



TELANGANA CIRCLE

PAPER - 1 (SET C)

Question 1.

Which Government officials are entitled to use service postage stamps on official postal articles?

- A) All Government officials, including those who have retired
- B) All Government officials, except those on leave or retired from service
- C) Only officers of the Postal Department
- D) Only Gazetted Officers of the Central and State Government

.Answer:. B) All Government officials, except those on leave or retired from service

.Explanation:. Service postage stamps can only be used by official government employees who are currently on active duty; officials who are on leave or who have retired are strictly barred from using them.

Question 2.

Which of the following articles may be accepted for transmission by Inland Post, provided the required condition is fulfilled?

- A) A packet containing matches, if packed safely
- B) A sharp instrument, if properly protected
- C) Gold bullion worth Rs 15,000, if sent by insured post
- D) A postcard with threatening words, if postage is fully prepaid

.Answer:. B) A sharp instrument, if properly protected

.Explanation:. Sharp instruments like knives or tools can be sent via post only if they are entirely shielded and protected to prevent any injury to postal handlers. Explosives/matches, gold exceeding legal limits, and offensive material are prohibited.

Question 3.

Where should the supporting signature and official designation be written on an Official Postal Article?

- A) On the top right-hand corner
- B) On the back side of the article only
- C) In the lower left-hand corner of the article
- D) Anywhere near the postage stamp

.Answer:. C) In the lower left-hand corner of the article

.Explanation:. According to official mail regulations, the sender's validation signature and official rank/designation must be placed in the bottom or lower left-hand corner of the address side.

Question 4.

Which of the following statements about Post Office Time Deposit Account is incorrect?

- A) Time Deposit Accounts are available for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years and 5 years.
- B) The account can be opened with a minimum amount of Rs 1,000 and in multiples of Rs 100.
- C) Interest is compounded quarterly and payable annually.
- D) Investment under every Time Deposit Account qualifies for benefit under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

.Answer:. D) Investment under every Time Deposit Account qualifies for benefit under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

.Explanation:. Tax benefits under Section 80C are only applicable to a 5-year Time Deposit (TD) account, not to the shorter 1-year, 2-year, or 3-year accounts.

Question 5.

Where should postage stamps be affixed on a letter or packet?

- A) On the left hand top corner of the address side
- B) On any part of the article
- C) On the right-hand top corner of the address side
- D) On the bottom right corner of the article

.Answer:. C) On the right-hand top corner of the address side

.Explanation:. Postage stamps must be affixed strictly to the top right-hand corner of the side bearing the address to facilitate uniform mechanical or manual postmarking.

Question 6.

Franking on postal articles is allowed up to what amount?

- A) Up to 100 only
- B) Up to 2500 only
- C) Up to the value of postage stamps available
- D) Up to any amount

.Answer:. D) Up to any amount

.Explanation:. Franking impressions from an authorized machine can be executed to credit any amount of requisite postage fee required for an article.

Question 7.

Which of the following is generally true about post offices on Sundays and Post Office holidays?

- A) All post offices remain open for normal public business
- B) Except Night Post Offices, post offices including Mobile Post Offices are generally closed
- C) Only Head Post Offices remain open for public business
- D) Street letter boxes are cleared as usual on these days

.Answer:. B) Except Night Post Offices, post offices including Mobile Post Offices are generally closed

.Explanation:. Regular post offices and mobile units remain entirely closed on Sundays and national holidays, with the specific operational exception of designated Night Post Offices.

Question 8. (now 3% as per po guide I ANSWERS IS 1.5%)

What commission is permitted on the value of franks used?

- A) 1.5 percent
- B) 1 percent
- C) 2 percent
- D) 5 percent

.Answer:. A) 1.5 percent

.Explanation:. Authorized users of licensed franking machines are granted a 1.5 percent rebate or commission on the net value of the postage impressions made.

Now 3%

Question 9.

How is a locked post bag containing postal articles handed over to the renter or his messenger?

- A) By home delivery
- B) Over the counter on production of the delivery ticket
- C) Through the concerned Postmaster
- D) Only after approval of the Divisional Head

.Answer:. B) Over the counter on production of the delivery ticket

.Explanation:. Locked post bags are never brought out for home delivery; the renter or their private messenger must pick them up directly over the post office counter by producing a valid delivery ticket.

Question 10.

Match the following Postal Circles with the Union Territory/area included in their jurisdiction.

