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ANSWER KEY

1. (2)	21. (4)	41. (4)	61. (2)	81. (2)
2. (3)	22. (3)	42. (1)	62. (5)	82. (3)
3. (1)	23. (3)	43. (3)	63. (3)	83. (2)
4. (5)	24. (5)	44. (4)	64. (4)	84. (1)
5. (2)	25. (1)	45. (1)	65. (4)	85. (2)
6. (1)	26. (3)	46. (5)	66. (1)	86. (2)
7. (4)	27. (1)	47. (2)	67. (4)	87. (2)
8. (5)	28. (2)	48. (3)	68. (3)	88. (2)
9. (5)	29. (1)	49. (1)	69. (3)	89. (3)
10. (4)	30. (3)	50. (2)	70. (3)	90. (1)
11. (1)	31. (5)	51. (2)	71. (2)	91. (2)
12. (3)	32. (1)	52. (4)	72. (1)	92. (2)
13. (3)	33. (4)	53. (1)	73. (3)	93. (4)
14. (2)	34. (2)	54. (2)	74. (1)	94. (4)
15. (5)	35. (1)	55. (3)	75. (4)	95. (2)
16. (2)	36. (2)	56. (1)	76. (3)	96. (4)
17. (4)	37. (3)	47. (3)	77. (2)	97. (1)
18. (1)	38. (5)	58. (1)	78. (5)	98. (3)
19. (3)	39. (4)	59. (4)	79. (3)	99. (3)
20. (4)	40. (2)	60. (5)	80. (4)	100. (3)

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1. (2) Played down something means 'to make something seem less important than or not as bad as it really is'. So, the given clause means that Finance Ministers and central bank Governors are not much fearful about a slowing global economy.
Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.
2. (3) In the first paragraph, it is said that *Finance ministers and central bank Governors played down fears about a slowing global economy* while the second paragraph says that *the IMF has consistently emphasised a cautious stance on the current growth trajectory for some months*. So, the contrast is that while the Finance ministers and central bank Governors are optimistic about global economy, the IMF fears and emphasised a cautious stance on the current growth trajectory.
Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.
3. (1) The answer to the question can be inferred from the last paragraph where it is mentioned that '...the IMF forecasts growth to touch 3.6% in 2020, lower than earlier estimates. That would be underpinned by tepid growth in the advanced world and hopes of a stable Chinese environment.'
Underpin means 'justify, support or form the basis for'.
Tepid means lukewarm;

- So, tepid growth in the advanced world and hopes of a stable Chinese environment underpins or supports the IMF forecast to touch 3.6% in 2020.
Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.
4. (5) The answer to the question can be inferred from the last paragraph where it is mentioned that '*the potential for an acceleration depends on Argentina and Turkey climbing out of a recession, besides a precarious rebound in other emerging and developing economies.*'
So, both options (1) and (2) are correct.
Hence, option (5) is the correct answer.
 5. (2) The answer to the question can be inferred from the fifth paragraph where it is mentioned that '*During last week's meeting, the view among Finance Ministers was that the IMF was painting a rather grim picture of the world economy.*' Also, last week's meeting was the latest meeting among Finance Minister.
Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.
 6. (1) Dichotomy means a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different; Among the given options, only option (1) illustrates a dichotomy.
Also, it is mentioned in the third paragraph that 'Christine Lagarde said that whereas two years ago, 75% of the global economy experienced an upswing, the expectation this annum is for a slump in 70% of the world economy'.
Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.
 7. (4) Recede [verb] means '*moving back or further away from a previous position*'; 'withdraw'; 'diminish';
Maintaining [verb] means '*to assert*';
Intimate [verb] means '*to suggest something subtly*';
Chastise [verb] means '*to reprimand harshly*';
Galvanise [verb] means '*to excite or inspire (someone) to action*';
From above, it can be understood that the word 'extending' has a meaning which is OPPOSITE to the meaning of the word 'receding'.
Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.
 8. (5) Slump [noun] means '*a sudden severe or prolonged fall in the price, value, or amount of something*';
Ascent [noun] means '*a climb or walk to the summit of a mountain or hill*'; '*an upward slope or path that one may walk or climb*';
Aberration [noun] means '*a deviation from what is normal or expected*';
Calumny [noun] means '*making of a false statement meant to injure a person's reputation*';
Venality [noun] means '*the condition of being susceptible to bribes or corruption*';
Predilection [noun] means '*a strong liking*';
From above, it can be inferred that the word 'ascent' has a meaning which is OPPOSITE to the meaning of the word 'slump'.
Hence, option (5) is the correct answer.

