



## English Language

### S71. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Refer the first paragraph, "According to data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the rate of growth of the combined exports of software and ITeS fell from 20.8 per cent in 2012-13 to 14.9 per cent in 2014-15 and to a low of 7.3 per cent in 2015-16." Hence only statement (II) is the correct reason.

### S72. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** Refer the last few lines of first paragraph, "India's IT industry recorded remarkable growth over a long period because it exploited an outsourcing opportunity by perfecting a global delivery model for software and ITeS based on cheap skilled labour." and the first few lines of second paragraph, "As a result, IT industry revenues grew in double digits, with export earnings accounting for a large share of those revenues. Employment grew rapidly, albeit from a low base and at a lower pace than revenues." Hence all three statements are correct in context of the passage.

### S73. Ans.(d)

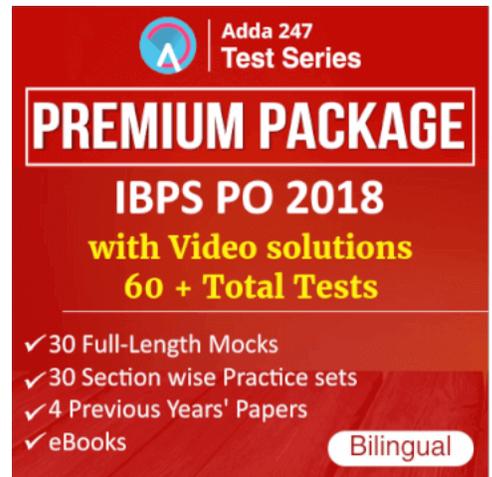
**Sol.** Refer the first few sentences of the third paragraph, "However, there were a number of features of that model that made it vulnerable to changes in circumstances. To start with, it had a high degree of dependence on exports for growth, with the U.S. accounting for a very large share of those exports..." and the first sentence of the fourth paragraph, "Secondly, software services (or code writing and customisation of different levels of sophistication) and ITeS, rather than IT products, accounted for an overwhelming share of revenues." Hence both the statements (b) and (c) are correct in context of the passage.

### S74. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Refer the statements, "In 2002-03, 48 per cent of India's exports of IT services was through the medium of a commercial presence on foreign soil and another 13.5 per cent through the presence of natural persons.", "This combination of the characteristics of India's IT success not only gave the industry a position of privilege in the economy but made it the symbol of India's ostensible post-globalisation success." and "To garner those revenues, a workforce with essential IT skills and familiarity with English, communication infrastructure, and the requisite organisation were the necessary ingredients." Hence only statement (II) is true in context of the passage.

### S75. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Refer the first paragraph, "According to data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the rate of growth of the combined exports of software and ITeS fell from 20.8 per cent in 2012-13 to 14.9 per cent in 2014-15 and to a low of 7.3 per cent in 2015-16. Global circumstances combined with the specific nature of India's IT prowess seem to be responsible for this fall." Hence (a) is the correct option in context of the passage.



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**S76. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Prowess** means skill or expertise in a particular activity or field. **Dexterity** means skill in performing tasks, especially with the hands. Hence both are similar in meanings.

**Serenity** means the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled.

**S77. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** **Garner** means gather or collect (something, especially information or approval). Hence “**amass**” is the word most similar in meaning to it.

**S78. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Imperative** means a factor or influence making something necessary. Hence ‘**vital**’ is the word most similar in meaning to it.

**Supple** means bending and moving easily and gracefully; flexible.

**Mercurial** means subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind.

**S79. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Ostensible** means stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so. Hence ‘**genuine**’ is the word most opposite in meaning to it.

**Avowed** means that has been asserted, admitted, or stated publicly.

**S80. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Customize** means modify (something) to suit a particular individual or task. Hence ‘**broaden**’ is the word most opposite in meaning to it.

**Sustenance** means the maintaining of someone or something in life or existence.

**S81. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** “greatest gift to mankind, denotes passion or firmness” is the correct set of phrases in context of the sentence structure and subsequent grammar usage.

**S82. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** As the sentence is in passive form, “has been keen on having them fitted, being manufactured by” are the correct phrases in context of the sentence structure and grammatical usage. Hence it doesn’t require any correction.

**S83. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** “to countering terrorism, more excuses to continue living” is the correct set of phrases in context of the sentence structure and subsequent grammar usage.

**S84. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** “as in India, rests with the elected” is the correct set of phrases in context of the sentence structure and subsequent grammar usage.

**S85. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The given sentence is grammatically correct.

**S86. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Accretion** means a thing formed or added by gradual growth or increase.

**S87. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** **Emancipation** means the fact or process of being set free from legal, social, or political restrictions; liberation.

**S88. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Wholesale** means done on a large scale; extensive.

**S89. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** All the given options fit into the blanks appropriately as all four words mean the same i.e. so as to give the impression of having a certain quality; apparently.

**S90. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Meddling** means interfering in something that is not one's concern.

**S91. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "graduating" is the correct word replacement as it means successfully completing an academic degree, course of training, or high school.

**S92. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "enrolment" is the correct word replacement as it means the action of enrolling or being enrolled.

**S93. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** "desperately" is the correct word replacement as it means used to emphasize the extreme degree of something.

**S94. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** "institutions" is the correct word and it does not require any replacement as the word is in plural form (i.e. various higher education **institutions**)

**S95. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "perceived" is the correct word replacement as it means interpret or regard (someone or something) in a particular way.

**S96. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "astounding" is the correct word replacement as it is in positive sense than other given options.

**S97. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** “phenomenon” is the correct word as it doesn’t require any correction as it means a fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen, especially one whose cause or explanation is in question.

**S98. Ans.(e)**

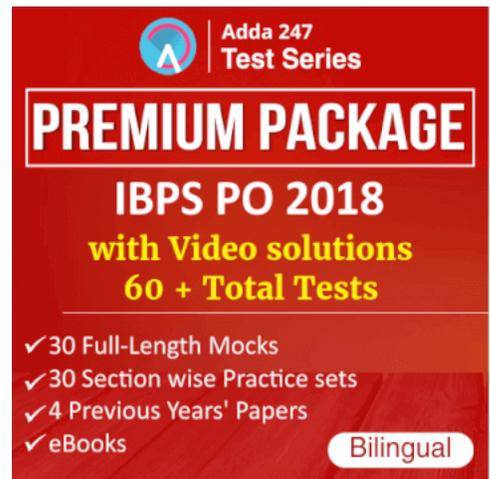
**Sol.** “intellectually” is the correct word as it does not require any correction as it means cleverly.

**S99. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** “mediocre” is the correct word replacement as it means of only average quality; not very good.

**S100. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** “hinges” is the correct word replacement as the verb should be singular in particular with the subject of the sentence. Hinge means attach or join with or as if with a hinge.



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