

- (d) The Supreme Court is acting the guardian of the Constitution to protect the Constitution of India.  
 (e) None of these.

**Instructions for Q.80**

Study the information given below and answer the questions that follow:

**In making decisions about important questions, it is desirable to be able to distinguish between “Strong” arguments and “Weak” arguments in so far as they relate to the question.**

**“Strong” arguments are those which are both important and directly related to the question.**

**“Weak” arguments are those which are of minor importance and also may not be directly related to the question or may be related to a trivial aspect of the question.**

**Each question below is followed by two arguments numbered 1 and 2.**

**You have to decide which of the argument is a strong argument and which is a weak argument.**

**Q.80)**

**Statement:**

*Should the Government of India supply free electricity to the farmers?*

**Arguments:**

- 1) *No. Government should not provide free electricity to anybody.*
- 2) *Yes. The farmers are not in a position to pay for the electricity.*

- (a) If only argument 1 is strong.  
 (b) If only argument 2 is strong.  
 (c) If either 1 or 2 is strong.  
 (d) If neither 1 nor 2 is strong.  
 (e) If both 1 and 2 are strong.

=====ANSWERS=====

**General Awareness**

Q.1) (a)

Explanation:

This is a company-specific question. All the company-specific news released during the six months prior to the exam date are important. For covering such news, you can rely on Spotlight magazine which is tailor-made for banking exams only or you can choose newspapers or any other magazine as well. But make sure that you don't choose on multiple sources because that will land you in trouble.

Q.2) (b)

Explanation:

If you observe the pattern of SEBI, NABARD, RBI, and other banking exams, then you will notice that there are one or two questions from the 'important days' topic. This highlights the importance of covering the crucial days. Now-a-days, the examiner asks the questions from India-specific important days. Gone are the days when only international days held importance. Now, your syllabus's breadth has increased. So, you need to put more efforts to remember the days and their themes. You can create your own short notes and revise from them again and again to retain these facts for a longer period.

Q.3) (b)

Explanation:

This is a question from the Economic Survey. Budget, Economic Survey, and national reports etc. are important from the exam's perspective. You can create short notes of the facts given in these voluminous documents to remember them.

Q.4) (c)

Explanation:

This question falls under the category of static general awareness, making it imperative to include in your preparation. To tackle static general awareness, you can refer to resources like Lucent's book, Manorama's yearbook, and more. It's crucial to bear in mind that consistent revision is key to retaining a wealth of factual information.

Q.5) (e)

Explanation:

This question is from the appointments section. All the latest appointments prior to the exam are important. This question is the evidence of how high the level of difficulty is in this examination. Questions are not restricted to the news itself, rather the questions are being asked from in-depth information

related to the news. So, prepare the background information of the news.

Q.6) (c)

Explanation:

Targets set by Indian government are important for the exam. In every type of exam be it RBI, SEBI, and NABARD such questions are asked very often. New targets set by the government as well as older targets like health and wellness centres, disease elimination targets, net-zero emission target etc.

Q.7) (e)

Explanation:

Questions from important committees are often asked in the exam. This question is from a new committee, which was in news. Therefore, all the new committees should be thoroughly prepared by you. Make sure that as aspirants you leave no stone unturned in your preparation. Sometimes, older committees are also asked in the exam. You should prepare older committees which were made for a specific purpose.

Q.8) (c)

Explanation:

This is a company-specific question. All the company-specific news released during the six months prior to the exam date are important. For covering such news, you can rely on Spotlight magazine which is tailor-made for banking exams only or you can choose newspapers or any other magazine as well. But make sure that you don't choose on multiple sources because that will land you in trouble.

Q.9) (a)

Explanation:

It is a sports-related news. It is a direct question. Major sports events should be thoroughly covered by you. You can refer a good magazine tailor-made specifically for RBI, Sebi Nabard's examination or you can follow a good newspaper like the livemint, the Hindu, The Indian Express, economic times, Business Standard etc.

Q.10) (c)

Explanation:

This question has been asked from the reports and indices section. In every index, you should prepare India's rank, top ranker, parameters of the index, bottom ranker, and the organization releasing the index are all important. Indices and reports are asked in both phases of your RBI, SEBI, and NABARD exams. So, prepare the indices from both perspectives.