9. (5) Tepid [adjective] means '*(especially of a liquid) only slightly warm; lukewarm; showing little enthusiasm*';
Innocuous [adjective] means '*harmless and doesn't produce any ill effects*';
Parsimonious [adjective] means '*extremely frugal; miserly*';
Restive [adjective] means '*restless*';
Commensurate [adjective] means '*to be in proportion or corresponding in degree or amount*';
From above, it can be inferred that the word 'lukewarm' has a meaning which is SIMILAR to the meaning of the word 'tepid'.
Hence, option (5) is the correct answer.
10. (4) Precarious [adjective] means '*not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse*';
Equivocal [adjective] means '*confusing or ambiguous*';
Wanting [adjective] means '*lacking*';
Veracious [adjective] means '*truthful*';
Involved [adjective] means '*complicated and difficult to comprehend*';
From above, it can be inferred that the word 'uncertain' has a meaning which is SIMILAR to the meaning of the word 'precarious'.
11. (1) Here, the error lies in part (1) of the sentence. "Despite" is never followed by any preposition. Therefore the use of "Despite of" is incorrect. Hence, option (1) is the most suitable answer choice.
12. (3) With the words like comparatively, relatively, etc which already denote comparison, we will use the verbs with positive degree instead of comparative degree. Here, we can either use "faster than" or "comparatively fast" to establish a comparison. Hence, the option (3) is the correct answer choice.
13. (3) Here, the error lies in part (3) of the given sentence. Here, 'a' will be omitted because in danger/ in trouble/ in detail/ in fact, etc are idiomatic phrases and therefore do not carry 'a' with them. Hence, option (3) is the most suitable answer choice.
14. (2) There is an error in the second part of the sentence. Here we will use 's (apostrophe ') with else. In case of somebody else/ nobody else/ anybody else, if we have to use ('s), then that will be used with else. So, here we will use else's instead of else. Hence, option (2) is the most suitable answer choice.
15. (5) None of the parts has grammatical error. Hence, option (5) is the most suitable answer choice.
Hence, option (4) is the correct answer
16. (2) A 'Mantle' is a shawl or cloak whereas 'Mantel' is the shelf or slab. So in option (1), (3) and (4) the correct word should be 'Mantel'. Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.
17. (4) 'Feat' is defined as something that require great courage and skill to achieve whereas 'Feet' is lower extremity of the leg below the ankle, on which a person stands. Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.
18. (1) 'Flair' means a special aptitude or ability for doing something right whereas 'Flare' means a sudden burst of bright flame or light. Also the use of 'flairs' is grammatically incorrect instead it should be 'flare'. Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.
19. (3) 'Whet' means to sharpen the blade of a tool or weapon and 'Wet' means covered with water. So the usage of whet in option (1) and (2) is incorrect. Also 'Whetting' in option (4) is grammatically incorrect because 'to + ing' form is used only when it serves as a noun but here it is acting a verb. In option (5) 'wet' should be used as we use "wet your whistle" and "whet your appetite".
20. (4) 'Ley' means an area of open land used as a temporary pasture for animals and 'Lay' means put down gently or carefully. Hence, option (4) is the only option with correct usage.
21. (4) Obliviate- to forget
Flexible- capable of bending easily without breaking.
Tenable-well founded
Timid- showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened.
The phrase, "option to either work from home or the office" used in the line post the blank gives a clue that the idea of flexible timing for the working hours in companies is the topic of discussion.
Hence option (4) is the correct answer choice
22. (3) Abstain- restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something.
Profane- not relating to that which is sacred or religious; secular.
Pertain- be appropriate, related, or applicable to.
Refrain- stop oneself from doing something.
Hence option (3) is the right choice which fits the blank appropriately.
23. (3) Retract- draw or be drawn back or back in.
Contrive- to scheme or to plot
Subsume-to include
adapt fits the blank appropriately so right option choice is (3).
24. (5) Contributor- a person or thing that contributes something.
Demotic- for the common people
Amenable-willing to comply
Bamboozled-make a fool of
The right choice should be (5)
25. (1) Respondents- a person who replies to something, especially one supplying information for a questionnaire or responding to an advertisement.
Concurrence- the fact of two or more events or circumstances happening or existing at the same time.
Preponderances- the quality or fact of being greater in number, quantity, or importance.
26. (3) Among the given starters, the starters (i) and (ii) successfully connect the sentences (I) and (II) and forms a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.
Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.
'Shortly before noon on March 27, India carried out a successful test of an Anti-Satellite (ASAT) weapon, launching an interceptor missile from the Balasore range in Odisha to hit a live satellite in Low Earth Orbit.'
'By Launching an interceptor missile from the Balasore range in Odisha to hit a live satellite in Low Earth Orbit, India carried out a successful test of an Anti-Satellite (ASAT) weapon'
27. (1) Among the given starters, the starters (i) successfully connect the sentence (I) and (II), making a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.
(II) is not a reason for (I), so the starter 'because' can't be used. Nor 'beside' can be used because (II) reflects the opinion of a person about (I)

Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.

'The Central government's decision to suspend trade across the Line of Control between Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is bad in conception, and comes at a particularly fraught time.'

28. (2) Among the given starters, the starters (i) and (iii) successfully connect the sentence (I) and (II), making a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.

(I) and (II) reflect two qualities which Mr. Khan possesses. The ways mentioned in (i) and (iii) can be used to connect (I) and (II).

Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.

'Not only is Mr. Khan is considered to be close to the guardians of the Pakistani state but he also possesses the 'mandate' to redraw borders'.

'Mr. Khan, who is considered to be close to the guardians of the Pakistani state, possesses the 'mandate' to redraw borders.'

29. (1) Among the given starters, the starter (i) successfully connect the sentence (I) and (II) to make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.

'Although' can't be used because (I) and (II) are contrasting each other but complement each other.

'If' is also not applicable because there is no supposition in either (I) or (II).

Hence, option (1) is the correct answer.

'Rishabh Pant played a blistering knock (78 not out, 36b) to lead Delhi Capitals to a six-wicket win with four balls to spare.'

30. (3) (I) and (II) contrast each other, so 'while' can be used for connecting (I) and (II). Because neither (I) nor (II) is a reason for another, 'because' and 'as' can't be used as starters.

Among the given starters, the starter (ii) successfully connect the sentence (I) and (II) to make a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.

Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.

'While a 2-2 result for CSK after four away matches is not bad, considering the team has been unbeatable on home soil, the last few matches have highlighted a problem the team has been facing since the start of the season — lack of runs at the top.'

31. (5) $12.5 \times ? + 225 = 361 - 11$
 $12.5 \times ? = 350 - 225$
 $? = \frac{125}{12.5}$
 $? = 10$

32. (1) $\frac{176}{?} + \frac{12}{100} \times 125 = 36 + 1$
 $\frac{176}{?} = 37 - 15$
 $? = \frac{176}{22}$
 $? = 8$

33. (4) $128 + \frac{15}{100} \times ? = 125 + 30$
 $\frac{15}{100} \times ? = 155 - 128$
 $\frac{15}{100} \times ? = 27$
 $? = \frac{27}{15} \times 100$
 $? = 180$

34. (2) $\frac{20}{100} \times ? = 1098$
 $\Rightarrow ? = 5490$

35. (1) $\frac{3^{4(?+2)}}{10^{4(?+2)}} = \frac{3^8 \times 3^2 \times 3^3}{10^8 \times 10^2 \times 10^3}$
 $(0.3)^{4(?+2)} = \frac{3^8}{10^8} = (0.3)^8$
 $\Rightarrow 4(?+2) = 8$
 $\Rightarrow ? = 0$

36. (2) $? = 12 + 28 + 36 - 8$
 $= 76 - 8$
 $= 68$

37. (3) $20.25 \div 0.9 - 55.9 \div 13 + 115.6 \div 17 = ?^2$
 $22.5 - 4.3 + 6.8 = ?^2$
 $?^2 = 25$
 $? = 5$

