 9 \times 5 \times 8$   
 $= 3^{25} \times 40 = 3^{23} \times 8 \times 45$

6. 4  
 6. Rohan's final score =  $\frac{90 \times 2 + 75 \times 1}{3}$   
 $= 85$

7. 1  
 7. Let Grand mother = G, mother = M and daughter = D  
 $\therefore$  Possible ways = GMD  
 GDM  
 MGD  
 MDG  
 DGM  
 DMG

8. 2  
 8. Let at time of marriage man's age = x years  
 And man's wife's age = y years  
 $\therefore x = y + 6 \dots(1)$   
 And  $(x + 12) = \frac{6}{5}(y + 12)$   
 $= 5x + 60 = 6y + 72$   
 $= 5x - 6y = 12 \dots(2)$   
 Solving both equations we got  $x = 24$  and  $y = 18$

9. 3  
 9.  $P(\text{number is even}) = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $P(\text{number is less than 4}) = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $P(\text{number is even and less than 4}) = \frac{1}{6}$   
 $\therefore P\left(\frac{\text{number is less than 4}}{\text{number is even}}\right) = \frac{P(\text{number is even and less than 4})}{P(\text{number is even})} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$

10. 2  
 10. 10 balls  $\rightarrow$  5B and 5W  
 After removing 1 B balls, total balls left = 9 and  
 Total black balls left = 4  
 $\therefore P(\text{B ball after removing 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ B ball}) = \frac{4}{9}$

11. 2  
 11.  $10 - 3 = 12 \rightarrow 10 - 3 + 5 = 12$   
 $12 - 4 = 13 \rightarrow 12 - 4 + 5 = 13$   
 $14 - 5 = 14 \rightarrow 14 - 5 + 5 = 14$   
 $16 - 6 = ? \rightarrow 16 - 6 + 5 = 15$

12. 2  
 12. If bus does not stops, then it will travel 9 km more with 54 kmph  
 $\therefore$  It will stop for  $\frac{9}{54}$  hr =  $\frac{9}{54} \times 60$  min  
 $= 10$  min

13. 4

$$13. \quad \frac{40 \times 1620}{100} + \frac{30 \times 960}{100} = \frac{x \times 5200}{100}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{40 \times 1620 + 30 \times 960}{5200}$$

$$\therefore x = 18$$

14. 2

14. Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> tree there are 24 gap & let say each gap is of x m distance.

$$\therefore 24x = 30$$

$$x = \frac{30}{24}$$

Now between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> tree there are 12 gaps

$$\therefore \text{Distance between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> tree} = 12 \times \frac{30}{24} = 15 \text{ m}$$

15. 4

Time	8	8:30	9	9:30	10	10:30	11	11:30	12	12:30	1	1:30
Bell	3	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3

$\therefore$  Bell rung 20 times.

16. 4

$$16. \quad \frac{80A}{100} = \frac{50B}{100}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{B}{A} = \frac{8}{5}$$

$$\text{Now } B = \frac{x \times A}{100} \Rightarrow x = \frac{B}{A} \times 100$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{8}{5} \times 100 = 160$$

17. 3

17. Let numbers =  $(x - 2), (x - 1), (x + 1), (x + 2)$

$$\therefore \frac{(x - 2) + (x - 1) + x + (x + 1) + (x + 2)}{5} = 7$$

$$\therefore \frac{5x}{5} = 7$$

$$\therefore x = 7$$

$\therefore$  highest number = 9

18. 2

$$18. \quad x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz = (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx)$$

Now we know that,  $(x + y + z)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2(xy + yz + zx)$

$$\Rightarrow xy + yz + zx = \frac{15 \times 15 - 51}{2} = 87$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz &= 15(51 - 87) \\ &= 15 \times (-36) \\ &= -540 \end{aligned}$$

