

(b) Make a precis of the following Passage :

Medical Insurance is turning out to be the fastest growing segment in the non-life insurance industry with an average growth of close to 40 per cent in the last three years. That is more than twice the growth rate for the non life-industry. According to insurance officials, if the current trend continues for the next few years, health insurance will turn out to be the second largest business segment after motor insurance.

From bringing in less than 5 per cent of the net premium of the non-life companies during 1998-99 mediclaim premium has grown close to 10 per cent of the net premium income in 2001-2002. Going by the latest figures collected by the general insurance industry, the total premium from mediclaim policies has been around Rs. 750 crores in 2001-2002, up 44 per cent from Rs. 519 crores in 2000-2001 and Rs. 380 crores in 1999-2000. The number of policies issued by the nationalised companies has been about 3.1 million in 2001-2002, up from 1.7 million the previous year. About 77 million people have been covered under mediclaim in 2001-2002, a 37 per cent increase over 5.6 million coverage in the previous year.

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**Time : Three hours**      **Maximum : 75 marks**

**PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)**

**Answer ALL questions.**

**Choose the correct answer.**



3. The police today \_\_\_\_\_ an attempt by some miscreants to hurl bombs at a religious \_\_\_\_\_ on the eve of Christmas.

(a) failed...crowd  
(b) dispersed...sect  
(c) foiled...congregation  
(d) confronted...society

4. 'Carpenter-Wood' Select a pair from below that does not suit this analogy

(a) gardener - flower      (b) painter - brush  
(c) blacksmith - iron      (d) teacher - textbook

5. Tokyo is – most expensive city.

(a) the                        (b) a  
(c) an                         (d) none of these

6. "The keys are \_\_\_\_\_ the pillow".

(a) on                         (b) above  
(c) under                     (d) upon

7. Earth \_\_\_\_\_ round the sun.

(a) go                         (b) goes  
(c) is going                  (d) was going

8. I \_\_\_\_\_ a student.

(a) am                         (b) is  
(c) were                       (d) none of these

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Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Choose the correct answer :

(i) Agree to a demand, proposal etc.

(1) accede      (2) concede

(3) exceed      (4) succeed

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- (ii) Take something that comes to you  
 (1) accept      (2) expect  
 (3) except      (4) suspect
- (iii) Waiting for something to happen is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) accept      (2) expect  
 (3) except      (4) suspect
- (iv) Making another person's child a part of your family is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) adapt      (2) adopt  
 (3) adept      (4) none of these
- (v) A place where one can sleep in a ship or a train is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) birth      (2) berth  
 (3) hearth      (4) none of these

Or

- (b) Identify the synonym for the following :
- (i) Abate  
 (1) lessen      (2) conclude  
 (3) arrange      (4) loosen
- (ii) Abjure  
 (1) celebrate      (2) falsify  
 (3) concede      (4) renounce

- (iii) Ablution  
 (1) worship  
 (2) washing  
 (3) arrangement  
 (4) Penance
- (iv) Acquiesce  
 (1) limit      (2) fumble  
 (3) agree      (4) destroy
- (v) Affront  
 (1) loyalty      (2) humility  
 (3) offence      (4) annoyance

12. (a) Choose the correct choice of words :

- (i) Aggressive strategies and fruitful \_\_\_\_\_ have helped the company to lead the Indian march to \_\_\_\_\_ global software services.
- (1) entrepreneurship ... reach  
 (2) collaborations...dominate  
 (3) culture...arrive  
 (4) inclinations....simulate



- (ii) Industrialists who have several \_\_\_\_\_ about the new export-import policy announced by the government have approached the Finance Minister for a \_\_\_\_\_ of the policy.
- (1) apprehensions... review
  - (2) hopes... improvement
  - (3) suggestions... rejection
  - (4) views... fragmentation
- (iii) The speaker quoted \_\_\_\_\_ from published documents to \_\_\_\_\_ his argument that scientific advancement has not always been for the good of humanity.
- (1) literally... establish
  - (2) liberally... maintain
  - (3) massively... substantiate
  - (4) extensively ... buttress
- (iv) The Prime Minister said the Centre was prepared to provide grants to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the rural drinking water project. In the subsequent \_\_\_\_\_ would be the responsibility of the State Governments.
- (1) study... construction
  - (2) planning ... implementation
  - (3) implementation... maintenance
  - (4) location... expenditure

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(v) A CID enquiry has revealed that \_\_\_\_\_ of involvement of some bigwigs in a racket providing children for \_\_\_\_\_ by foreign couples were true

- (1) allegations... adoption
- (2) cases... recognition
- (3) truth... repatriation
- (4) reports... immigration.