Q.11) (e)

Explanation:

This is a question from the awards section. All the awards, the country/organization giving the awards, the recipients, and the recipients' nationalities are all important. This question is a direct and factual question.

Q.12) (d)

Explanation:

This is a company-specific question. All the company-specific news released during the six months prior to the exam date are important. For covering such news, you can rely on Spotlight magazine which is tailor-made for banking exams only or you can choose newspapers or any other magazine as well. But make sure that you don't choose on multiple sources because that will land you in trouble.

Q.13) (d)

Explanation:

This is a question from Union Budget. Budget, Economic Survey, and national reports etc. are important from the exam's perspective. You can create short notes of the facts given in these voluminous documents to remember them.

Q.14) (e)

Explanation:

It is a sports-related news. It is a direct question. Major sports events should be thoroughly covered by you.

Q.15) (b)

Explanation:

This is a question which has been asked directly from the government schemes. It is an integral part of the exam's general awareness syllabus. Usually, questions from the government schemes are twisted and elongated for make them tough. To get through such questions, the only strategy you can apply is thorough preparation of the government schemes. Believe me, there is no other way as far as this section is concerned.

Q.16) (a)

Explanation:

This question is a part of your banking awareness. You can find the banking awareness related current affairs on several competitive websites. Here, you should be selective in choosing your source of information. So, spend time on choosing a good source of current affairs and once you have chosen the website or the magazine then stick to it. It is highly advisable in your interest only not to shift from source to source.

Q.17) (a)

Explanation:

This is a question which has been asked directly from the

government schemes. In this question, we have observed that the direct questions are most often asked in the exam. These types of direct and short sentenced questions do not leave any scope of any hint or guess work. So, the best strategy to tackle such questions is to leave them because you have negative marking in the exam. Taking such a risk can cost you a lot.

Q.18) (e)

Explanation:

This question is a part of your finance awareness. All these kinds of news can be covered from some good newspapers like Livemint, Indian Express, Business Standard, Economic Times, The Hindu etc. The Spotlight and RBI 247 magazines and sessions strive to convey the policies in detail. Whichever source you choose make sure that you stick to that.

Q.19) (b)

Explanation:

This question has been asked from the Banking and Economy section. Data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry important for the RBI, SEBI, NABARD exam.

Q.20) (c)

Explanation:

It was an unexpected question. The Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) program is an international collaboration established by a resolution of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) at its 10th Meeting (Harare, 1997).

## English

Q.21) (a)

Explanation:

In the passage, the word 'Pacifies' means to decrease the dryness and heat. Opposite of 'decrease' is 'increase'. Reading questions first and then reading the paragraph saves the time of the aspirants. Read the questions, write keywords of the questions in the rough sheet. This way, you can find the answers from the reading comprehension very easily.

Q.22) (c)

Explanation:

Reading questions first and then reading the paragraph saves the time of the aspirants. Read the questions, write keywords of the questions in the rough sheet. This way, you can find the answers from the reading comprehension very easily.

Q.23) (d)

Explanation:

'Nostalgic' means connected with history. Pessimistic refers to any negative thought. The above passage is informative. So, option 'd' is correct.

Q.24) (d)

Explanation:

The most fundamental step here is to build a strong vocabulary and brush up your grammar to tackle such questions. Learn new phrases, synonyms, antonyms, and idioms every day. Try to understand the intact meaning of sentences. And last but not the least advice is 'practice more'.

Q.25) (d)

Explanation:

Reading questions first and then reading the paragraph saves the time of the aspirants. Read the questions, write keywords of the questions in the rough sheet. This way, you can find the answers from the reading comprehension very easily. You should first do the identification of the concept talked about in the paragraph.

Q.26) (a)

Explanation:

To answer this question, the most fundamental step is to build a strong vocabulary and brush up on your grammar. Learn new phrases, synonyms, antonyms, and idioms every day. Try to understand the intact meaning of sentences. And last but not the least advice is 'practice more'.

Q.27) (c)

Explanation:

To answer this question, the most fundamental step is to build a strong vocabulary and brush up on your grammar. Learn new phrases, synonyms, antonyms, and idioms every day. Try to understand the intact meaning of sentences. And last but not the least advice is 'practice more'.

