

SECTION – I

LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION

Direction: Read the passage carefully to answer the questions that follow.

Procrastination is a costly and draining problem for all of us. The easiest way to deal with procrastination is to never let it get started in the first place. Procrastination plagues us all. More plans go astray, more dreams go unfulfilled, and more time is wasted. It is a major stumbling block for almost everyone seeking to improve his use of time. For many, this becomes an insidious habit that can ruin their careers, destroy their happiness, and even shorten their lives.

Procrastination is respectful of no one. All of us suffer from it at one time or another. Procrastination is doing low priority actions or tasks rather than higher priority ones. It is straightening your desk when you should be working on the report; watching TV when you should be exercising; calling on the friendly customer who buys very little when you should be preparing a sales presentation for that tough prospect who could buy much more; avoiding a co-worker rather than telling him the bad news; staying away from office to avoid disciplining a subordinate; and postponing activities with your children, because there always seems to be something “more urgent”, until suddenly they’re grown and you realize it’s too late to do any of the things you’ve always talked about doing together.

Q1. Which of the following best describes ‘procrastination’?

- (1) Linger on (2) Stop (3) Delay (4) Wait

Q2. Why is procrastination said to be a stumbling block?

- (1) It prevents fulfillment of goals.
(2) It hinders effectiveness and efficiency.
(3) It stops one from working.
(4) It makes one lazy.

Direction: Choose a word or phrase nearly similar in meaning to the given word.

Q3. Self-esteem

- (1) Self-respect (2) Dignity (3) Decorum (4) Self-awareness

Q4. Sobriety

- (1) Abstinence (2) Sober (3) Moderate (4) Dry

Directions : A word in capital letters is followed by 4 words. Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

Q5. OBLOQUY

- (1) Praise (2) Crue (3) Slander (4) Dialogue

Direction: The sentence has four underlined parts marked A, B, C and D. Identify the one underline part that must be changed for the sentence to be correct.

Q6.

- A. The book is well-printed
B. And attractively bound
C. Making altogether
D. On attractive volume.

- (1) A
- (2) B
- (3) C
- (4) D

Direction: In the following question a related pair of words is followed by four pairs of words. Select the pair that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the original pair.

Q7. APHORISM : SENTENTIONS ::

- (1) Criticism : redundant
- (2) Eulogy : laudatory
- (3) Adage : symbolic
- (4) Maxim : allegorical