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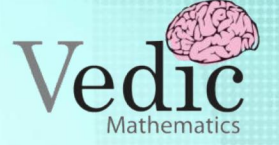
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In SBI Clerical Cadre (Phase-I) Examination 5 questions based on Rearrangement of Sentences may be asked. In the questions based on Rearrangement of Sentences, some sentences are given. The candidate is required to rearrange these sentences in a proper sequence so as to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the given questions.

These questions are meant to test a candidate's ability to understand the facts and to arrange things in a proper sequence as well as his logical thinking. A good command of the various grammatical rules and a sound vocabulary will help you in solving these questions.

#### Rapid Clues

- First read all the sentences and understand them.
- Find out the first (introductory) sentence.
- Now look for some link and find out the second sentence.
- You can find out the linkage between the sentences by looking for the use of pronouns, adverbs, conjunctions etc.
- There may also be some chronological order. It will make the rearrangement quite easy.
- Identify the mandatory pairs or logical pairs.
- Eliminate the wrong options by using the connected sentences or mandatory pairs.
- Look for the last (concluding) sentence which is usually easy to trace. This will help you in making the proper sequence.
- Sometimes your commonsense can also help you in solving these questions.

#### Practice Questions

**Directions (Q. Nos. 1 - 100)** Rearrange the given sentences in a proper sequence so as to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the given questions.

**(Q. Nos. 1 - 5)**

- A. We must explore new methods of boosting agricultural development and grow more food.
- B. The scientists should be encouraged to contribute.
- C. Food can also be had by import.
- D. The most important factor in any planning for India's development and economic uplift is that of turning a hungry, discontented people into a happy well-fed one.
- E. Whatever be the way and means, India must feed its hungry millions.
- F. They should be given due scope for carrying on experiments and researches.
- G. The problem, therefore reduces itself to one of agricultural development.

**1. Which of the following is the FOURTH sentence in the paragraph?**

- (1) A (2) D (3) E  
(4) G (5) F

**2. Which of the following is FIFTH sentence in the paragraph?**

- (1) G (2) A (3) D  
(4) C (5) E





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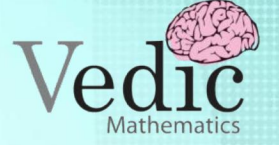
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3. Which of the following is the **THIRD** sentence in the paragraph?

- (1) F (2) A (3) G  
(4) D (5) E

4. Which of the following is the **LAST** sentence in the paragraph?

- (1) F (2) C (3) D  
(4) B (5) G

5. Which of the following is the **SECOND** sentence in the paragraph?

- (1) B (2) E (3) C  
(4) G (5) F

**(Q. Nos. 6 - 10)**

A. Therefore, large scale construction programme has to be launched

B. Construction has not kept with it and the shortage of accommodation has been accentuated.

C. But high cost of materials and labour makes housing an unprofitable proposition.

D. The census figures show that the population of our cities has increased immensely in the recent years.

E. The shortage must be overcome in a reasonably short time.

6. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

7. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

8. Which of the following should be the **LAST** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

9. Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

10. Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

**(Q. Nos. 11 - 15)**

A. She decided to go to school and meet the principal.

B. Suddenly she realised that she had no money with her.

C. By the time she reached there, he had left the office.

D. Therefore, she decided to go to the office of Ravi's father and get the money.

E. Sudha wanted her son Ravi to get admission in a convent school.

11. Which sentence should come **FOURTH** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

12. Which sentence should come **SECOND** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

13. Which sentence should come **THIRD** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E







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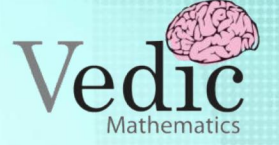
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14. Which sentence should come FIRST in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

15. Which sentence should come LAST in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

**(Q. Nos. 16 - 20)**

A. Most people find meaning in their lives through their relationships and the other activities they are involved in.

B. The opposite of having meaning in your life is a feeling of meaninglessness.

C. Furthermore, relationships in which you can find meaning possesses a valuable source of stability and cohesion.

D. Happiness and fulfilment entails finding meaning in life.

E. These relationships and activities express your feelings.

F. Meaninglessness has connotations of emptiness, apathy, boredom and non-being

G. People are meaning seeking beings.

16. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence?

- (1) B (2) C (3) A  
(4) D (5) F

17. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence?

- (1) C (2) F (3) A  
(4) G (5) B

18. Which of the following will be the SIXTH sentence?

- (1) C (2) D (3) E  
(4) B (5) A

19. Which of the following will be the LAST sentence?

- (1) A (2) C (3) F  
(4) D (5) B

20. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence?