Or

- (b) (i) SEE – INVISIBLE : Select a pair that suits this analogy.
- (1) sell - insoluble
  - (2) alien - inalienable
  - (3) differ - indifferent
  - (4) satisfy - insatiable
- (ii) DELUGE – WATER : Select the pair that suits this analogy.
- (1) conglomerate - business
  - (2) compendium - book
  - (3) conflagration - fire
  - (4) cosmopolitan - city

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(iii) STAR – SIDEREAL : Select the pair that suits this analogy.

- (1) time - momentary
- (2) life - longevity
- (3) orbit - planetary
- (4) moon - lunar

(iv) JOYOUS – EUPHORIA : Select the pair that suits this analogy.

- (1) fury - annoyance
- (2) eager - anxiety
- (3) anger - indignation
- (4) lovable - romantic

(v) KNOWLEDGE – IGNORAMUS : Select the pair that suits this analogy.

- (1) sleep -insomniac
- (2) intelligence - shrewd
- (3) fun - humorous
- (4) reality - surrealistic

13. (a) (i) I went to \_\_\_\_\_ college (Choose the correct article)

- (1) the
- (2) a
- (3) an
- (4) none

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ girl in red dress is my sister. (Choose the correct article)

- (1) the
- (2) a
- (3) an
- (4) none

(iii) He is \_\_\_\_\_ honest man. (Choose the correct article)

- (1) the
- (2) a
- (3) an
- (4) none

(iv) Ravi is \_\_\_\_\_ historian (Choose the correct article)

- (1) the
- (2) a
- (3) an
- (4) none

(v) I walk on \_\_\_\_\_ Ganges (Choose the correct article)

- (1) the
- (2) a
- (3) an
- (4) none

Or

(b) (i) We \_\_\_\_\_ that movie (Choose the correct tense)

- (1) have seen
- (2) see
- (3) are seeing
- (4) am seeing



- (ii) It \_\_\_\_\_ heavily last night.  
(Choose the correct tense form)
- (1) is raining (2) rains  
(3) rained (4) will rain
- (iii) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ this morning  
(Choose the correct tense form)
- (1) comes (2) has come  
(3) come (4) is coming
- (iv) I \_\_\_\_\_ to him last night. (Choose the correct tense)
- (1) spoke  
(2) speak  
(3) am speaking  
(4) none of these
- (v) I \_\_\_\_\_ a bath when the doorbell rang (Choose the correct tense)
- (1) am taking  
(2) was taking  
(3) took  
(4) had taken

14. (a) Find out if there is error in the following sentence :
- (i) Several of her friends rang up Neha  
a b  
to congratulate her for her success  
c  
in the Civil Services Examination.  
d
- No error.  
e
- (1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e
- (ii) In recognition of his success in marketing  
a b  
the new product, the company offered  
c  
him a substantial raise. No error.  
d e
- (1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e



(iii) The young cricketer who scored a double century in the test was given standing ovation walking back to the pavilion.

a b  
c  
d

No error.

- e  
(1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e

(iv) We reached the airport rather early and were surprised to see Seema was already waiting for us there. No error.

d e  
(1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e

(v) By the end of July, Nisha shall have completed her M.A. in English and joined M.Phil. No error.

- d e  
(1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e

Or

(b) Arrange the following in logical order.

- (i) A. People are on the move and they want something that changes their life qualitatively and quantitatively.  
B. There is a changing trend in reading habits in Hyderabad.  
C. While the quest for information via the printed word is increasing, reading for leisure itself is losing out.  
D. The focus is on personality development.  
(1) BADC (2) CBAD  
(3) BACD (4) BDCA



- (ii) A. At the same time one needs to examine whether it is proper not to tax the rich landowners.
- B. The question that arises is, is it fair to tax the already burdened marginal farmers
- C. In India, agricultural income is completely exempt from income tax in an attempt to protect the 'hand that feeds the nation'.
- D. A proposal has now been made to tax the agricultural income.
- (1) BACD      (2) DBAC  
 (3) DCBA      (4) CDBA
- (iii) A. I am grateful, said Amitabh Bachchan, to the Almighty and to my fans who have always pushed me ahead.
- B. Life has been gracious and kind to me more than what I expected and deserve'.
- C. There is always room for improvement.
- D. As an artist I feel contentment would spell danger because we want to be challenged every day.
- (1) BADC      (2) ABDC  
 (3) ABCD      (4) BACD