19. 4

19. Let sides =  $3x, 4x$  &  $5x$  cm

$$\therefore S = \frac{3x + 4x + 5x}{2} = 6x$$

$$\therefore \text{Area} = \sqrt{S(S-a)(S-b)(S-c)}$$

$$384 = \sqrt{6x \times 3x \times 2x \times x}$$

$$384 = 6x^2$$

$$\therefore x = 8$$

$$\therefore P = 12x = 12 \times 8 = 96 \text{ cm}$$

20. 3

$$(1) \quad \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{\frac{16}{17}}} = \frac{1}{3 + \frac{16}{17}} = \frac{17}{66}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\frac{8}{9}}}}} = \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{\frac{17}{9}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{60}{17}} = \frac{17}{60}$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\frac{4}{9}}}}} = \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{\frac{13}{9}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{48}{13}} = \frac{13}{48}$$

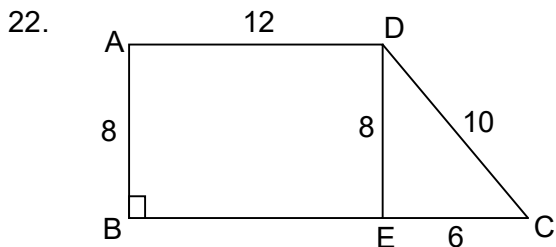
$$(4) \quad \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{\frac{8}{9}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{35}{8}} = \frac{8}{35}$$

21. 3

$$21. \quad a \$ b = a \times (a + b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (2 \$ 0) \$ 1 &= [2 \times (2 + 0)] \$ 1 \\ &= 4 \$ 1 \\ &= 4 \times (4 + 1) \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

22. 2



**Construction:** Draw  $DE \perp BC$

$$\therefore \text{Area of } ABCD = \text{Area of rec } ABED + \text{Area of } \triangle DEC$$

$$= l \times b + \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h$$

$$= 8 \times 12 + \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 8$$

$$= 96 + 24 = 120 \text{ m}^2$$

23. 3

23. 4, 8, 28, 80, 244

$\times 3 - 4$      $\times 3 + 4$      $\times 3 - 4$      $\times 3 + 4$

24. 2

24. 4, 7, 12, 19, 28, 39, 52

$+3$      $+5$      $+7$      $+9$      $+11$      $+13$

25. 4

25. 10080, 1680, 336, 84, 28, 14

$\div 6$      $\div 5$      $\div 4$      $\div 3$      $\div 2$

26. 2

26.  $CI = P \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{r}{100} \right)^n - 1 \right]$

$4347 = 30000 \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{7}{100} \right)^n - 1 \right]$

$= \frac{11490}{10000} = \left( \frac{107}{100} \right)^n$

$= \left( \frac{107}{100} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{107}{100} \right)^n$

$\therefore n = 2$

27. 2

27.  $2^{\frac{1}{2}}, 9^{\frac{1}{3}}, 16^{\frac{1}{4}}, 32^{\frac{1}{5}}$

$= 2^{\frac{1}{2}}, 9^{\frac{1}{3}}, 2^1, 2^1$

$= 2^{\frac{6}{6}}, 9^{\frac{6}{3}}, 2^6, 2^6$

$= 2^3, 9^2, 2^6, 2^6$

28. 3

28.  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 - 2x = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = 1$

$\therefore x^{17} + \frac{1}{x^{19}} = 1^{17} + \frac{1}{1^{19}} = 2$

29. 3

29. Let runs required = x

$\therefore 15 \times 6 + x \times 5 = 7.2 \times 20$

$\therefore x = 54$

$\therefore \text{required run rate} = \frac{54}{5} = 10.8$

30. 1

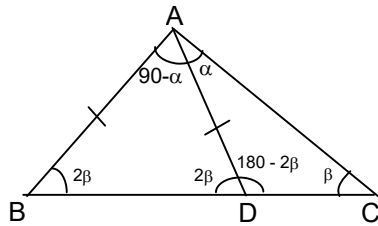
30.  $P + Q = x + y, PQ = xy$   
 $(P + Q)^3 = P^3 + Q^3 + 3PQ(P + Q)$   
 $\Rightarrow P^3 + Q^3 = (x + y)^3 - 3xy(x + y) = x^3 + y^3$

31. 1

31.  $\frac{x+5}{12} + \frac{x}{16} = 1$   
 $= \frac{4x+20+3x}{48} = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{48-20}{7} = \frac{28}{7} = 4$   
 $\therefore x = 4 \text{ min}$

32. 3

32.