List I (Postal Circle):

- 1. Andhra Pradesh Circle,
- 2. Kerala Circle,
- 3. Tamil Nadu Circle,
- 4. West Bengal Circle

List II (Jurisdiction includes):

- a. Lakshadweep,
- b. Yanam,
- c. Andaman and Nicobar Islands,
- d. Puducherry except Yanam

- A) 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
- B) 1-d, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a
- C) 1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-a
- D) 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-d

.Answer: A) 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c

.Explanation: Andhra Pradesh covers Yanam (1-b), Kerala handles Lakshadweep (2-a), Tamil Nadu encompasses Puducherry except Yanam (3-d), and West Bengal governs Andaman & Nicobar Islands (4-c).

Question 11.

Which of the following is a due bag?

- A) Cash bag
- B) Special bag
- C) Camp bag
- D) Account bag

.Answer: D) Account bag

.Explanation: An account bag is a "due bag," which means its generation and transmission are mandatory according to schedule, unlike unusual or emergency bags like cash or camp bags.

Question 12.

What is a cash bag used for?

- A) To enclose remittances of cash between Post Offices
- B) To enclose several bags sent to the same office or section
- C) To carry correspondence of high officers of Government
- D) To enclose S.O. slips and S.O. daily accounts only

.Answer: A) To enclose remittances of cash between Post Offices

.Explanation: Cash bags are small, heavy-duty secure containers specifically designated to shield cash remittances moving between offices.

Question 13.

When an account bag is sent by the Head Office to the Sub Office, what does it contain?

- A) S.O. Daily account
- B) Mail list
- C) S.O. slip
- D) Cash book

.Answer: C) S.O. slip

.Explanation: Head Offices communicate and document transactions intended for Sub-Offices by including a specialized Sub-Office (S.O.) slip inside the account bag.

Question 14.

A branch of RMS where closed bags are received and dispatched is known as the:

- A) Transit Mail Office
- B) Sorting Office
- C) Central Bagging Unit
- D) Nodal Post Office

.Answer: A) Transit Mail Office

.Explanation: A Transit Mail Office (TMO) is a specialized structural branch of the Railway Mail Service that exclusively handles the receipt and dispatch of closed bags without opening individual items.

Question 15.

Who is the officer in charge of a set of a Sorting Mail Office called?

- A) Mail Agent
- B) Head Sorting Assistant
- C) Head Postmaster
- D) Superintendent of RMS

.Answer: B) Head Sorting Assistant

.Explanation: The complete administrative supervisor and operational official in charge of a specific operational set in a sorting office is the Head Sorting Assistant (HSA).

Question 16.

What superscription must official postal articles bear when posted by Government officials authorized to use service postage stamps?

- A) "On India Government Service"
- B) "Official Service"
- C) "Public Service"
- D) "Service Post Only"

.Answer:. A) "On India Government Service"

.Explanation:. Official correspondence must state "On India Government Service" (O.I.G.S.) explicitly on the top left address area to validate the use of service stamps.

Question 17.

A person who wants to get mail delivered through a post box should submit an application to whom?

- A) Postman of the concerned beat
- B) The Postmaster concerned
- C) The Divisional Head
- D) The Head of the Circle

.Answer:. B) The Postmaster concerned

.Explanation:. The localized allocation, rental application, and approval for operating a Post Box must be submitted directly to the Postmaster of that specific office.

Question 18.

Match the following India Post Savings Schemes with the rate of interest offered in the 1st quarter (April-June) of financial year 2026-27.

List I (Scheme):

- 1. Post Office Savings Account,
- 2. National Savings Recurring Deposit Account,
- 3. Senior Citizens Savings Scheme Account,
- 4. Public Provident Fund Account

List II (Interest Rate):

- a. 8.2% per annum,
- b. 7.1% per annum,
- c. 4% per annum,
- d. 6.7% per annum

- A) 1-c, 2-d, 3-a, 4-b
- B) 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b
- C) 1-c, 2-b, 3-a, 4-d
- D) 1-a, 2-d, 3-c, 4-b

.Answer:. A) 1-c, 2-d, 3-a, 4-b

.Explanation:. Post Office Savings Account yields 4% (1-c), Recurring Deposit offers 6.7% (2-d), Senior Citizens scheme accounts for 8.2% (3-a), and PPF yields 7.1% (4-b).

Question 19.

Which of the following is not a condition for a newspaper to be eligible for postal registration as a registered newspaper?

- A) It must be covered under the definition of "newspaper" under the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023.
- B) It must be brought out, printed, or published in India only.
- C) It must be registered with the Press Registrar General of India and possess a certificate of registration.
- D) It must be published daily and circulated in at least three States.

.Answer:. D) It must be published daily and circulated in at least three States.

.Explanation:. A publication does not need to be printed daily or sold across three separate states to qualify as a registered newspaper; it can be weekly or monthly and localized, provided it satisfies central press registration criteria.

