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Q149. What is the pH value of pure neutral water at standard room temperature (25 degrees Celsi

- (a) 7.0 (b) 5.5 (c) 8.4 (d) 6.0

Q150. Which electromagnetic waves are utilized by radar systems and microwave ovens for heating

- (a) Microwaves / Radio waves (b) X-Rays (c) Gamma Rays (d) Ultraviolet Rays

=== SECTION IV: GENERAL INTELLIGENCE & SPECIALIZATION (Q151 - Q200) ===

Q151. Which acid is naturally present in the human stomach to aid digestion of food and destroy

- (a) Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) (b) Sulfuric Acid (H₂SO₄) (c) Acetic Acid (CH₃COOH) (

Q152. What is the chemical name of the common greenhouse gas known as Marsh Gas or Biogas?

- (a) Methane (CH₄) (b) Ethane (C₂H₆) (c) Propane (C₃H₈) (d) Butane (C₄H₁₀)

Q153. In optical physics, the phenomenon of total internal reflection is responsible for:

- (a) Mirage formation and optical fiber transmission (b) Rainbow dispersion (c) Blue

Q154. Which disease is caused by the deficiency of Vitamin C in the human diet?

- (a) Scurvy (b) Rickets (c) Beriberi (d) Night Blindness

Q155. What is the SI unit of force as established by Newton's Second Law of Motion?

- (a) Newton (N) (b) Joule (J) (c) Pascal (Pa) (d) Watt (W)

Q156. Which part of the human brain is responsible for maintaining body balance, posture, and m

- (a) Cerebellum (b) Cerebrum (c) Medulla Oblongata (d) Hypothalamus

Q157. What is the primary alloy composition of Brass in metallurgy?

- (a) Copper and Zinc (b) Copper and Tin (c) Iron and Carbon (d) Aluminum and Coppe

Q158. Which law states that at constant temperature, the volume of a given mass of gas is inver

- (a) Boyle's Law (b) Charles's Law (c) Avogadro's Law (d) Gay-Lussac's Law

Q159. Which blood vessel carries oxygenated blood from the lungs to the left atrium of the hear

- (a) Pulmonary Vein (b) Pulmonary Artery (c) Aorta (d) Vena Cava

Q160. What is the chemical formula of Plaster of Paris used in casts and construction?

- (a) CaSO₄ . 1/2 H₂O (b) CaSO₄ . 2 H₂O (c) CaCO₃ (d) Ca(OH)₂

Q161. If A can complete a piece of work in 12 days and B can complete it in 15 days, in how man

- (a) 6.67 days (6 and 2/3 days) (b) 8 days (c) 7.5 days (d) 9 days

Q162. If the selling price of an article is doubled, the profit triples. What is the original p

- (a) 100% (b) 50% (c) 120% (d) 75%

Q163. A sum of money doubles itself in 8 years at simple interest. What is the annual rate of s

- (a) 12.5% (b) 10% (c) 8% (d) 15%

Q164. A train 120 meters long crosses a standing telegraph post in 6 seconds. What is the speed

- (a) 72 km/hr (b) 60 km/hr (c) 80 km/hr (d) 54 km/hr

Q165. The average age of 30 students in a class is 15 years. If the teacher's age is included,

- (a) 46 years (b) 45 years (c) 40 years (d) 50 years

Q166. What is the compound interest on Rs. 10,000 for 2 years at 10% per annum compounded annua

- (a) Rs. 2,100 (b) Rs. 2,000 (c) Rs. 2,200 (d) Rs. 1,900

Q167. If the ratio of two numbers is 3 : 4 and their Highest Common Factor (HCF) is 5, what is

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Q168. A boat can travel 15 km/hr in still water. If the speed of the stream is 3 km/hr, how muc

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Q169. In a circle of radius 7 cm, what is the area of a sector subtending an angle of 90 degree

- (a) 38.5 sq cm (b) 77 sq cm (c) 154 sq cm (d) 19.25 sq cm

Q170. If $x + (1/x) = 4$, what is the value of $x^2 + (1/x^2)$?

- (a) 14 (b) 16 (c) 12 (d) 18

Q171. What is the value of $\sin(30 \text{ degrees}) * \cos(60 \text{ degrees}) + \cos(30 \text{ degrees}) * \sin(60 \text{ degrees})$

- (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) 0.5 (d) -1

Q172. The length and breadth of a rectangular field are in the ratio 5 : 3. If its perimeter is

- (a) 6,000 sq m (b) 4,800 sq m (c) 5,400 sq m (d) 6,400 sq m

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Q174. If 20 men can build a wall 56 meters long in 6 days, what length of a similar wall can be

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Q175. What is the remainder when 17^{200} is divided by 18?

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Q177. If the diagonal of a square is $10 * \sqrt{2}$ cm, what is the perimeter of the square?

- (a) 40 cm (b) 20 cm (c) 50 cm (d) 60 cm

Q178. A shopkeeper offers two successive discounts of 20% and 10% on an item marked at Rs. 500.

- (a) Rs. 360 (b) Rs. 350 (c) Rs. 380 (d) Rs. 400

Q179. In triangle ABC, right angled at B, if AB = 6 cm and BC = 8 cm, what is the radius of the

(a) 5 cm (b) 10 cm (c) 7 cm (d) 4 cm

Q180. What is the arithmetic mean of the first 50 natural numbers?

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