In  $\triangle ABD, 90 - \alpha + 2\beta + 2\beta = 180$   
 $4\beta - \alpha = 90 \quad \dots (1)$   
 In  $\triangle ABC, 3\beta + 90 = 180^\circ$   
 $\Rightarrow \beta = 30 \quad \dots (2)$   
 $\therefore \alpha = 4\beta - 90 = 30^\circ$

33. 2

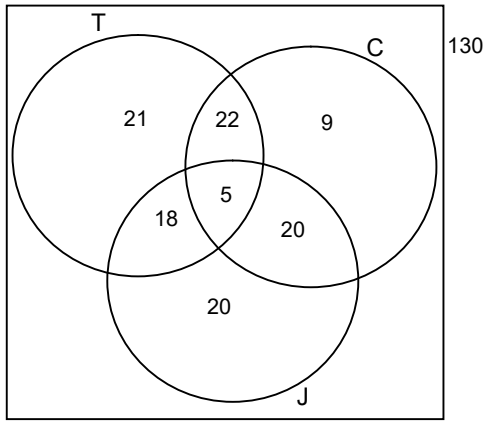
33. Since shaded region has  $\frac{1}{6}$  of area of circle  
 $\therefore \angle$  in shaded region  $= \frac{360}{6} = 60^\circ$   
 $\therefore \angle$  in Arc AQB  $= 360 - 120 = 240$   
 $\therefore$  length of arc AQB  $= 360 \times 2\pi r$   
 $= \frac{240}{360} \times 2\pi \times 10$   
 $= \frac{2}{3} \times 2\pi(10) = \frac{40}{3}\pi$

34. 4

34. Let original length  $= \ell \text{ cm}$  & width  $= b \text{ cm}$   
 $\therefore$  Original Area  $= \ell b \text{ cm}^2$   
 New area  $= \frac{125}{100} \ell \times \frac{80}{100} b = \ell b \text{ cm}^2$   
 Since original area  $=$  new area  
 $\therefore$  no change in area

35. 1

35.



36. 3 (Incomplete question in English language but according to hindi part it should be 3 (35))

36. Let 3 nos = x, y & z

$$\therefore x + y = 55 \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$y + z = 65 \text{ --- (2)}$$

$$3x + z = 110 \text{ ---- (3)}$$

Form eq (1) & (2)

$$55 - x + z = 65$$

$$\therefore z - x = 10 \text{ ---- (4)}$$

From eq (3) & (4)

$$3x + z + 3z - 3x = 110 + 30$$

$$z = \frac{140}{4} = 35$$

37. 4

37. For K ratio =  $\frac{6000}{12000} = \frac{1}{2}$

For L ratio =  $\frac{5400}{6000} = \frac{9}{10}$

For M ratio =  $\frac{12000}{21000} = \frac{4}{7}$

For N ratio =  $\frac{4200}{9000} = \frac{7}{15}$

For O ratio =  $\frac{7500}{12000} = \frac{5}{8}$

Clearly N has the minimum ratio

38. 2

38. For K ratio =  $\frac{2400}{27000} = 0.088$

For L ratio =  $\frac{1200}{15000} = 0.08$

For M ratio =  $\frac{4500}{45000} = 0.10$

For N ratio =  $\frac{2400}{21000} = 0.114$

For O ratio =  $\frac{3000}{30000} = 0.10$

Clearly N has maximum bonus in comparison to his total income.

