

CATEGORY - II

PART - 3

English

Question Numbers 121 to 150

Questions 121-130. Read the passage and choose the most appropriate answers from the options provided :

Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the Central Himalayas. It is an unusually attractive little town. It covers just about 5.2 sq. km. It lies to the north of Almora in Uttarakhand's picturesque Kumaon region.

Kausani provides a 300 km wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. It is the most striking aspect of this place. Snow-capped peaks are spread in a stately row. They stare at you in silvery-white majesty. The most famous peak on view is Nanda Devi, the second-highest mountain in India. It is situated at a height of 25,645 feet and 36 miles away as the crow flies. The other famous peaks on view are Choukhamba (23,420 feet) and Trishul (23,360 feet). Then there are also Nilkhamba, Nandaghunti, Nandaghat and Nanda Kot. On a clear day, the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to these peaks.

At sunrise and at sunset, when the colour changes to a golden orange, the scene gets etched in your memory. When Gandhiji visited this place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spellbound. He named it the 'Switzerland of India'. He prolonged his two-day stay to fourteen days, making time to write a book, *Anasakti Yoga*. The place where he was staying was originally a guest house of the tea estate. It was renamed *Anasakti Ashram* after the book.

Kausani is the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant, a renowned Indian poet. Its natural surroundings have inspired many of his poems. Its tea gardens mingle with dense pine forests and fruit orchards. The area is also host to many fairs and religious ceremonies. If Uttaranchal is the abode of gods, Kausani is their backyard. There is no traffic, no one is in a hurry. If serenity could be put on a canvas, the picture would resemble Kausani.

121. Gandhiji used the term 'Switzerland of India' to describe Kausani. What attributes of the place are reflected in the term ?

- (A) The similarity in climate to Switzerland
- (B) Its rich cultural history like that of Switzerland
- (C) Its resemblance to the alpine landscapes and scenic beauty of Switzerland
- (D) The peaceful and quiet atmosphere, as in Switzerland

122. In the sentence 'The place where he was staying was originally a guest house of the tea estate', the underlined word serves the grammatical function of a _____.

- (A) Relative adverb introducing an adjective clause
- (B) Preposition introducing a prepositional phrase
- (C) Adverb modifying the verb
- (D) Conjunction introducing a noun clause

123. Which of the following sentences uses the correct form of the verb in the context of the passage ?

- (A) The Himalayas stares at you in silvery-white majesty.
- (B) The Himalayas stared at you in silvery-white majesty.
- (C) The Himalayas staring at you in silvery-white majesty.
- (D) The Himalayas stare at you in silvery-white majesty.

124. Identify the sentence in the Passive Voice.

- (A) The peaks spread across the sky in a row.
- (B) The guest house was renamed *Anusakti Ashram*.
- (C) Gandhiji prolonged his two-day stay to fourteen days.
- (D) The tea gardens blend with the forests.

125. Identify the sentences which best represents the relationship between Sumitranandan Pant and Kausani.

- (A) Kausani was the inspiration for many of his poems.
- (B) Kausani was the place where he published his first book.
- (C) Sumitranandan was born in a different region, but his family lived in Kausani.
- (D) Kausani is where Pant first met Gandhiji.

126. How does being the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant contribute to the significance of Kausani ?

- (A) It emphasizes Kausani's historical importance in India's literary heritage.
- (B) It highlights Kausani as a place of religious importance.
- (C) It shows that Kausani is a commercial hub with many businesses.
- (D) It illustrates the town's focus on educational development.

127. What does the phrase 'serenity could be put on a canvas' suggest ?

- (A) It suggests that Kausani's beauty is overwhelming and chaotic.
- (B) It highlights the contrast between Kausani and the bustling cities.
- (C) It paints Kausani as a place of calm, peacefulness and natural harmony, suitable for artistic representation.
- (D) It conveys the idea that Kausani is a place to forget the realities of life.

128. Identify the sentence which uses the correct form of the adjective for comparison in the context of the given passage.

- (A) Kausani is the more peaceful than any other place in India.
- (B) Kausani is more peaceful than no other place in the region.
- (C) Kausani is the most peaceful of any other place in the region.
- (D) Kausani is the most peaceful place in the region.