38. (5) $\frac{31}{3} + \frac{11}{2} - \frac{80}{9} = ? \div \frac{36}{5}$
 $\frac{186+99-160}{18} = ? \times \frac{5}{36}$
 $? = \frac{125}{18} \times \frac{36}{5}$
 $? = 50$

39. (4) $\frac{125}{100} \times \frac{86}{43} \times \frac{32}{8} = ? \times 5$
 $10 = ? \times 5$
 $? = 2$

40. (2) $\frac{5299}{1331} \times \frac{3773}{2401} = \frac{?}{121}$
 $\frac{757}{121} = \frac{?}{121}$
 $? = 757$

41. (4) $8 \xrightarrow{\times 1.5} 12 \xrightarrow{\times 2} 24 \xrightarrow{\times 2.5} 60 \xrightarrow{\times 3} 180 \xrightarrow{\times 3.5} 630 \xrightarrow{\times 4} 2520$
 So, the wrong no. in this series is 640

42. (1) $-1 \xrightarrow{+1} 0 \xrightarrow{+2} 2 \xrightarrow{+4} 6 \xrightarrow{+8} 14 \xrightarrow{+16} 30 \xrightarrow{+32} 62$
 So, the wrong no. in this series is 1

43. (3) $3 \xrightarrow{+1} 4 \xrightarrow{+8} 12 \xrightarrow{+27} 39 \xrightarrow{+64} 103 \xrightarrow{+125} 228 \xrightarrow{+216} 444$
 $(1)^3, (2)^3, (3)^3, (4)^3, (5)^3, (6)^3$
 So, the wrong no. in this series is 41.

44. (4) Pattern of series -
 $12 + (84 \times 5) = 432$
 $432 + (84 \times 4) = 768$
 $768 + (84 \times 3) = 1020$
 $1020 + (84 \times 2) = 1188$
 $? = 1188 + (84 \times 1) = 1272$

45. (1) Pattern of series -
 $497 \div 7 = 71$
 $71 \times 6 = 426$
 $426 \div 5 = 85.2$
 $85.2 \times 4 = 340.8$
 $? = 340.8 \div 3 = 113$

46. (5) Total cost price of sugar = $60 \times 42 = \text{Rs } 2520$
 Let selling price of remaining quantity of sugar be P Rs/kg.
 ATQ
 $\frac{20}{100} \times 60 \times 45 + \frac{80}{100} \times 60 \times P = 2520 \times \left(1 + \frac{50}{300}\right)$
 $12 \times 45 + 48 \times P = 2520 \times \frac{7}{6}$
 $540 + 48P = 2940$
 $P = 50 \text{ Rs/kg}$

47. (2) $\frac{3}{4}$ th work can be done by Ravi in $= \frac{27}{2} \text{ hrs}$
 \therefore whole work completed by Ravi $= \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{27}{2}$
 $= 18 \text{ h}$
 And,
 Whole work completed by Hira in $= \frac{3}{2} \times 8 = 12 \text{ h}$
 \therefore Required time $= \frac{18 \times 12}{18+12} = 7.2 \text{ h}$

48. (3) Rita's father's age = $31 \times 2 - 28$
 = 34 yrs
 Rita's age after two yr = $\frac{100}{300} \times (36)$
 = 12 yr
 \therefore Rita's present age = 10 yr
 \therefore Raju's present age = $(10 - 2) \times \frac{75}{100} + 2$
 = 8 yr

49. (1) Correct average = $\frac{42.5 \times 5 - (44 + 36) + 40 + 42}{5}$
 = $\frac{214.5}{5}$
 = 42.9

50. (2) Percentage of people in other activities
 = $100 - \left(\frac{50}{3} + \frac{100}{3} + 25\right)$
 = 25%
 $\therefore 25\% \rightarrow 450$
 $\therefore 100\% \rightarrow \frac{450}{25} \times 100$
 $\rightarrow 1800$
 \therefore Required answer = $\frac{50}{300} \times 1800$
 = 300

51. (2) Required ratio = $\frac{\frac{400}{6}}{\frac{200}{6}} = \frac{2}{1}$

52. (4) Required percentage = $\frac{170}{\frac{260}{6}} \times 100$
 = $\frac{850}{13} \% = 65 \frac{5}{13} \%$