Q.28) (e)

Explanation:

In the correct answer choice E, the subject for the verb come is 'many of the currently uncontrolled dioxins'. Here, 'many' is the correct determiner

Q.29) (c)

Explanation:

'a' is wrong because of the usage of were (plural but 'letter' is singular)  
'b' is wrong because of usage of as.  
(Instead of 'as', 'of' should be used.)

'c' is correct!  
 'd' is awkward in construction.  
 'e' uses wrong usage of 'as' and is also structurally awkward.

Q.30) (a)

Explanation:

The first and foremost step in para jumble question is to understand the subject of the paragraph. As the subject plays an important role in linking many sentences. After you have identified the subject/theme of the paragraph, try to find the first sentence (if you are well-versed with the grammatical rules, then you will be in a better position to find the first sentence). After finding out the first sentence now you should look for the conclusive sentence.

After identifying the first and last sentences, the next task is to find out the flow of information that is used by the author. By doing this, you will be able to track the order of sentences.

The last step is to generate some order in mind before looking at the options directly. This step will help you a lot in solving the questions quickly.

Q.31) (b)

Explanation:

The first and foremost step in para jumble question is to understand the subject of the paragraph. As the subject plays an important role in linking many sentences. After you have identified the subject/theme of the paragraph, try to find the first sentence (if you are well-versed with the grammatical rules, then you will be in a better position to find the first sentence). After finding out the first sentence now you should look for the conclusive sentence.

After identifying the first and last sentences, the next task is to find out the flow of information that is used by the author. By doing this, you will be able to track the order of sentences.

The last step is to generate some order in mind before looking at the options directly. This step will help you a lot in solving the questions quickly.

Q.32) (c)

Explanation:

Statements 2 and 3 are erroneous. The preposition 'in' should be replaced by 'on' in statement 2. Statement 3 is erroneous because the preposition 'among' should be replaced by 'between' because the issue is related to two persons

Q.33) (b)

Explanation:

Equated fits the blank aptly.

The tips to answer cloze test questions are first, read the passage thoroughly to get an idea of the passage. Read slowly and gain an understanding of the text. Once the theme of the paragraph is clear, it becomes easy to fill in the blanks. Always remember, it is a passage, so the sentences are linked to one another. Don't make the mistake of treating every sentence as an individual one.

Q.34) (a)

Explanation:

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Q.35) (c)

Explanation:

Attainment fits the blank aptly as the sentence is talking about achieving a goal.

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Q.36) (a)

Explanation:

The word conceived is the best suited option here.

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Q.37) (d)

Explanation:

(a) is wrong because the things before and after 'or' are not parallel; i.e. "was gradual" and "created a cataclysm" are not parallel.

(b) is wrong because 'if' is used when you have only one option.

(c) uses an extra word 'about'. We never debate 'about' something, we debate 'over' something.

(e) repeats the mistake in A.

(d) is the best choice.

Q.38) (d)

Explanation:

a, b, and c are clearly wrong because they involve a missing verb after 'but' i.e., 'think'.

Between d and e, d is better because it uses the correct tense 'will' instead of 'would'. Second, there is a missing 'be' after 'would' in option E.

(d) is the answer.

Q.39) (d)

Explanation:

Statement 3 is erroneous because the preposition 'of' should be replaced by 'for'. The very first thing to consider in such type of questions is to strengthen your grammatical concepts. If you are not clear with the basics, handling such questions would be a hard nut to crack for you.

Q.40) (d)

Explanation:

In the 1<sup>st</sup> statement, helping verb 'is' missing. The economy of India is moving up towards inflation

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> statements are grammatically correct

## Quantitative Aptitude

Q.41) (a)

Explanation:

The pattern is as follows:

$$17 \times 1 + 2^2 = 21$$

$$21 \times 2 + 3^2 = 51$$

$$51 \times 3 + 4^2 = 169$$

$$169 \times 4 + 5^2 = 701$$

$$701 \times 5 + 6^2 = 3541$$

Q.42) (c)

Explanation:

The pattern is as follows:

$$12 \times 7 + 6 = 90$$

$$90 \times 6 + 5 = 545$$

$$545 \times 5 + 4 = 2729$$

$$2729 \times 4 + 3 = 10919$$

Q.43) (c)

Explanation:

Let speed upstream be x  
Speed downstream = 1.5x  
 $(48/x) + (36/1.5x) = 6$

$$\text{Speed upstream} = x = 12$$

$$\text{Speed downstream} = 1.5x = 18$$

Q.44) (b)

Explanation:

$$\text{Interest from scheme A (For the period of 2 Years)} = P(1 + 20\%)^2 - P = 1.44P - P = 0.44P$$

This 0.44P is invested in scheme B which gives Rs 1430 after 2 years.

$$0.44P + (0.44P \times 2 \times 15 / 100) = 1430$$

$$P = 2500$$

Q.45) (a)

Explanation:

$$\text{Ratio of work between A and B} = 2 : 3$$

$$\text{Ratio of time between A and B} = 3 : 2$$

Now, since the difference of time is 4 days,

$$\text{Time ratio} = 3 \times 4 : 2 \times 4 = 12 : 8$$

Q.46) (c)

Explanation:

$$\text{Investment} \times \text{Time} = \text{Profit}$$

$$\text{Investment ratio} = 3 : 6 : 2$$

$$\text{Time ratio} = 1 : 2 : 3$$

$$\text{Profit ratio} = 3 \times 1 : 6 \times 2 : 2 \times 3 = 3 : 12 : 6 = 1 : 4 : 2$$

$$\text{Total profit} = 1$$

$$\text{A's share} = 1/7$$

$$\text{C's share} = 2/7$$

$$C - A = 1/7$$

$$1/7 = 1410$$

$$1 = \text{total profit} = 9870$$

Q.47) (e)

Explanation:

Solving the first equation, we get the values of x as 4 and 9.

Solving the second equation, we get the values of y as 9 and 2/3.

Hence, the relation between x and y can't be established.

Q.48) (b)

Explanation:

Solving the first equation, we get the values of x as -3/2 and 4.

Solving the second equation, we get the values of y as 6 and 5.

Q.49) (b)

Explanation:

Solving the first equation, we get the values of x as 3 and 7/3.

Solving the second equation, we get the values of y as 6 and 7.

Q.50) (e)

Explanation:

The original table based on the instructions is as follows:

	A	B	C	D
Manufactured	300	360	420	200



	A	B	C	D
Sold	180	180	240	150

Now, as per the question,  
 Number of units manufactured of E = 150% of 300 = 450  
 Number of units sold of E = 75% of 240 = 180  
 Difference = 450 – 180 = 270

Q.51) (a)  
 Explanation:

	A	B	C	D
Manufactured	300	360	420	200
Sold	180	180	240	150

Ratio = 300 + 360 : 240 + 150 = 660 : 390 = 22 : 13

Q.52) (c)  
 Explanation:

	A	B	C	D
Manufactured	300	360	420	200
Sold	180	180	240	150

Average = (300 + 360 + 420) / 3 = 1080/3 = 360

Q.53) (c)  
 Explanation:

	A	B	C	D
Manufactured	300	360	420	200
Sold	180	180	240	150

Number of units sold of B = 180  
 Number of units unsold of A = 300 – 180 = 120  
 Difference = 180 – 120 = 60  
 Percentage = (60/120) x 100 = 50%

Q.54) (b)  
 Explanation:

	A	B	C	D
Manufactured	300	360	420	200
Sold	180	180	240	150

Difference = (420 + 200) - (180 + 180) = 620 – 360 = 260

Q.55) (c)  
 Explanation:

	Milk	Water
Initial quantity	25p	2p
Less:	(25)	(2)
	25p - 25	2p - 2
Add:	35	
Final quantities	25p + 10	2p - 2

As per the question, 25p + 10 = 15(2p - 2)  
 p = 8

So, initial quantity of milk = 25p = 25 x 8 = 200 litres

Q.56) (a)  
 Explanation:

Number of colored TVs sold in city A = 3/5 x 200 = 120  
 Number of black & white TVs sold in B = 3/5 x 300 = 180  
 Number of black & white TVs sold in D = 5/12 x 360 = 150  
 Number of black & white TVs sold in E = 2/7 x 280 = 80  
 Percentage = 120 / (180 + 150 + 80) = 29% (approx.)