129. What does the passage suggest about the town's lifestyle ?

- (A) It is a place known for its chaotic and busy streets.
- (B) It is a peaceful, tranquil town where time seems to slow down.
- (C) It is a modern town with bustling markets.
- (D) It is a tourist hub with constant movement and activity.

130. Where in Uttarakhand is Kausani located ?

- (A) Garhwal
- (B) Kumaon
- (C) Nainital
- (D) Dehradun

Questions 131-150. Choose the most appropriate alternative from the options given to fill in the blanks/answer the questions.

131. ESP in English language teaching stands for _____.

- (A) English for Special Purposes
- (B) English for Specific Pedagogy
- (C) English for Scientific Projects
- (D) English for Specific Purposes

132. When Thomas heard about the promotion, he was on cloud nine for the rest of the day. The idiom in the sentence means :

- (A) feeling extremely tired
- (B) feeling uncertain
- (C) feeling ecstatic
- (D) feeling extremely angry

133. The first step in editing a passage is _____.

- (A) the correction of errors
- (B) writing
- (C) reading
- (D) rewriting

134. Which of the following is grammatically acceptable ?

- (A) Did the maid came yesterday ?
- (B) Do the maid come yesterday ?
- (C) Did the maid come yesterday ?
- (D) Do the maid came yesterday ?

135. Evaluating the learning of students at the end of an instructional programme is known as _____.

- (A) formative assessment
- (B) peer-assessment
- (C) summative assessment
- (D) self-assessment

136. The language function expressed in the sentence, 'She can play football' refers to _____.

- (A) ability
- (B) permission
- (C) suggestion
- (D) assumption

137. Unexpectedly for the coach, the players won the game in the final minutes. The underlined phrase means :

- (A) The coach was confident that the players would lose.
- (B) The coach was indifferent to the result of the game.
- (C) The coach predicted the players would win.
- (D) The coach was surprised by the players' victory.

138. Identify the correct spelling.

- (A) Ocurrence
- (B) Occurrence
- (C) Occurance
- (D) Occurrance

139. We are planning a surprise party for her birthday. Identify the most appropriate replacement for the underlined word.

- (A) deciding
- (B) thinking
- (C) partaking
- (D) organising

140. Look out for the car coming around the corner! The phrasal verb in the sentence means :

- (A) to search for something
- (B) to be cautious or alert
- (C) to ignore something
- (D) to watch a movie

141. Which among the following is NOT an interactive teaching strategy ?

- (A) Peer teaching
- (B) Video based learning
- (C) Collaborative learning
- (D) Language games

142. Identify the wrongly paired option :

- (A) Wilga Rivers - Communicative Language Teaching
- (B) B.F. Skinner - Behaviourist Theory
- (C) Lev Vygotsky - Language Acquisition Device
- (D) Stephen Krashen - Input Hypothesis

143. Role play in the English language classroom is especially useful for _____.

- (A) improving student's spelling and grammar
- (B) developing student's conversational and social skills
- (C) memorising vocabulary
- (D) enhancing student's ability to read aloud fluently

144. The questions a teacher is expected to ask while processing a reading passage in the class are called _____.

- (A) scaffolding questions
- (B) global questions
- (C) yes/no questions
- (D) Wh questions

145. Identify the option that doesn't suit the symptoms of dyslexia.

- (A) Difficulty in reading fluently
- (B) Difficulty in word recognition and spelling
- (C) Difficulty in writing
- (D) Difficulty in reasoning

146. I write about people _____ fortunate _____ me.

- (A) less, than
- (B) little, than
- (C) least, than
- (D) less, to

147. The sentence 'I saw child sitting on the park bench' shows an instance of _____ error.

- (A) thematic
- (B) syntactical
- (C) morphological
- (D) phonological

148. If I studied harder, _____.

- (A) I would have cleared the test
- (B) I will have cleared the test
- (C) I will clear the test
- (D) I would clear the test

149. Would you mind _____, please?

- (A) to move the chair
- (B) move the chair
- (C) moving the chair
- (D) to moving the chair

150. 'Why are you late?' the teacher asked the boy. This can best be reported as _____

- (A) The teacher asked the boy why he was late.
- (B) The teacher asked the boy why was he late.
- (C) The teacher asked the boy why he is late.
- (D) The teacher asked the boy why is he late.

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