53. (1) Required average
 = $\frac{320 + 240 + 420 + 170}{4} = 287.5 \text{ km}$

54. (2) Required percentage = $\frac{240 - 200}{200} \times 100$
 = $\frac{40}{200} \times 100 = 20\%$

55. (3) Required difference = $\frac{360}{6} - \frac{240}{6}$
 = 60 - 40
 = 20 km/hr

56-60. Total no. of boys = $3900 \times \frac{8}{13} = 2400$
 Total no. of girls = $3900 \times \frac{5}{13} = 1500$
 No. of boys opted to play only badminton = $\frac{20}{100} \times 2400 = 480$
 No. of girls opted to play only football = $\frac{30}{100} \times 1500 = 450$
 No. of girls opted to play only cricket = $\frac{1}{5} \times 1500 = 300$
 No. of girls play only cricket and badminton together = $\frac{5}{100} \times 2400 = 120$
 No. of boys opted to play only football = $\frac{60}{100} \times 750 = 450$
 No. of boys opted to play all the games = $\frac{1}{10} \times 2400 = 240$
 No. of girls opted to play all the games = $350 - 240 = 110$
 No. of girls opted to play only cricket and football together
 = no. of girls opted to play only football and badminton together =
 $\frac{(1500 - 300 - 450 - 320 - 110 - 120)}{2} = 100$

56. (1) Required game is football.
 47. (3) Required percentage = $\frac{450}{300} \times 100 = 150\%$
 58. (1) Required difference = $(240 + 110) - (110 + 120) = 350 - 230 = 120$
 59. (4) Required average = $\frac{750 + 450 + 480}{3} = 560$

60. (5) Required ratio = $\frac{750 + 150 + 240 + 110}{320 + 120 + 110 + 100} = \frac{1250}{650} = \frac{25}{13}$
 61. (2) Sum of weight of P, Q, R and S = $60 \times 4 = 240 \text{ kg}$
 Sum of weight of P, Q, R, S and A = $62 \times 5 = 310 \text{ kg}$
 So, weight of A = $310 - 240 = 70 \text{ kg}$
 Sum of weight of Q, R, S, A and B = $61 \times 5 = 305 \text{ kg}$
 \therefore sum of weight of Q, R, S and B = $305 - 70 = 235 \text{ kg}$

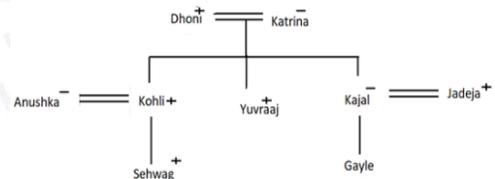
62. (5) Fraction of petrol taken out from the initial quantity
 = $\frac{20}{240} = \frac{1}{12}$
 So, remaining quantity of petrol in the final mixture
 = $240 \times \frac{11}{12} \times \frac{11}{12} = 201.66 \text{ lit}$

63. (3) Let first part and second part be x and y respectively.
 ATQ
 $\frac{80}{100} \times x = \frac{70}{100} \times y + 3 \dots\dots (i)$
 $\frac{50}{100} \times y = \frac{40}{100} \times x + 15 \dots\dots (ii)$
 From (i) and (ii)
 $x = 100$ and $y = 110$
 \therefore The required number = $100 + 110 = 210$

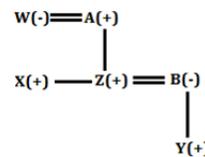
64. (4) $\frac{2\pi rh}{2\pi r(r+h)} = \frac{2}{3}$
 $h = 2r$
 where, $r = \text{radius of the base of the cylinder}$
 $h = \text{height of the cylinder}$
 given, $2\pi r(r+h) = 3696$
 $6\pi r^2 = 3696$
 $r = 14 \text{ cm}$