Question 20.

Which of the following statements about Sukanya Samriddhi Account is correct?

- A) The account may be opened in the name of a girl child who has already attained the age of 10 years on the date of opening of account.
- B) An account holder can have more than one account under the scheme.
- C) The guardian operates the account until the girl child attains the age of 18 years.
- D) The minimum deposit in a financial year is Rs 1,000.

.Answer:. C) The guardian operates the account until the girl child attains the age of 18 years.

.Explanation:. A Sukanya Samriddhi Account is opened and managed fully by the legal guardian until the designated girl child reaches the age of 18 years.

Question 21.

A chemist licensed to possess and sell dangerous drugs wants to send such drugs by post. Which of the following conditions must be fulfilled?

- A) The drugs may be sent by ordinary letter post if the parcel is fully prepaid
- B) The drugs may be sent by parcel post, but insurance is not required
- C) The drugs must be sent by insured parcel post and transmission must be covered by a proper permit
- D) The drugs may be sent by post if the quantity is small

.Answer:. C) The drugs must be sent by insured parcel post and transmission must be covered by a proper permit

.Explanation:. Medical dangerous drugs can only be processed if packed as an insured parcel and accompanied by a formal legal clearance permit from the proper authority.

Question 22.

Except where otherwise provided, what is done with a postal article that is suspected to contain goods being transmitted by post in contravention of any law?

- A) It is delivered
- B) It is opened, checked and if it contains prohibited articles it is destroyed by the Post Office
- C) It is forwarded marked "Doubtful" to the office of destination and opened there in the presence of the addressee
- D) It is opened at the office of posting in the presence of the sender

.Answer:. C) It is forwarded marked "Doubtful" to the office of destination and opened there in the presence of the addressee

.Explanation:. Suspected illegal or contraband packages are marked with the word "Doubtful" and sent along to the destination point, where they are officially opened in front of the addressee for verification.

Question 23.

Which of the following statements about premature closure of a Post Office RD Account is correct?

- A) RD Account can be closed prematurely after 1 year from the date of account opening.
- B) RD Account cannot be closed prematurely under any condition.
- C) RD Account can be closed prematurely after 3 years from the date of account opening.
- D) RD Account can be closed prematurely at any time if advance deposits have been made.

.Answer:. C) RD Account can be closed prematurely after 3 years from the date of account opening.

.Explanation:. Under post office savings bank terms, a standard 5-year Recurring Deposit account can be prematurely closed after completing a minimum duration of 3 years.

Question 24.

What is the position of officers in a Division in relation to the Superintendent?

- A) They are independent of the Superintendent
- B) They are subordinate to the Superintendent
- C) They are immediately subordinate to the Director-General
- D) They report only to the Head of the Circle

.Answer:. D) He is immediately subordinate to the Head of the Circle/Region.

.Explanation:. He is immediately subordinate to the Head of the Circle/Region..

Question 25.

The monetary transactions of sub and branch offices placed under a Head Office are included in whose accounts?

- A) The accounts of the Head Office
- B) The accounts of the Divisional Office
- C) The accounts of the Postal Accounts Office
- D) Separate accounts maintained by each office only

.Answer:. A) The accounts of the Head Office

.Explanation:. Head Offices function as the primary accounting core; the monetary cash tallies of all attached Sub-Offices and Branch Offices are ultimately incorporated into the Head Office accounts.

Question 26.

Who generally fixes the working hours of Post Offices?

- A) The Director-General
- B) The Head of the Circle
- C) The Secretary (Posts)
- D) The Superintendent

.Answer:. B) The Head of the Circle

.Explanation:. The working operational hours of post offices within a designated territory are structured and fixed by the Head of the Circle (Chief Postmaster General).

Question 27.

What can be done if the postage required on embossed postal stationery is more than the value of the stamp printed on it?

- A) The article must be rejected
- B) The difference can be paid in cash
- C) The difference can be paid by affixing additional postage stamps
- D) The difference can be paid by revenue stamps

.Answer:. C) The difference can be paid by affixing additional postage stamps

.Explanation:. If an embossed envelope or postcard requires extra postage due to weight or rate updates, the customer can make up the financial gap by sticking extra adhesive postage stamps onto the item.

Question 28.

Machine-franked articles can be posted at not more than how many offices specified by the Superintendent of Post Offices in the licence?

- A) Any number of
- B) Three
- C) Two
- D) One

.Answer:. C) Two

.Explanation:. The terms of a franking machine license stipulate that the generated mail must be dropped and handed over at no more than two post offices explicitly named in the license document.

Question 29.