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- (iv) A. The biggest find of the survey, however, is the rapid decline of the state-owned Doordarshan.
- B. A media research survey has confirmed the growing popularity of Star Plus.
- C. The Rupert Murdoch Company now commands the highest viewership of 11 per cent of Indian cable television channels.
- D. Starting with KBC the resurgence of Star Plus over the last couple of years has been remarkable.
- (1) DABC      (2) BCDA  
 (3) DBAC      (4) ACBD
- (v) A. The national conference of the Cardiological Society of India is a scientific event at which national and international experts give lectures on the most recent advancements in cardiology.
- B. Day-to-Day problems faced by practising cardiologists will be discussed and solutions suggested
- C. As the largest professionals body of cardiologists in India, the society's aim is to improve patient Care.

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- D. The conference provides cardiologists an opportunity to update their knowledge which translates into improved cardiac care.
- (1) CBAD      (2) ABDC  
 (3) BCAD      (4) ABCD
15. (a) (i) A person who leaves one's own country to go abroad and live there – Choose the correct answer :  
 (1) emigrant (2) immigrant  
 (3) eminent (4) alien
- (ii) The synonym of 'Bankrupt' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) rich      (2) poor  
 (3) careless      (4) industrious
- (iii) "Page-Margin" Select a pair from below that suits this analogy  
 (1) book-print  
 (2) building-walls  
 (3) city-outskirts  
 (4) road-pavement
- (iv) I will be there \_\_\_\_\_ five o' clock.  
 (1) by      (2) on  
 (3) at      (4) none of these

- (v) I am not well — (Identity the right question tag)  
 (1) are you      (2) aren't you?  
 (3) am I?      (4) Aren't I?

Or

- (b) (i) Sweet food served after the main meal is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) desert      (2) dessert  
 (3) porridge      (4) wine
- (ii) The synonym for the word 'Infatuation' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) love      (2) hatred  
 (3) anger      (4) indifference
- (iii) Alphabet – Letter : Select a pair that suits this analogy.  
 (1) inimitable – choice  
 (2) irrevocable – strong  
 (3) immodest – gentle  
 (4) infallible – mistake
- (iv) Kumar is called \_\_\_\_\_ Gandhi of the college. (select the suitable article).  
 (1) the      (2) a  
 (3) an      (4) none of these



- (v) He is smart. (Identify the right question tag)
- (1) Is he?
  - (2) Isn't he?
  - (3) aren't you?
  - (4) none of the above

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Choose the Synonym for the words given below by selecting a right word given under those words :

- (i) Abate
  - (1) lesson (2) conclude
  - (3) arrange (4) loosen
- (ii) Buxom
  - (1) huge (2) plump
  - (3) talkative (4) soft spoken
- (iii) Feign
  - (1) become unconscious
  - (2) lose weight
  - (3) forget
  - (4) pretend

- (iv) Gainsay
  - (1) profit
  - (2) shout
  - (3) lose
  - (4) deny
- (v) Palpitation
  - (1) heart beat
  - (2) tune
  - (3) rhythm
  - (4) revival
- (vi) Repast
  - (1) party
  - (2) meal
  - (3) anger
  - (4) insult
- (vii) Sedate
  - (1) separate
  - (2) find fault with
  - (3) be indifferent
  - (4) make sleepy



(viii) Unbanished

- (1) unhappy
- (2) nervous
- (3) respectful
- (4) not ashamed

Or

(b) Choose the antonym for the words given below by selecting a right word given under those words :

