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Based on Memory

TEST III ENGLISH LANGUAGE

102-102. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are printed in bold to help to locate them while answering some of the question.

Once upon a time, there were three brothers. Today were all very clever and one day decided to make a fortune by using their powers of reasoning and logic. As they walked to the nearest city to look for work, they saw some footprints on the mud road. As they stood looking at the marks, a merchant came rushing towards them. "Did you see anyone go by this road." He asked in panic. The first brother looked closely at the prints and said, "Yes, a large

camel." The second said, "the camel could see with only one eye." The third, who had been looking further down the road, said, "the camel was carrying a woman and a child on its back."

Now the merchant was furious and shouted, "you have kidnapped my wife and child. Come with me to the king." The brothers could not get to reason out and the four men ended up in the king's court. "Hmm," the king said, after he had heard the entire story. "If you three claim to be so clever, let me set a task for you. I will place before you a wooden box which will be locked. You will have to tell me what it contains without looking inside."

The three brothers agreed, and soon the king's men placed before them a stout wooden box, firmly



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shut. The first brother said immediately, 'It has something round inside.' The second said, 'It is a pomegranate,' 'An unripe pomegranate,' added the third. The box was opened and indeed, inside there was an unripe pomegranate.

The king now asked them for an explanation. The first man said, "When your servant was bringing the box, I heard something rolling inside. That meant there was a round object in it. 'The second man said, 'I saw your servant coming from the pomegranate orchard, so I knew he had placed a pomegranate in the box,' 'And this is not the season for pomegranates, so it had to be an unripe one.' commented the last brother.

The king had now witnessed the brother's powers of observation and was curious to know how they had discovered about the merchant's wife and child being on the camel's back. The footprints we saw were large ones, so I deduced it was a big camel that had passed that way,' said the first brother. The camel had grazed on only one side of the road. 'said the season so I know it was one-eyed.' 'And I saw the footprints of a woman and a child where the camel had sat down to rest,' said the third, 'which meant they were on the camel's back. The king, now convinced of their cleverness, appointed the three brothers as ministers in his court.

101. How did the second brother arrive at the conclusion that the camel could see with only one-eye?
- (A) He saw the camel pass by.
 (B) He took a guess.
 (C) The grass on only one side of the road was eaten.
- (1) Only (A) (2) Only (B)
 (3) Only (C) (4) Only (B) and (C)
 (5) Only (A) and (C)

102. Why did the merchant take the three brothers to the king's court?

- (1) The confessed to having kidnapped his wife and child.
 (2) He found them acting very strange.
 (3) He thought they were responsible for his missing wife and child.
 (4) The found their observations hilarious and wanted them to narrate them to the king.
 (5) The king had heard about the clever brothers and was on the lookout for them.

103. Why did the three brothers come to the city?

- (1) They had an appointment with the king.
 (2) They were in search of the merchant's wife and child.
 (3) They wanted to earn a living in the king's court.
 (4) They were in search of work wherein could put their skills to use.
 (5) They came in search of their lost camel.

104. Which of the following statements is false according to the passage?

- (1) One of the brothers saw the king's servant come out from the pomegranate orchard.
 (2) One of the brothers saw the camel carrying a lady along with a child on its back.
 (3) The three brothers were appointed as ministers in the king's court.
 (4) The king was convinced with brothers' story after listening to their logic.
 (5) The merchant doubted the brothers and so took them to the king.



105. Why did the king challenge the three brothers with a task?
- (1) He wanted to see if they would pass the test in order to be ministers in his court.
 - (2) He wanted to show them off to his ministers.
 - (3) The wanted to put their reasoning skills to the test.
 - (4) He wanted the merchant to witness their cleverness.
 - (5) None of these.
106. Which of the following word is most opposite to the word panic printed in bold in the above story?
- (1) Calm
 - (2) Fright
 - (3) Hesitation
 - (4) Anxious
 - (5) Worried
107. What task did the king to the three brothers on their arrival to the court?
- (A) He asked them to reveal the contents of a wooden box that he placed before them.
 - (B) The task of handling the day to day affairs of the state.
 - (C) He asked them to explain the select of their reasoning abilities.
- (1) Only (A)
 - (2) Only (B)
 - (3) Only (C)
 - (4) Only (A) and (B)
 - (5) None of these
108. Which of the following sentence/s is true of the brothers?
- (A) They were fortune tellers.
 - (B) They were responsible for kidnapping the merchant's wife and child.
 - (C) They used logic in order to determine the contents of the wooden box.
- (1) Only (A)
 - (2) Only (B) and (C)
 - (3) Only (B)
 - (4) Only (C)
 - (5) All (A), (B) and (C)
109. The king appointed the three brothers as ministers to this court because_____
- (1) the ministers in his court were not as intelligent.
 - (2) he was in awe of their upbringing.
 - (3) they were in search of a job.
 - (4) they were ill-treated by the merchant.
 - (5) he was assured of their cleverness.
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- 110-112. Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME is meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.
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110. Filmy
- (1) Unevenly
 - (2) Drastically
 - (3) Tightly
 - (4) Steadily
 - (5) Gracefully
111. Deduced
- (1) Predicted
 - (2) Presented
 - (3) Inferred
 - (4) Confirmed
 - (5) Targeted
112. Closely
- (1) Openly
 - (2) Watchfully
 - (3) Personally
 - (4) Slyly
 - (5) Carefully
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- 113-117. Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (5) i.e. 'No Error'. (Ignore the error of punctuation, if any).
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113. My friend lives / at a beautiful house /
- (1)
 - (2)
- no more than / five minutes from the
- (3)
 - (4)
- beach. No Error
- (5)