39. 3

39. For K =  $\frac{12000}{27000} \times 100 = 44.44\%$

For L =  $\frac{6000}{15000} \times 100 = 40\%$

For M =  $\frac{21000}{45000} \times 100 = 46.66\%$

For N =  $\frac{9000}{21000} \times 100 = 42.85\%$

For O =  $\frac{12000}{30000} \times 100 = 40\%$

Clearly M has maximum percentage

40. 1

40.  $\frac{6000}{7500} \times 100 = 80\%$

41. 1

41.  $\frac{M}{S} = \frac{4}{5}$

$\therefore M = 4n, S = 5n$

$\frac{M-5}{S-5} = \frac{7}{9}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{4n-5}{5n-5} = \frac{7}{9}$

$\Rightarrow 36n - 45 = 35n - 35$

$\Rightarrow n = 10$

$\therefore$  Present ages are 40 and 50 years.

42. 4

42. Number of different combinations =  $3_{C_1} \times 4_{C_1} \times 2_{C_1}$   
 $= \frac{3!}{1! \times 2!} \times \frac{4!}{1! \times 3!} \times \frac{2!}{1! \times 1!} = 4! = 24$

43. 4

43. Let original length =  $\ell$

And original breadth =  $b$

$\therefore$  Original area =  $\ell b$

New area =  $\frac{112.5 \ell}{100} \times \frac{90 b}{100}$   
 $= 1.0125 \ell b$

$\therefore$  Charge in area =  $\frac{(1.0125 - 1)}{1} \times 100 = 1.25\%$  increase

44. 1

44.  $x$  = Even number

$P$  = Odd number

(1) Odd - Even - 1 = Even  $\neq$  Odd

(2) Odd + Even + 1 = Even = Even

(3) Odd  $\times$  Even + Odd = Odd = Odd

(4) Odd<sup>2</sup> + Even<sup>2</sup> + 1 = Even = Even



45. 1

45. Volume of liquid in cuboidal container  
= Volume of liquid in cylindrical container

$$\ell \times b \times h = \pi r^2 h$$

$$2 \times 10 \times 20 = \pi \times 5^2 \times h$$

$$\therefore h = \frac{400}{25\pi} = \frac{16}{\pi}$$

46. 1

46.  $\tan \theta + \cot \theta = 2$

$$\tan \theta + \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = 2 \quad ; \quad \frac{\tan^2 \theta + 1}{\tan \theta} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta - 2 \tan \theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\tan \theta - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot \theta = 1.$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta^{100} + \cot \theta^{100}$$

$$1 + 1 = 2$$

47. 2

$$\begin{aligned} 47. (a+b)^4 &= [(a+b)^2]^2 \\ &= (a^2 + b^2 + 2ab)^2 \\ &= a^4 + b^4 + 4a^2b^2 + 4a^3b + 2a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 \\ &= a^4 + b^4 + 6a^2b^2 + 4a^3b + 4ab^3 \\ \therefore \text{Coefficient of } a^2b^2 &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

48. 3

$$48. \frac{\text{Girls}}{\text{Total class}} = \frac{x}{x+y}$$

49. 4

$$49. 2^{6n} - 4^{2n}$$

$$64^n - 16^n$$

We know that  $a^n - b^n$  is always divisible by  $(a - b)$

$\therefore 64^n - 16^n$  is divisible by 48.

50. 3

$$50. x = 2^1 - 2^{1/3} + 2^{2/3}$$

$$x - 2 = 2^{2/3} - 2^{1/3}$$

Cubing both sides

$$x^3 - 8 - 3(2x)(x - 2) = 2^2 - 2^1 - 3(2)(x - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 8 - 6x^2 + 12x = 4 - 2 - 6x + 12$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 6x^2 + 18x = 22$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 6x^2 + 18x + 18 = 40$$