Q.57) (c)  
 Explanation:

Number of Black & White TVs sold in A and C together = 80 + 180 = 260  
 Number of colored TVs sold in B and E together = 120 + 200 = 320  
 Difference = 320 – 260 = 60

Q.58) (d)  
 Explanation:

Total black & white TVs sold = 670  
 Total colored TVs sold = 890  
 Ratio = 67 : 89

Q.59) (b)  
 Explanation:

Black & white TVs sold in D = 150  
 Colored TVs sold in C = 240  
 Ratio = 150 : 240 = 5 : 8

Q.60) (a)  
 Explanation:

Total colored TVs sold in A, C and E together = 120 + 240 + 200 = 560  
 Total black & white TVs sold in B, D and E together = 180 + 150 + 80 = 410  
 Percentage = (560/410) x 100 = 137%

**Reasoning**

Q.61) (c)

Explanation:

The pairs are(2,9),(2,4),(1,3),(3,7),(4,9)

Q.62) (b)

Explanation:

There is a gap of one letter between the first and the last letter. All the words except the second word follow this rule. Hence, GIJF is the odd one out.

Q.63) (c)

Explanation:

The seating arrangement is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D F E G \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ A H \_\_\_\_\_

Q.64) (a)

Explanation:

The seating arrangement is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D F E G \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ A H \_\_\_\_\_

Q.65) (b)

Explanation:

The seating arrangement is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D F E G \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ A H \_\_\_\_\_

Q.66) (e)

Explanation:

The letters are I, E, V and L  
Possible words which can be formed are EVIL, VEIL, LIVE, VILE

Q.67) (a)

Explanation:

The pattern is as follows:

- C + 1 = D
- O + 1 = P
- N + 1 = O
- C - 1 = B
- E + 1 = F
- P + 1 = Q
- T + 1 = U

Q.68) (c)

Explanation:

The order is  $Q < S < P < UR < T$

The third lowest marks are of P which is equal to 56

Score of R =  $56 + 12 = 68$

So, U and R can have same marks(=68) or U will have less marks than R.

So, only T scored more than R.

Q.69) (a)

Explanation:

$Q + R = 111$

$Q + 68 = 111$

$Q = 43$

$P + T = 137$

$56 + T = 137$

$T = 81$

$Q + T = 43 + 81 = 124$

Q.70) (e)

Explanation:

Since S scored less than 56, so his score can be a number below 56.

Q.71) (b)

Explanation:

	May	July	September
9 <sup>th</sup>	Karnataka(C)	Rajasthan(B)	Uttarakhand(D)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tripura(A)	Punjab(E)	Kerala(F)

So, only event F takes place after Uttarakhand event.

Q.72) (e)

Explanation:

	May	July	September
9 <sup>th</sup>	Karnataka(C)	Rajasthan(B)	Uttarakhand(D)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tripura(A)	Punjab(E)	Kerala(F)

The events in all the pairs except(e) occurred in different months. But in option(e), both the events took place in the same month i.e. July.

Q.73) (a)

Explanation:

	May	July	September
9 <sup>th</sup>	Karnataka(C)	Rajasthan(B)	Uttarakhand(D)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tripura(A)	Punjab(E)	Kerala(F)

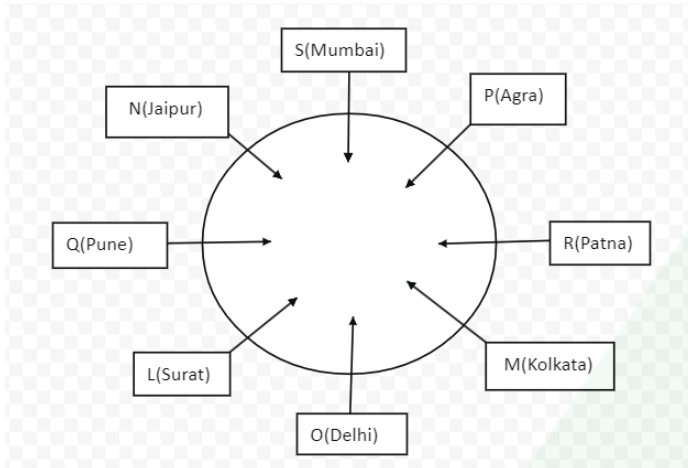
Q.74) (b)