What should be done when sealing wax is used outside unregistered letters and packets?

- A) A piece of tissue or other thin paper should be laid on the wax before applying the seal
- B) The wax should be spread over the envelope/packet to seal securely
- C) Sealing wax is not allowed on unregistered items under any circumstances
- D) The wax must be reinforced with cloth tape

.Answer:. A) A piece of tissue or other thin paper should be laid on the wax before applying the seal

.Explanation:. To prevent hot wax from melting or adhering to other letters during tight bulk transit bags, a thin protective layer of tissue paper must be applied directly over the hot wax impression.

****Question 30****

Where should frank impressions for pre-payment of postage be made, as far as possible?

- A) On the back side of the postal article
- B) On the left-hand bottom corner of the address side
- C) Anywhere on the postal article
- D) On the right-hand top corner of the address side

****Answer:** D) On the right-hand top corner of the address side**

****Explanation:**** Just like normal adhesive postage stamps, franking machine impressions should ideally be stamped on the top right-hand corner of the address side to facilitate uniform postmark clearing.

****Question 31****

Which Indian State has the longest coastline?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Maharashtra

****Answer:** C) Gujarat**

****Explanation:**** Gujarat possesses the longest mainland coastline among all Indian states, stretching across an expansive length of approximately 1,600 kilometers.

****Question 32****

The word "Satyameva Jayate" has been taken from:

- A) Rig Veda
- B) Mundaka Upanishad
- C) Bhagavad Gita
- D) Jabala Upanishad

****Answer:** B) Mundaka Upanishad**

****Explanation:**** The national motto of India, "Satyameva Jayate" (meaning Truth Alone Triumphs), is an ancient Sanskrit phrase inscribed at the base of the Lion Capital of Ashoka, originally taken from the Mundaka Upanishad.

****Question 33****

Which mountain range is located between the Narmada and Tapti rivers?

- A) Aravalli Range
- B) Satpura Range
- C) Shivalik Range
- D) Sahyadri Range

****Answer:** B) Satpura Range**

****Explanation:**** The Satpura Range runs parallel to the Narmada (to its north) and the Tapti (to its south) rivers in central India, acting as the structural divide between these two westward-flowing river valleys.

****Question 34****

Which Indian missile is a supersonic cruise missile developed jointly by India and Russia?

- A) BrahMos
- B) Agni
- C) Akash
- D) Prithvi

****Answer:** A) BrahMos**

****Explanation:**** The BrahMos is a medium-range ramjet supersonic cruise missile that can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft, or land. It is a highly successful joint venture between India's DRDO and Russia's NPO Mashinostroyeniya.

****Question 35****

The Swadeshi Movement was mainly started against:

- A) Simon Commission
- B) Partition of Bengal
- C) Rowlatt Act
- D) Salt Tax

****Answer:** B) Partition of Bengal**

****Explanation:**** The Swadeshi Movement was officially proclaimed on August 7, 1905, at the Calcutta Town Hall as a direct mass protest against Lord Curzon's decision to execute the Partition of Bengal.

****Question 36****

The black soil of India is especially suitable for the cultivation of which of the following?

- A) Jute
- B) Cotton
- C) Tea
- D) Rubber

****Answer:** B) Cotton**

****Explanation:**** Black soil (also known as Regur soil) has high clay content and excellent moisture-retention properties, making it naturally ideal for growing cotton crops.

****Question 37****

Aditya-L1 is India's mission to study which celestial body?

- A) Moon
- B) Mars
- C) Sun
- D) Venus

****Answer:** C) Sun**

****Explanation:**** Launched successfully by ISRO, Aditya-L1 is India's pioneering dedicated space observatory mission placed in a halo orbit around the Lagrange point 1 (L1) to continuously study the Sun's atmosphere and solar magnetic storms.

****Question 38****

The General Elections of 2024 elected members to which Lok Sabha?

- A) 19th Lok Sabha
- B) 18th Lok Sabha
- C) 17th Lok Sabha
- D) 16th Lok Sabha

****Answer:** B) 18th Lok Sabha**

****Explanation:**** The nationwide democratic general elections held across India in April–June 2024 were conducted to elect the members of the 18th Lok Sabha.

****Question 39****

Which of the following is not a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council?

- A) China
- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) Russia

****Answer:** C) Germany**

****Explanation:**** The five permanent members (P5) of the UN Security Council holding veto powers are China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Germany is a non-permanent member when elected.

****Question 40****

Sharing unverified information during a public emergency mainly violates which public-service value?