51. 1

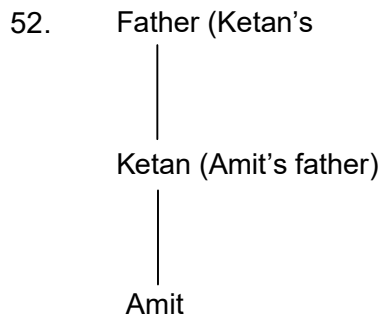
51. 1 figure  $\Delta s = 6$

2 figure  $\Delta s = 4$

3 figure  $\Delta s = 2$

$\therefore$  Total number of  $\Delta s = 12$

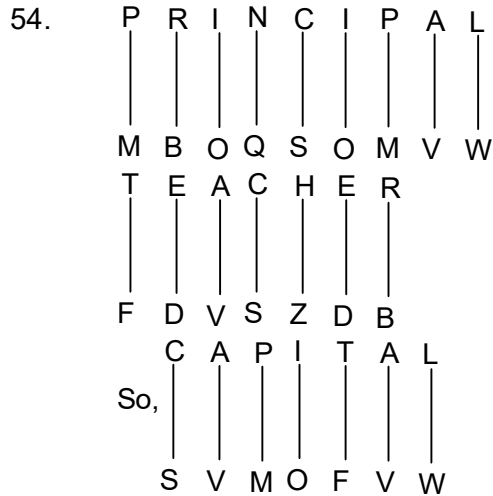
52. 3



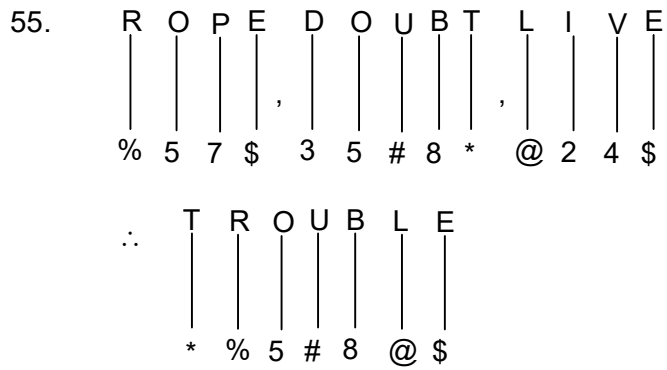
53. 4

53. si po re → book is thick ... (1)  
 ti na re → bag is heavy ... (2)  
 ka si → interesting book ... (3)  
 de ti → that bag ... (4)  
 From (2) & (4) code of 'bag' = ti, so code of 'that' = de  
 From (1) & (2) code of 'is' is re  
 From (1) & (3) code of 'book' = si, so code of 'interesting' = ka  
 ∴ code of that bag is interesting' = de ti re ka

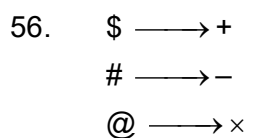
54. 1



55. 1



56. 3



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$$\begin{aligned} 16 \$ 4 @ 5 \# 72 * 8 &= 16 + 4 \times 5 - 72 \div 8 \\ &= 16 + 20 - 9 \\ &= 36 - 9 \\ &= 27 \end{aligned}$$

57. 2

57. 

5	3	2	1	6	4	8
1	2	3	4	5	6	8

58. 2

58. 8 S 9 P 9 K 6

59. 2

59. 12 R 3 M 5 P 20

$\therefore$  Total number of girls = 43

60. 3.

60. 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981

1 1 2 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2

Same calendar repeats after 7 or multiple of 7 odd days, So 1981 will have same calendar as 1970.