Explanation:

	May	July	September
9 <sup>th</sup>	Karnataka(C)	Rajasthan(B)	Uttarakhand(D)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tripura(A)	Punjab(E)	Kerala(F)

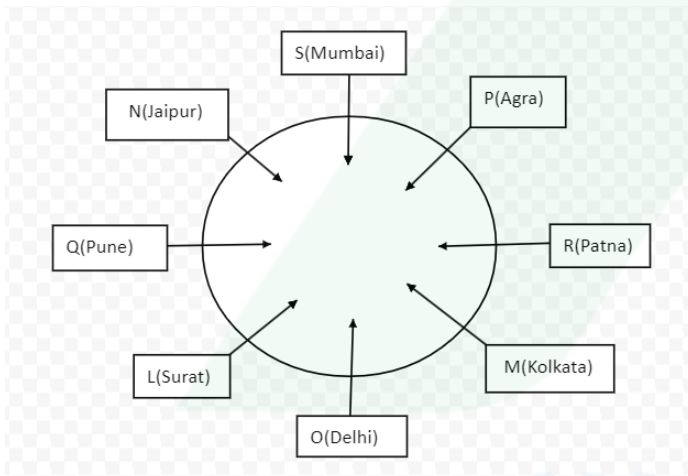
Q.75) (b)

Explanation:



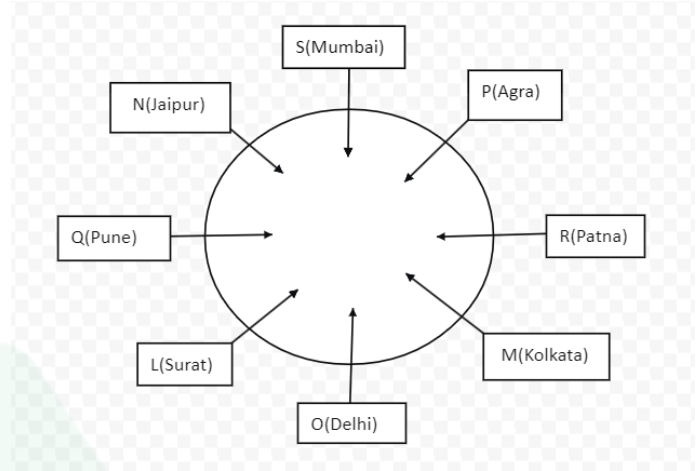
Q.76) (b)

Explanation:



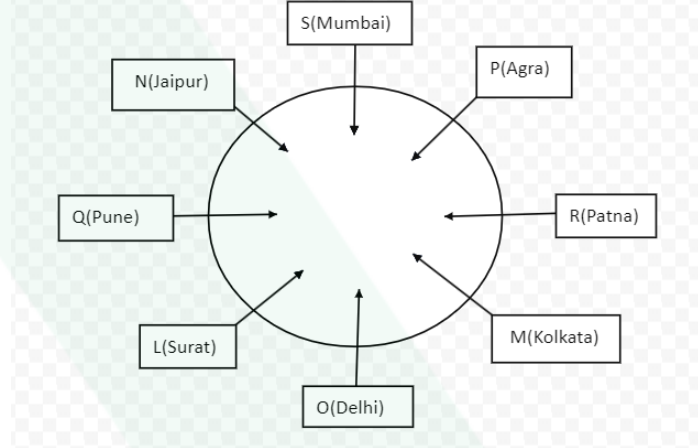
Q.77) (a)

Explanation:



Q.78) (c)

Explanation:



Q.79) (b)

Explanation:

In fact, this may well be the summary of the long sentence.

Q.80) (b)

Explanation:

Argument 1 does not put forward any necessary substance against the move. Hence, 1 is a weak argument. Now, India is an agro-based country. To protect agriculture, it is necessary to provide free electricity to poor Indian farmers. Hence, 2 is a strong argument.