So, volume of the cylinder = $\pi r^2 h = \frac{22}{7} \times 14 \times 14 \times 28$
 = 17248 cu. cm
 65. (4) Let the total work be 120 units (LCM)
 So, the efficiency of A, B and C be 20 units/day, 8 units/day and 5 units/day respectively.
 1 day work of A, B, C and D = 40 units
 So, the efficiency of D = $40 - (20 + 8 + 5) = 7$ units/day
 Wage of D = $\frac{7}{(20+8+5+7)} \times 1600$
 = $\frac{7}{40} \times 1600 = \text{Rs } 280$

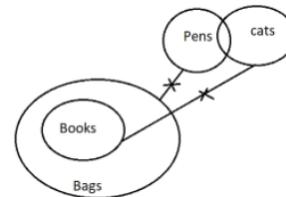
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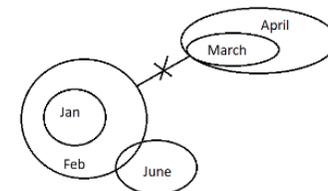
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 71. (2)



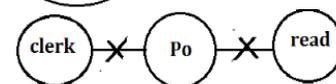
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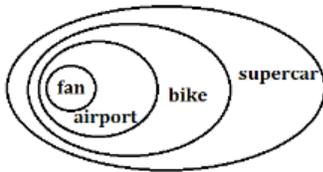
73. (3)



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75. (4)



76-80.

Words	Codes
India/Environment	kl/po
And	jy
Poor	rw
Index	xp
Rich	qs
Held	hd
Kid	pk
Umbrella	ub

76. (3)

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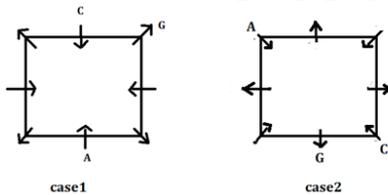
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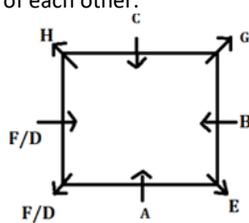
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From the given statements, the persons sitting on the corners face opposite direction to that of the ones sitting on the middle of the side. C faces A. G sits 3rd right to A.

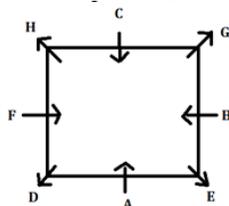


From the given statements, the one sitting 5th right to the one who is 3rd left to A does not sit at the corner. So, case2 gets eliminated. H sits opposite to E. E and B are immediate left to each other. F and D are immediate neighbors of each other.



From the given statements, the one sitting immediate left to D does not face outside.

So, the final arrangement will be: -



86. (2)

87. (2)

88. (2)

89. (3)

90. (1)

91-95. From the given statements, there are three boxes gap between T and S. There are three boxes gap between T and X. Here we get **two possibilities** i.e. **Case 1 and Case 2.**

Case 1	Case 2
Boxes	Boxes
S	X
T	T
X	S

From the given statements, Box P was placed just above the Box U. There are two boxes gap between Q and U. There is one box gap between R and Q. There are more than three boxes gap between P and R.

The number of boxes above of W is one more than the number of boxes placed below V. Box W was placed above V.

Case 1	Case 2
Boxes	Boxes
S	X
P	P
U	U
W	W
T	T
Q	Q
V	V
R	R
X	S

From the given statements, there are more than three boxes gap between S and V. **Here Case 2 is ruled out now.**

So, the final arrangement will be like this-

Boxes
S
P
U
W
T
Q
V
R
X

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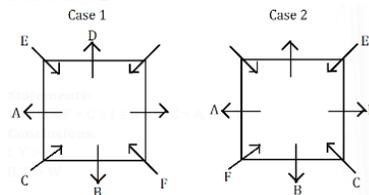
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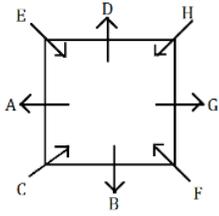
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From the given statements, A sits 2nd to the right of B who is an immediate neighbor of C. D sits immediate left of E who faces F. Here, we get two possibilities i.e. Case-1 and Case-2.



From the given statements, H is an immediate neighbor of D. Here, Case 2 is ruled out. Two persons sit between C and G.

So, final arrangement will be: -



- 96. (4)
- 97. (1)
- 98. (3)
- 99. (3)
- 100. (3)