61. 2

61.  $(9 - 3) = 6, (6 - 1) = 5, (5 - 4) = 1$

$$(7 - 5) = 2, (8 - 4) = 4, (9 - 3) = 6$$

$$\therefore (8 - 2) = 6, (6 - 4) = 2, (3 - 1) = 2$$

$$\therefore 622$$

62. 2

62. +  $\longrightarrow$   $\div$

-  $\longrightarrow$   $\times$

$\times$   $\longrightarrow$  +

$\div$   $\longrightarrow$  -

$$\therefore 4 + 6 \times 9 \div 6 - 2 \times 5$$

$$= 4 \div 6 + 9 - 6 \times 2 + 5$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} + 9 - 12 + 5 = \frac{2}{3} + 2$$

$$= \frac{8}{3}$$

63. 1

63. As per observation

64. 4

64. As per observation

65. 1

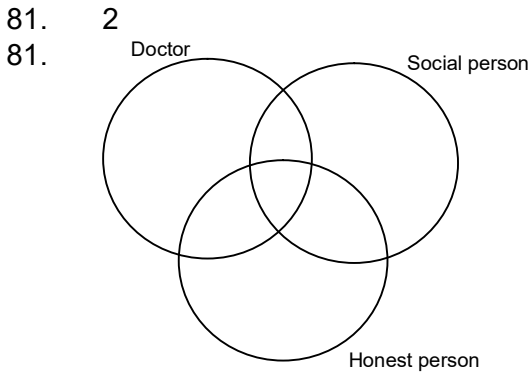
65. As per observation

66. 3

66. As per observation
67. 1  
 $13^2 - 4^2 = 153$   
 $11^2 - 1^2 = 120$   
 Similarly  $6^2 - 2^2 = 32$
68. 2  
 68. Total number of Biharis =  $2 + 1 + 3 = 6$
69. 1  
 69. Total number of Punjabis =  $1 + 7 + 3 + 5 + 6 = 22$
70. 4  
 70. Total number of Marathis =  $3 + 6 + 4 + 8 = 21$
71. 2  
 71. Only 2 Biharis are not Punjabis.
72. 4  
 72. Punjabis who are not Marathis =  $5 + 1 + 7 = 13$
73. 3  
 73. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 1949 \\ 1600 + 300 + 12LY + 37NLY \\ 0 + 1 + 24 + 37 \\ 62 \\ 6 \end{array} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} 26^{\text{th}} \text{ Jan} \\ 26 \\ 5 \end{array} \right.$$
  
 $\therefore$  Total number of odd days = 11  
 $= 4$   
 $\therefore$  26<sup>th</sup> Jan 1950 was Thursday
74. 1  
 74.  $|12 \times 30 - 48 \times 5.5| = 96$   
 $\therefore$  Larger angle =  $360 - 96$   
 $= 264$
75. 2  
 75.  $23 \frac{40}{60}$  hrs of faulty clock = 24 hrs of actual clock  
 or  $\frac{71}{3}$  hrs of faulty clock = 24 hrs of actual clock  
 $\therefore$  71 hrs of faulty clock =  $\frac{24 \times 71}{71} \times 3$   
 $= 72$  hrs of actual clock  
 $\therefore$  Correct time = 4 am
76. 3  
 76. Clearly 2 & 5 are opposite  
 1 & 6 are opposite  
 4 & 3 are opposite
77. 3  
 77. Here,  $\Delta = 4$   
 Clearly corner (8) cubes are 3 face coloured.
78. 4  
 78.  $12(n - 2) = 24$

79. 2  
79.  $6(n - 2)^2 = 24$

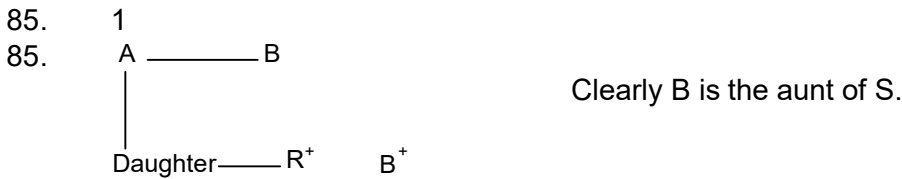
80. 3  
80.  $4 \times 7 = 28$   
 $3 \times 15 = 45$   
Similarly  $2 \times 5 = 10$   
Logic of letter  $\rightarrow$  In every row A, B & C are present.



