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- Q144. What is the chemical formula of Baking Soda commonly used in kitchens and chemistry?**  
(a) Sodium Bicarbonate (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) (b) Sodium Carbonate (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) (c) Calcium Carbonate (d) Potassium Bicarbonate
- Q145. Which organelle in an eukaryotic cell is widely referred to as the 'Powerhouse of the Cel**  
(a) Mitochondria (b) Ribosome (c) Nucleus (d) Endoplasmic Reticulum
- Q146. What is the speed of light in a vacuum under standard physics constants?**  
(a) 3 × 10<sup>8</sup> m/s (b) 3 × 10<sup>6</sup> m/s (c) 3 × 10<sup>10</sup> m/s (d) 3 × 10<sup>5</sup> km/s

**Q147. Which gas is most abundant by volume in the Earth's atmosphere?**

- (a) Nitrogen (78%) (b) Oxygen (21%) (c) Carbon Dioxide (0.04%) (d) Argon (0.93%)

**Q148. Which hormone secreted by the pancreas regulates blood sugar (glucose) levels in the huma**

- (a) Insulin (b) Adrenaline (c) Thyroxine (d) Estrogen

**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 (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) (c) Acetic Acid (CH<sub>3</sub>COOH) (

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

- (a) Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) (b) Ethane (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) (c) Propane (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>) (d) Butane (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)

**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) CaSO<sub>4</sub> . 1/2 H<sub>2</sub>O (b) CaSO<sub>4</sub> . 2 H<sub>2</sub>O (c) CaCO<sub>3</sub> (d) Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>

**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**  
(a) 60 (b) 45 (c) 80 (d) 120
- Q168. A boat can travel 15 km/hr in still water. If the speed of the stream is 3 km/hr, how muc**  
(a) 2 hours (b) 2.5 hours (c) 3 hours (d) 1.5 hours
- 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
- Q173. A man bought an old typewriter for Rs. 1,200 and spent Rs. 200 on its repair. He sold it**  
(a) 20% (b) 15% (c) 25% (d) 16.67%
- Q174. If 20 men can build a wall 56 meters long in 6 days, what length of a similar wall can be**  
(a) 49 meters (b) 45 meters (c) 52 meters (d) 42 meters
- Q175. What is the remainder when  $17^{200}$  is divided by 18?**  
(a) 1 (b) 17 (c) 16 (d) 0
- Q176. Three pipes A, B, and C can fill a tank in 6 hours. After working together for 2 hours, C**  
(a) 14 hours (b) 12 hours (c) 16 hours (d) 10 hours
- 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?**

(a) 25.5 (b) 25.0 (c) 26.0 (d) 24.5

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