- A) Objectivity
- B) Accountability
- C) Responsibility
- D) Political neutrality

****Answer:** C) Responsibility**

****Explanation:**** Disseminating rumors or unverified information during a critical public crisis reflects a direct failure of civic and professional "Responsibility," as public servants are duty-bound to deliver only reliable, authenticated information to prevent panic.

****Question 41****

The average age of 5 persons is 28 years. If one person aged 40 years leaves the group, the new average age is:

- A) 27 years
- B) 24 years
- C) 25 years
- D) 26 years

****Answer:** C) 25 years**

****Explanation:**** Total combined age of the 5 persons = $5 \times 28 = 140$ years. When the 40-year-old individual exits, the remaining total age becomes $140 - 40 = 100$ years. The new average age for the remaining 4 people is $100 / 4 = 25$ years.

Question 42.

A shopkeeper marks an article 25% above cost price and gives a discount of 10%. His profit percentage is:

- A) 15%
- B) 10%
- C) 20%
- D) 12.5%

.Answer:. D) 12.5%

.Explanation:. Let Cost Price (CP) = 100. Marked Price (MP) becomes 125. The 10% discount on 125 is 12.5. Therefore, Selling Price (SP) = 125 - 12.5 = 112.5. The net gain over 100 is 12.5%.

Question 43.

A number is first increased by 20% and then decreased by 20%. What is the net change?

- A) 4% decrease
- B) No change
- C) 2% decrease
- D) 4% increase

.Answer:. A) 4% decrease

.Explanation:. Let the initial number be 100. A 20% increase makes it 120. A subsequent 20% decrease on 120 reduces it by 24 (120 - 24 = 96). Compared to 100, the final number shows a 4% decrease.

Question 44.

A sum of money becomes Rs 5,600 in 2 years at 6% simple interest per annum. Find the principal.

- A) Rs 5,400
- B) Rs 5,000
- C) Rs 4,800
- D) Rs 5,200

.Answer:. B) Rs 5,000

.Explanation:. Total Amount = Principal + Simple Interest. Simple Interest = $(P \times 2 \times 6) / 100 = 0.12P$. Therefore, $5600 = P + 0.12P \rightarrow 1.12P = 5600 \rightarrow P = 5600 / 1.12 = \text{Rs } 5,000$.

Question 45.

The average of 16 numbers is 48. If one number, 123, is removed, the average of the remaining 15 numbers is:

- A) 43
- B) 44
- C) 45
- D) 42

.Answer:. A) 43

.Explanation:. Total sum of 16 numbers = $16 \times 48 = 768$. Subtracting the removed value: $768 - 123 = 645$. New Average of the 15 remaining numbers = $645 / 15 = 43$.

Question 46.

A and B can complete a work in 18 days and 36 days respectively. Together they can complete it in:

- A) 15 days
- B) 12 days
- C) 18 days
- D) 9 days

.Answer:. B) 12 days

.Explanation:. Combined 1-day capacity = $1/18 + 1/36 = (2 + 1) / 36 = 3/36 = 1/12$. Therefore, both working in tandem will take exactly 12 days.

Question 47.

The value of $184 + 16 \times 14 - 128$ is:

- A) 278
- B) 282
- C) 280
- D) 276

.Answer:. C) 280

.Explanation:. Following standard math operation hierarchy, multiply first: $16 \times 14 = 224$. Now execute addition and subtraction sequentially: $184 + 224 - 128 = 408 - 128 = 280$.

Question 48.

A train running at 54 km/h crosses a pole in 20 seconds. The length of the train is:

- A) 300 m

- B) 250 m
- C) 350 m
- D) 200 m

.Answer: A) 300 m

.Explanation: Convert speed into meters per second: $54 \times (5/18) = 15 \text{ m/s}$. Distance (Length of train) = Speed * Time = $15 \text{ m/s} \times 20 \text{ seconds} = 300 \text{ meters}$.

Question 49.

A and B together can do a work in 10 days. A alone can do it in 15 days. B alone can do it in:

- A) 25 days
- B) 35 days
- C) 20 days
- D) 30 days

.Answer: D) 30 days

.Explanation: B's individual 1-day capacity = Combined rate - A's rate = $1/10 - 1/15 = (3 - 2) / 30 = 1/30$. Thus, B working entirely alone requires 30 days.

Question 50.

If 5 kg of rice costs Rs 300, how much rice can be bought for Rs 720?

- A) 15 kg
- B) 10 kg
- C) 12 kg
- D) 11 kg

.Answer: C) 12 kg

.Explanation: Find price per single unit kg: $300 / 5 = \text{Rs } 60 \text{ per kg}$. Total allocation quantity purchased for Rs 720 = $720 / 60 = 12 \text{ kg}$.



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