(i) Ambiguity

- (1) guilt
- (2) clarity
- (3) humour
- (4) loveliness

(ii) Banal

- (1) boring
- (2) exciting
- (3) illegal
- (4) monetary

(iii) Carnivorous

- (1) appreciative
- (2) gentle
- (3) romantic
- (4) vegetarian

(iv) Decelerate

- (1) ameliorate
- (2) accelerate
- (3) celebrate
- (4) delegate

(v) Docile

- (1) beautiful
- (2) desirous
- (3) funny
- (4) rebellious

(vi) Frugal

- (1) nearby
- (2) expensive
- (3) tasty
- (4) frequent

(vii) Luminous

- (1) dark
- (2) famous
- (3) mad
- (4) insincere

(viii) Sceptical

- (1) independent
- (2) confident
- (3) intelligent
- (4) sharp-witted



17. (a) Identify the right words given below for the dash in the sentence :
- (i) Like in the rest of the world, crime is \_\_\_\_\_ in Eastern Europe, but it has not reached alarming \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) serious, frequency  
 (2) available, records.  
 (3) present, proportions  
 (4) unheard, contours
- (ii) Several books have been published on the royal \_\_\_\_\_ in Nepal, but the \_\_\_\_\_ remains unravelled.  
 (1) massacre... mystery  
 (2) developments... problem  
 (3) assassination... secrets  
 (4) repertoire... assumptions
- (iii) By blindly accepting terms such as South Asia and Southeast Asia, we in India have \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from countries which are our \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) secured...inimical  
 (2) antagonised...friendly  
 (3) distanced...immediate  
 (4) insulated...foreign
- (iv) As most Indian states have to deal with their \_\_\_\_\_ financial position, they have asked for a \_\_\_\_\_ of the centre-state revenue sharing formula.  
 (1) sound ... scrapping  
 (2) futuristic ... continuation  
 (3) irresponsible ... simplification  
 (4) precarious ... reappraisal
- (v) Accusing the US of \_\_\_\_\_ its report on weapons of mass destruction, Iraq has \_\_\_\_\_ that it no longer had a non-conventional weapons production programme.  
 (1) distorting ... reiterated  
 (2) rejecting ... supported  
 (3) dodging ... denied  
 (4) legitimising ... repeated
- (vi) Although modern biotechnology has great \_\_\_\_\_ for increasing food and agricultural production, there are some areas of \_\_\_\_\_ about the risks involved.  
 (1) potential... apprehensions  
 (2) possibility.... danger  
 (3) promises... questions  
 (4) future... uncertainties



(vii) The Indian School of Business \_\_\_\_\_ students to draft business plans although it is not part of their \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) makes... course
- (2) prepares... objective
- (3) suggests... pians
- (4) encourages... curriculum

(viii) Keeping in view the \_\_\_\_\_ drought experienced this year, plans are afoot to arrange \_\_\_\_\_ of water supply.

- (1) abnormal... reduction
- (2) unprecedented ... augmentation
- (3) high ... production
- (4) unusual... extension

Or

(b) Select a pair that suits the analogy in the following pairs from pairs given below each other :

(i) PERMANENCE - EPHEMERAL :

- (1) knowledge — inquisitive
- (2) happiness — remorseful
- (3) friendship — gregarious
- (4) speech — loquacious

(ii) CALORIE - ENERGY

- (1) rupee - money
- (2) carat - gold -
- (3) watch - time
- (4) litre - petrol

(iii) VENTILLATOR - AIR

- (1) window - breeze
- (2) road – traffic
- (3) telephone - voice
- (4) sluice-water

(iv) PARTS - DISMEMBER

- (1) small - attenuate
- (2) sound - decibel
- (3) fire - extinguish
- (4) liquid - vapourise

(v) MOHOUT - ELEPHANT

- (1) kennel - dog
- (2) bovine - bull
- (3) groom - horse
- (4) jockey - camel



(vi) STOMACH - OESOPHAGUS

- (1) eye-retina
- (2) heart - ventricle
- (3) mouth - palate
- (4) lungs - trachea

(vii) CYNICAL - HOPE

- (1) ludicrous - reason
- (2) scintillating - shine
- (3) magnanimous - kindness
- (4) embittered - anger

(viii) ASYLUM - REFUGEE

- (1) acquittal - accused
- (2) education - teacher
- (3) loans - financier
- (4) medicine - patient

18. (a) (i) \_\_\_\_\_ banana is \_\_\_\_\_ vegetable as well as \_\_\_\_\_ fruit  
(Identify the articles)

- (1) The, x, x (2) x, the, x
- (3) x, x, the (4) an, x, x

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ earring may be made of \_\_\_\_\_ gold \_\_\_\_\_ silver  
(Identify the right articles)

- (1) the, a, a (2) am, the, a
- (3) a, a, the (4) an, a, a

(iii) \_\_\_\_\_ spade is \_\_\_\_\_ instrument for farming (Identify the right articles)

- (1) The, an (2) A, an
- (3) An, a (4) A, the

(iv) \_\_\_\_\_ Ganges is \_\_\_\_\_ holy river.