- (1) C (2) E (3) G  
(4) A (5) F

**(Q. Nos. 21 - 25)**

A. But by then it was too late to correct things.

B. It is impossible to steer such a large project to success without planning.

C. He had to stand by and watch helplessly.

D. The whole scheme was destined to fail from the beginning.

E. Jack started realising this only towards the end.

21. Which sentence should come THIRD in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

22. Which sentence should come LAST in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

23. Which sentence should come FIRST in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E





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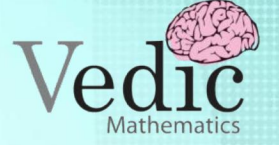
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24. Which sentence should come **FOURTH** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

25. Which sentence should come **SECOND** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

**(Q. Nos. 26 - 30)**

A. Still seventy-five per cent of our countrymen live in villages.

B. And on the hills were built summer capitals such as Shimla. Nainital, Darjeeling, Ooty and other hill stations like Mussoorie, Shillong, Dalhousie etc.

C. A thousand years ago the number of cities in India was much less than their number today.

D. Later, the coming of the English resulted in the growth of such cities as Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Karachi, Ahmedabad on the plains of India.

E. With the coming of the Muslims the number of our cities began to multiply, because the Muslims brought with them many arts and crafts which could best flourish in cities.

26. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

27. Which of the following should be the **LAST** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

28. Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

29. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

30. Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

**(Q. Nos. 31 - 35)**

A. Invaders came to India and looted it of its wealth.

B. Today we may be rich in wealth, but not rich at heart.

C. Sadly, now the situation has changed.

D. India has a glorious past with rich cultural heritage.

E. In fact, materialism has taken the place of spiritualism.

F. But they too admired the Indians.

31. Which sentence will come at **FIRST** place in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

32. Which will be the **LAST** sentence of the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E







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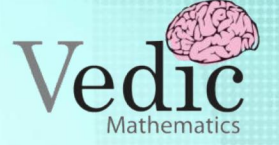
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33. Which sentence will come at SECOND place in the paragraph?

- (1) E (2) D (3) F  
(4) A (5) B

34. Which will be the FIFTH sentence in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

35. Which will be the THIRD sentence of the paragraph?

- (1) F (2) 8 (3) D  
(4) E (5) A

(Q. Nos. 36 - 40)

A. Seconds later, the glaring object swept past and he thought he had out manoeuvred it.

B. While flying over enemy territory, Jones received the warning of an oncoming missile...

C. He was proved wrong when he saw the vertical tail fins on fire.

D. Without wasting time, he slammed the throttles forward and made the plane roll into a high-speed turn.

E. Hardly had he responded to the message when he actually saw what every fighter pilot dreaded most.

36. Which sentence should come THIRD in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

37. Which sentence should come LAST in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

38. Which sentence should come SECOND in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

39. Which sentence should come FOURTH in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

40. Which sentence should come FIRST in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

(Q. Nos. 41 - 45)

A. Miss Sullivan arrived at the Keller home when Helen was seven. .

B. The deaf and blind Helen learned to communicate verbally C. But eventually, Miss Sullivan's effort was rewarded.

D. Before Helen Keller was two years old, she lost her sight and her hearing

E. Miss Sullivan worked closely with Helen, her new student.

F. At times, the teacher became frustrated.

41. Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence in the passage?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

42. Which of the following should be the LAST sentence in the passage?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E





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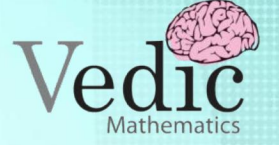
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43. Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence in the passage?

- (1) B (2) C (3) D  
(4) E (5) F

44. Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence in the passage?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

45. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence in the passage?

- (1) A (2) C (3) D  
(4) E (5) F

**(Q. Nos. 46 – 50)**

A. Indeed, the mutations that the family has undergone in this century have been more challenging than at any time of its evolution.

B. Thus, we have nuclear families, single parent families, surrogate families and global families to name just a few.

C. How these changes have redefined our world view is an interesting field of study in themselves.

D. What we often forget is that the family as it exists today has expanded its orthodox definition to include several variations.

E. Each of these has brought its own attitudes and priorities.

46. Which sentence should come **FIRST** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

47. Which sentence should come **SECOND** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

48. Which sentence should come **THIRD** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

49. Which sentence should come **FOURTH** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

50. Which sentence should come **LAST** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

**(Q. Nos. 51 - 55)**

A. As he got up, a frightened native told him about the man-eater.

B. When he approached the thick bush, he saw the lion running towards him.

C. Tom was awakened by the fearful screams of the villagers.

D. In a stage of fright, a shot was fired accidentally by Tom, but it hit the lion

E. Tom decided to chase the lion and took out his gun.

51. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E







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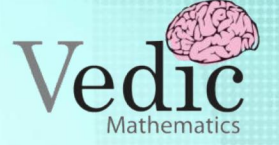
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52. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

53. Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

54. Which of the following should be the **FOURTH** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

55. Which of the following should be the **LAST** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

**(Q. Nos. 56 - 60)**

A. Philosophy has not been an exception to this general characteristic of the period.

B. New nations have arisen and the map of the world has had to be redrawn in this period.

C. Around the turn of the century a revolution began in philosophy which is not yet over.

D. Even science has progressed at a rate barely conceivable to most people before this century.

E. The 20th century has been a time of rapid change in several fields.

56. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

57. Which will be the **SECOND** sentence in the paragraph?

- (1) E (2) D (3) C  
(4) B (5) A

58. Which will be the **THIRD** sentence in the paragraph?

- (1) D (2) C (3) A  
(4) B (5) E

59. Which sentence should come at **FOURTH** place in the paragraph?

- (1) B (2) A (3) E  
(4) C (5) D

60. Which will be the **LAST** sentence in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) E (3) C  
(4) B (5) D

**(Q. Nos. 61 - 65)**

A. The decision to end this agreement and begin a fresh one was taken at the meeting of the working group of the two countries.

B. Indo-Polish trade will be conducted in convertible currency from January 1 next year.

C. The two countries have decided to sign a new trade agreement to be affected to convertible currency.

D. A final agreement in this regard is expected to be signed soon.

E. This follows the expiry of the existing rupee trade agreement from December 31, this year.

61. Which sentence should come **THIRD** in the paragraph?

- (1) E (2) A (3) D  
(4) C (5) B





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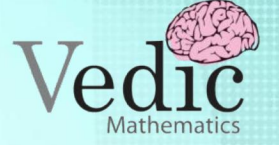
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62. Which sentence should come FIRST in the paragraph?

- (1) E (2) A (3) D  
(4) C (5) B

63. Which sentence should come LAST in the paragraph?

- (1) E (2) A (3) D  
(4) C (5) B

64. Which sentence should come SECOND in the paragraph?

- (1) E (2) A (3) D  
(4) C (5) B

65. Which sentence should come FOURTH in the paragraph?

- (1) E (2) A (3) D  
(4) C (5) B

(Q. Nos. 66 -70)

The recognition of task and relationship as two critical dimensions of a manager's behaviour has been an important part of management research over the last several decades.

A. Therefore, it was also felt that it could be represented on a single continuum, moving from very authoritarian leader behaviour (task) at one end to very participative leader behaviour (relationship) at the other end.

B. These two dimensions have been given various labels ranging from 'autocratic' and 'democratic' to 'employee oriented and production oriented'.

C. In particular, extensive leadership studies at Ohio State University questioned this assumption and showed that other assumptions were more reasonable and would lead to more useful theories of leadership.

D. For some time, it was believed that task and relationship behaviours were either/or styles of leadership.

E. In more recent years, the idea that task and relationship behaviours were either/or leadership styles has been dispelled.

66. Which one of the following should be the FIRST sentence?

- (1) A (2) D (3) B  
(4) E (5) C

67. Which one of the following should be the SECOND sentence?

- (1) A (2) D (3) B  
(4) E (5) C

68. Which one of the following should be the THIRD sentence?

- (1) A (2) D (3) B  
(4) E (5) C

69. Which one of the following should be the FOURTH sentence?

- (1) A (2) D (3) B  
(4) E (5) C

70. Which one of the following should be the LAST sentence?

- (1) A (2) D (3) B  
(4) E (5) C

(Q. Nos. 71 - 75)

A. But we cannot consider the judgement of a single individual infallible.

B. Any really great book, we want to read the second time even more than we wanted to read it the first time and every additional time that we read it, we find new meanings and new beauties in it.







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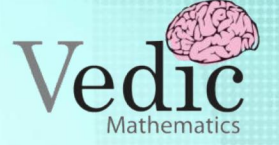
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C. The test of a great book is whether we want to read it only once or more than once.

D. The opinion that makes a book great must be the opinion of many.

E. A book that a person of education and good tastes does not care to read more than once is very probably not worth much.

71. Which sentence would be the **FOURTH** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

72. Which sentence would be the **SECOND** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

73. Which sentence would be the **LAST** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

74. Which sentence would be the **FIRST** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

75. Which sentence would be the **THIRD** in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

**(Q. Nos. 76 - 80)**

A. Another important aspect of stress is that the human body reacts to stress in a stereotyped, physiological way.

B. But as long as we are alive, we are experiencing stress.

C. Besides the fact that stress is unavoidable, there are several aspects of stress that one should understand.

D. Sometimes the stress is small and sometimes it is large.

E. Stress cannot be avoided and our stress level is never at zero.

F. One is that both too high and too low a stress level is damaging

G. We are always under the stress as long as we are alive.

76. Which of the following would be the **THIRD** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) D  
(4) E (5) G

77. Which of the following would be the **SIXTH** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) F

78. Which of the following would be the **FIRST** sentence?

- (1) B (2) D (3) E  
(4) F (5) G

79. Which of the following would be the **FOURTH** sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

80. Which of the following would be the **LAST** (i.e. seventh) sentence?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) E (5) G