82. 2  
82. (1) Difference between B & Q = 15.  
(2) Difference between D & Y = 21.  
(3) Difference between U & F = 15  
(4) Difference between V & E = 17

83. 3  
83. In given sequence PO & in alphabetical order it is OP.

84. 4  
84. In given series letters between Y & L are 12 which is same as original alphabetical order & letters between L and F are 5 which is same as original alphabetical order.



86. No option correct  
86. Sohan and Neeraj have no mentioned correlation with Abhay, Neena & Sunita.

87. 3  
87.  $18 - 10 = 8$   
 $18 - 4 = 14$   
 $10 - 4 = 6$   
Similarly  $15 - 5 = 10$

88. 2  
88. As per observation.

89. 1  
89. As per observation.

90. 3  
90. Horizontal lines = 3  
Vertical lines = 5  
Other lines = 8  
Total number of lines required = 16

91. 3

91. Here,  $n = 4$ .

$\therefore$  Cubes with no surface coloured =  $(n - 2)^3 = 8$

92. 3

92. At least 2 face coloured = 2 face coloured + 3 face coloured  
=  $12(n - 2)^2 + 8 = 24 + 8 = 32$

93. 1

93. 2 surface painted red =  $12(n - 2) = 24$

94. No option correct

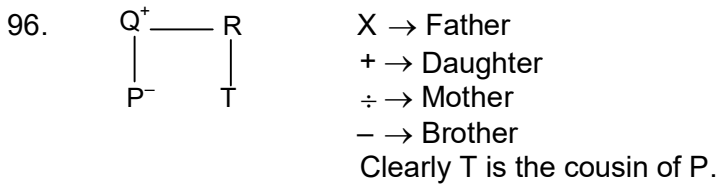
94. 3 surface painted with red = corner cubes which are 8 in number.

95. 3

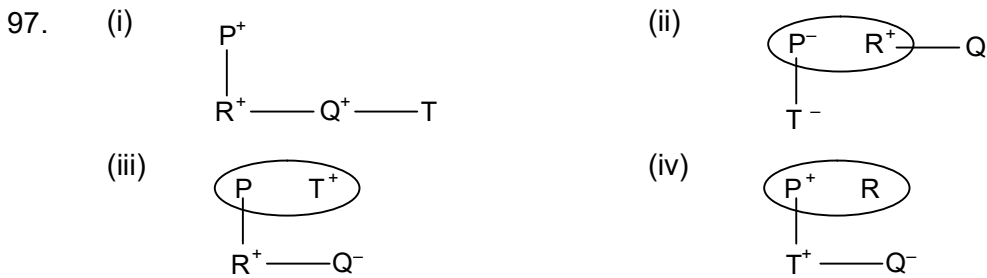
95. Number of cubes obtained along each axis = 3

$\therefore$  Total number of cubes =  $3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$

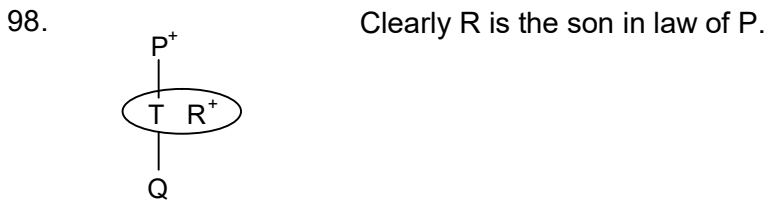
96. 4



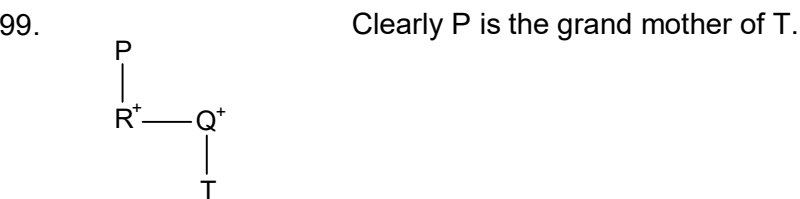
97. 4



98. 3



99. 1



100. 2