- (1) A, a (2) The, a
- (3) X, the (4) X, X

Or

(b) (i) Vimala goes \_\_\_\_\_ school every morning \_\_\_\_\_ bus. (Identify the correct prepositions) (2)

- (1) to, by (2) by, to
- (3) for, on (4) to, through

(ii) King Lear was written \_\_\_\_\_ Shakespeare who was born \_\_\_\_\_ 1564. (Identify the correct prepositions). (2)

- (1) in, by (2) by, in
- (3) by, at (4) by, on

(iii) The bus stop was \_\_\_\_\_ the other side \_\_\_\_\_ the road, so we walked \_\_\_\_\_ the road and waited \_\_\_\_\_ the bus stop. (Identify the correct prepositions). (4)

- (1) on, of, on, at
- (2) of, on, on, at
- (3) at, on, on, of
- (4) on, at, of, on



19. (a) Spot the errors in the following sentences; if any or chooses

(i) In response to demands from students,  
a  
the professor announced that, she will  
b  
take extra classes during the Christmas  
c d  
holidays. No error.  
e

(1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e

(ii) Although John complained that he was  
a  
not liking his new school, his parents  
b c  
refused to shift him from there. No  
error.  
d e

(1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e

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(v) A number of high-level meetings  
a  
called by the Chief Election  
b

Commissioner has recommended that the  
c  
elections be held as scheduled. No error.  
d e

- (1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e

(vi) On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi,  
a

the government decided to grant,  
b  
freedom to life convicts who already  
c  
served ten years or more of their jail  
d  
term. No error.  
e

- (1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e

(vii) Mr. Sinha, who has been a teacher  
a  
since the last twenty years, says he was  
b c  
unhappy with the way the schools are  
d  
functioning now. No error.  
e

- (1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e

(viii) The young man got out of his car, walked  
a  
into a restaurant, sat in a corner and  
b c  
ordered for two cups of coffee. No error.  
d e

- (1) a (2) b  
(3) c (4) d  
(5) e

Or

(b) (i) Identify the logical arrangement of the sentences by finding the right group given under the sentences from 1 to 4 :

- A. If only students realised that many B-schools in the US offered, international students loan scholarships and graduate assistantships, they would not think twice before applying.



- B. Moreover, people say, if you want to pursue MBA in the US you will not be eligible for any scholarship.
- C. Everybody seems to be talking about how expensive it is to study in the US.
- D. Finance is probably the most important factor that deters people from applying to B-schools.
- (1) ADBC    (2) CDBA  
 (3) CBDA    (4) ACBD
- (ii) A. R.D. Prabhu, a student of Dickinson High School, New Jersey, won the prize along with John Simion, also a student of the same school, for their joint project.
- B. An Indian American School student has been named winner of America's prestigious Mathematics award for 2003.
- C. John Byrns, a senior at Roxbury School, Massachusetts, won the first prize in the individual category.
- D. The two will share a \$100,000 scholarship.
- (1) ADBC    (2) BADC  
 (3) CBAD    (4) BDAC
- (iii) A. It may be all right to treat a skin allergy by taking a tablet, but recurrence of any symptom should be taken seriously.
- B. A proper health check up studies your bio-history and results in the proverbial 'stitch in time'.
- C. While it is a fact that every major disease manifests itself at first as such minor ailments, these signals may be early symptoms calling for attention and help.
- D. Recurring colds, coughs, fever, constipation are nagging problems that worry us.
- (1) DACB    (2) DCAB  
 (3) ADCB    (4) BDCA
- (iv) A. Only those who spend a good deal more than they earn can lead a good life.
- B. Hard though this might sometimes be, living beyond your means is a sure prescription for disaster.
- C. These things may seem obvious, but the real world marches to a different tune.