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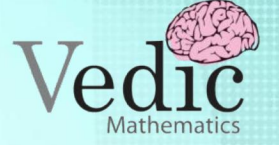
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**(Q. Nos. 81 - 85)**

A. Some others, like the European nations, have a low birth rate and a low death rate.

B. Many others have a high birth rate with a low death rate.

C. Different countries show different patterns of growth.

D. Some have a high birth rate and still have a high death rate.

E. Compared to this in Europe the growth rate is low.

F. The developing countries show the most rapid growth rate.

**81. Which will be the LAST sentence in the para?**

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

**82. Which will be the FIRST sentence in the para?**

- (1) E (2) D (3) C  
(4) B (5) A

**83. Which will come at SECOND place in the para?**

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) E

**84. Which sentence will come at FIFTH place in the para?**

- (1) F (2) D (3) B  
(4) A (5) C

**85. Which will be the THIRD sentence in the para?**

- (1) B (2) A (3) D  
(4) F (5) E

**(Q. Nos. 86 - 90)**

A. A taxi was summoned and Satish was taken to Lifeline Hospital.

B. While hurrying home from school, Satish was hit by a car.

C. Since, they did not succeed, they decided to take him to a hospital.

D. When Satish opened his eyes, he found himself surrounded by doctors and nurses.

E. Some people rushed towards him and tried to bring him to his senses.

F. He was thrown a couple of feet away and lost consciousness.

**86. Which sentence should come LAST (Le., sixth) in the paragraph?**

- (1) B (2) C (3) A  
(4) D (5) E

**87. Which sentence should come FIRST in the paragraph?**

- (1) D (2) F (3) B  
(4) E (5) C

**88. Which sentence should come SECOND in the paragraph?**

- (1) E (2) A (3) D  
(4) C (5) F

**89. Which sentence should come THIRD in the paragraph?**

- (1) F (2) B (3) E  
(4) A (5) D

**90. Which sentence should come FOURTH in the paragraph?**

- (1) C (2) E (3) F  
(4) B (5) A







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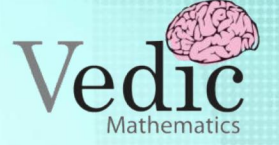
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**(Q. Nos. 91 - 95)**

- A. But I always felt somewhere in my mind that I loved acting.
- B. He never wanted me to be an actor, as he didn't look upon theatre or acting as respectable vocation.
- C. Firstly, there was no tradition of theatre in my family.
- D. I am talking specifically of acting, not theatre in general.
- E. My parents were old-fashioned.
- F. I will answer all your queries a little elaborately
- G. Let alone theatre. arts in general had no place of respect in my family
- H. My father was a government servant.

**91. Which of the following will be the LAST sentence?**

- (1) G (2) C (3) H  
(4) D (5) E

**92. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence?**

- (1) A (2) B (3) D  
(4) C (5) F

**93. Which of the following will be the SIXTH sentence?**

- (1) B (2) C (3) A  
(4) D (5) E

**94. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence?**

- (1) D (2) E (3) A  
(4) B (5) G

**95. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence?**

- (1) H (2) K (3) G  
(4) C (5) A

**(Q. Nos. 96 - 100)**

- A. The subjugation or enslavement of people and countries is fast becoming a thing of the past.
- B. Since, then the progress in science and technology and in other branches of knowledge has resulted in the betterment of the conditions of life in many countries of the world.
- C. The Industrial Revolution in England about the middle of the eighteenth century was history's great leap forward.
- D. All this is on the credit of modern civilisation.
- E. Society has been progressing and improving for thousands of years.
- F. The span of human life has been enlarged, the condition of the labouring classes in many countries has improved, knowledge and education have made great strides, the treatment of children has become more human, feats of engineering have done wonders, democracy and freedom have been granted to most countries of the world and a very much larger percentage of people have become entitled to the good things of life.

**96. Which sentence should come FIRST in the paragraph?**

- (1) E (2) C (3) F  
(4) A (5) D

**97. Which sentence should come SECOND in the paragraph?**

- (1) 8 (2) C (3) D  
(4) E (5) F

**98. Which sentence should come FOURTH in the paragraph?**

- (1) A (2) C (3) B  
(4) F (5) D





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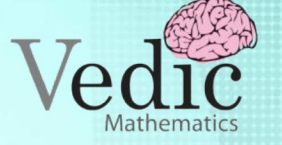
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99. Which sentence should come FIFTH in the paragraph?

- (1) F (2) D (3) B  
(4) A (5) C

100. Which sentence should come LAST in the paragraph?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C  
(4) D (5) F