114. If you breaks the law, / you must be
 (1) (2)
 prepared / to suffer / the consequences.
 (3) (4)
 No Error
 (5)
115. I requested my friend / to come / and
 (1) (2)
 shopping / with me. No Error
 (3) (4) (5)
116. The passage is / more difficult / that I
 (1) (2)
 am unable / to comprehend it. No Error
 (3) (4) (5)
117. Janet is determined / to be success / in
 (1) (2)
 whatever field / she choose. No Error
 (3) (4) (5)
120. Their all hard word had been of no use.
 (1) All their
 (2) Of all their
 (3) Their all of
 (4) Their much
 (5) no correction required
121. My mother is one of the few people to
 whom I look up to.
 (1) I look up to
 (2) that I look up
 (3) to who I look up
 (4) to which I look up to
 (5) no correction required
122. My friend felt good about win the prize.
 (1) with winning (2) on being won
 (3) at winning (4) about winning
 (5) no correction required

118-122. Which of the phrases (1), (2), (3) and (4) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct it is given and no correction is required, mark (5) as the answer.

118. Since the car had broke down, we had to take a bus.
 (1) to break down
 (2) was broken down
 (3) broke down
 (4) breaks down
 (5) no correction required
119. There was too many people trying to leave the city.
 (1) There were too much
 (2) It was too many
 (3) There were too many
 (4) There was more
 (5) no correction required

123-127. In each question below, four words printed in bold are given. These are numbered (1), (2), (3) and (4). One of these words printed in bold may either be wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word that is inappropriate or wrongly spelt, if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed in bold are correctly spelt and appropriate in the context of the sentence the mark (5) i.e. 'All Correct' as your answer.

123. Over the succeeding weeks things went
 (1) (2) (3)
 from bad to worse. All Correct
 (4) (5)
124. My friends a deserved to succeed for the
 (1) (2) (3)
 worked hard. All Correct
 (4) (5)
125. Abdul, quiet pale with fright rushed into
 (1) (2) (3)
 the room. All Correct
 (4) (5)



126. The doctor advised me to switch over to a
 (1) (2)
 healthier diet. All Correct
 (3) (4) (5)
127. My parents were poor though they were
 (1) (2)
 of noble birth. All Correct
 (3) (4) (5)

128-132. Rearrange the following five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the question given below them.

- (A) The victor flew up to the roof of the barn and began to crow. "I have won, I have won!"
- (B) Finally one of them was beaten and he went and hid himself in the corner of the hen-house.
- (C) The rooster that had been defeated suddenly found himself to be the unchallenged master of the farmyard
- (D) Two roosters were fighting for supremacy in the farmyard.
- (E) Just then an eagle swooped down and carried him away.
128. Which of the following should be the FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement?
 (1) A (2) B
 (3) C (4) D
 (5) E
129. Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence after the rearrangement?
 (1) E (2) D
 (3) C (4) B
 (5) A
130. Which of the following should be the

- SECOND sentence after the rearrangement?
 (1) A (2) B
 (3) C (4) D
 (5) E
131. Which of the following should be the THIRD sentence after the rearrangement?
 (1) A (2) B
 (3) C (4) D
 (5) E
132. Which of the following should be the FIFTH sentence after the rearrangement?
 (1) E (2) D
 (3) C (4) B
 (5) A

133-140. In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Birbal was in Persia at the invitation of the king of that country. During his stay parties were given in his honour. On the eve of his (133) for home, a nobleman (134) him how he would compare the king of Persia to his own king. "Your king is a full moon," said Birbal. "Whereas mine could be (135) of as the quarter moon." The Persians were very happy. But when Birbal got home he found that Emperor Akbar was furious with him. "How (136) you belittle you won king?" demanded Akbar, "You are a traitor!"

"No, Your Majesty," said Birbal, "I did not belittle you. The full moon (137) and disappears whereas the quarter moon grows with strength. What I, in fact, (138) to the world is that your power is (139) from day to day whereas that of the king of Persia is about to go into decline." Akbar smiled in

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satisfaction and welcomed Birbal back (140) a warm embrace.

133. (1) departure (2) exit
(3) arrival (4) depart
(5) leave
134. (1) made (2) question
(3) asked (4) commented
(5) said
135. (1) wished (2) thought
(3) pass (4) celebrated
(5) imagined
136. (1) will (2) willing
(3) must (4) could
(5) should

137. (1) reduce (2) vanish
(3) appear (4) decrease
(5) diminishes
138. (1) promised (2) announce
(3) proclaimed (4) show
(5) restored
139. (1) new (2) increase
(3) sure (4) fixed
(5) growing
140. (1) showing (2) by
(3) with (4) giving
(5) granting



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