- D. It is a long-held view that you can be content only if you spend less than you earn.  
 (1) ADBC (2) ABCD  
 (3) DBCA (4) ACBD
- (v) A. Prof. Nair has an abiding interest in numismatics, the collection and study of coins.  
 B. "Whenever I get an ancient coin", says the professor, "I feel I am getting a part of history"  
 C. Prof. V.N. Nair is a teacher of chemistry with a deep interest in the subject  
 D. That is only one side of the man,  
 (1) CDAB (2) CADB  
 (3) ADCB (4) ABCD
- (vi) A. So be prepared for more personal and interpersonal contacts.  
 B. You have got to show interest in your Spanish colleagues and their families.  
 C. Entrepreneurial competence and business acumen are part of the social traits among the Gujarati communities.
- D. Gujaratis are known the world over for their desire to excel in life through hard work.  
 (1) CABD (2) DBCA  
 (3) DABC (4) CBDA
- (vii) A. The life time of the man who wrote **Hamlet, Macbeth and King Lear** corresponded with the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England.  
 B. There are several stories about their friendship.  
 C. Considered by many as the greatest dramatist in English, William Shakespeare lived from 1564 to 1616.  
 D. The queen and the dramatist were great admirers of each other.  
 (1) CABD (2) CADB  
 (3) ACBD (4) ACDB
- (viii) A. But all their hopes of a peaceful life collapsed suddenly when Salman was arrested one night.  
 B. She, however, tried to keep her son, 20 year old Salman, out of the way of militants and security forces,  
 C. Jahanara, a middle-aged woman of Srinagar, had little interest in militancy that had ravaged Kashmir.



- D. Salman was working for a newspaper and was awaiting an appointment letter from the police department.
- (1) CBAD (2) DACB  
(3) DCAB (4) CBDA
20. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

If you feel that Delhi and Mumbai are expensive cities to live in, international comparisons may provide some solace. The latest worldwide cost of living survey of the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) reveals that Indian cities are amongst the cheapest in the world. Among 131 cities covered by the survey, New Delhi is the third cheapest and Mumbai is the fourth cheapest city in the world, with a cost of living that is less than one-third of that in Tokyo and Osaka-the two costliest cities.

This bi-annual survey carried out by the EIU attempts to provide a guide to companies for calculating allowances for executives and their families being sent overseas. The latest survey results places Hong Kong as the third costliest city after the two Japanese cities.

Harare in Zimbabwe has climbed up dramatically to the fourth spot from 120 years ago. This is a result of the Zimbabwean government's maintenance of its currency's

peg to the US dollar despite inflation running at over 100 per cent. On the other hand, the peso's devaluation has led to a sharp drop in the position of Buenos Aires, which is now the 120th most expensive city, instead of 20<sup>th</sup>.

The survey also mentions that the cost of living in China has fallen over the last year, because of accession to the WTO and cheaper imports, a trend likely to continue, according to the EIU. Even the Beijing is the 13<sup>th</sup> most expensive city and Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup>. Cities cheaper than Mumbai and New Delhi include Johannesburg, Pretoria and Teheran. Even neighbouring Dhaka, Colombo and Karachi are costlier than the two Indian cities included in this survey. That despite both Mumbai (at position 127) and New Delhi (at 128) having moved up by one notch each compared to a year ago.

Analysing region wise, Oslo, in 5<sup>th</sup> position overall, remains the most expensive city in Europe while London (8<sup>th</sup>) is the most expensive in the European Union. In North America, New York (7<sup>th</sup>) and Chicago (10<sup>th</sup>) are the most expensive, Calgary (82<sup>nd</sup>) is the cheapest in North America, while Atlanta (63rd) is cheapest in the US. The survey shows how Asia holds the distinction of housing some of the cheapest and the most expensive cities side by side.



- (i) How often is the EIU survey conducted?
- once a year
  - once in two years
  - once in five years
  - twice a year.
- (ii) Harare in Zimbabwe has climbed from the 120<sup>th</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> position because
- its currency was devalued
  - its currency's exchange rate with US dollar has not been changed
  - inflation in Zimbabwe is more than 100 per cent.
  - the cost of living has actually gone up.
- (iii) According to the, survey, of the 131 cities covered, how many are costlier than New York and how many are cheaper?
- six costlier and 124 cheaper
  - seven costlier and 124 cheaper
  - 124 costlier and six cheaper
  - 130 are cheaper
- (iv) What is Asia's distinction?
- It has the cheapest cities
  - It has the costliest cities
  - It has some of the cheapest and costliest cities
  - Asian cities are cheaper than African cities
- (v) The most expensive city in the USA is
- Calgary
  - Chicago
  - New York
  - Atlanta
- (vi) Oslo remain's in \_\_\_\_\_ position.
- fourth
  - fifth
  - sixth
  - seventh
- (vii) \_\_\_\_\_ holds the distinction of housing.
- America
  - Asia
  - Africa
  - Indonesia
- (viii) The whole passage is about expensive \_\_\_\_\_.
- men
  - women
  - countries
  - cities

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