

ANSWER KEY – 20 APRIL 2026

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| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 |
| B | A | B | B | C | B | C | C | C | A |
| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| C | C | B | B | B | C | B | B | B | B |
| Q21 | Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 | Q27 | Q28 | Q29 | Q30 |
| B | A | B | C | A | B | D | A | A | B |
| Q31 | Q32 | Q33 | Q34 | Q35 | Q36 | Q37 | Q38 | Q39 | Q40 |
| B | B | C | B | B | C | B | C | B | C |
| Q41 | Q42 | Q43 | Q44 | Q45 | Q46 | Q47 | Q48 | Q49 | Q50 |
| C | B | C | A | B | A | B | B | A | D |

SECTION — ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Q1 B
Author explicitly states the deeper challenge is the absence of structures translating engagement into deliberation.

Q2 A
'Outruns' = surpasses; the public forms strong views faster than it understands.

Q3 B
Erosion = gradual wearing; matches 'slow habits of attention' being undermined.

Q4 B
Author defends the citizen ('to dismiss... is unfair') while flagging concerns: sympathy + concern.

Q5 C
Direct paraphrase of Dewey: 'more than a method of government; it is a mode of associated living'.

Q6 B
Closing sentence: value of art lies in what it makes the spectator feel, not what it depicts.

Q7 C
Author follows the caution with 'contemporary art demands fresh vocabularies'.

Q8 C
Neither/nor: agrees with nearer subject (players → were). Singular manager → has.

Q9 C
Oligarchy = rule by the few. Plutocracy is wealth-specific; theocracy religious; monarchy single ruler.

Q10 A
'Throw in the towel' = concede defeat; only (A) uses the figurative meaning.

SECTION — LEGAL REASONING

Q11 C
Detention of car amounts to coercion under Sec 15 ICA → contract voidable at Ravi's option.

Q12 C
Theft requires concurrent dishonest intention at the time of taking. Aditi's later change of mind = misappropriation, not theft.

Q13 B
Lalman Shukla v. Gauri Datt: ignorance of an offer prevents acceptance; no contract, no reward.

Q14 B
A slap from an unarmed elderly man cannot reasonably cause apprehension of death/grievous hurt; lethal response disproportionate.

Q15 B
Storey v. Ashton: once the employee resumes the employer's route after a personal frolic, vicarious liability re-attaches.

Q16 C

Rajlukhy Dabee v. Bhootnath Mookerjee: open estrangement defeats the natural-love-and-affection exception.

Q17 B

Designer evening gowns are luxuries, not 'necessaries' (Nash v. Inman); supplier cannot recover.

Q18 B

Sturges v. Bridgman: 'coming to the nuisance' is no defence; only the reasonableness of interference matters.

Q19 B

Bailee for reward owes Sec 151 duty of reasonable care, including for negligence of his employees.

Q20 B

Truth is a complete defence to defamation; an accurate report of an actual conviction is not actionable.

SECTION — LOGICAL REASONING

Q21 B

The policy claim 'compulsory civics is essential' is the conclusion.

Q22 A

Argument requires a link between knowledge of branches and democratic health.

Q23 B

Long-term studies showing the modules don't deliver the claimed benefit collapse the recommendation.

Q24 C

Critics challenge the assumed inferential link between recall and engagement, accepting the data.

Q25 A

Showing that ignorant-but-engaged cohorts misdirect their engagement restores the broken knowledge-engagement link.

Q26 B

Conversion of 'some lawyers are politicians' = some politicians are lawyers; (I) commits an undistributed-middle error.

Q27 D

Positions: R-6, P-5, Q-3, T-4. S and U fill 1,2 in unspecified order.

Q28 A

'Only daughter of grandfather' = mother; her son = brother.

Q29 A

Survivorship bias: sample drawn only from successful dropouts ignores failed dropouts.

Q30 B

Differences are consecutive odd numbers 3,5,7,9,11; $27+11 = 38$.

SECTION — GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS

Q31 B

Bus fell into a gorge in Udhampur, J&K on 20 April 2026, killing 21 and injuring 45.

Q32 B

Shekha Jheel in Aligarh, UP, designated India's 99th Ramsar Site in April 2026.

Q33 C

Ministry of Textiles launched 'Vishwa Sutra' on 20 April 2026 to brand Indian handlooms globally.

Q34 B

Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool builds domestic marine/shipping insurance capacity, reducing reinsurance dependence.

Q35 B

Kankaria Coaching Depot, Ahmedabad — India's first water-neutral railway depot (18 April 2026).

Q36 C

DPIIT reported 55,200+ Startup India recognitions in FY26 — record highest.

Q37 B

PMGSY-III extended till March 2028 with Rs.83,977 crore outlay (Cabinet, 20 April 2026).

Q38 C

Sadhvi Satish Sail of Karnataka crowned Femina Miss India World 2026 on 20 April 2026.

Q39 B

Article 32 — fundamental right to constitutional remedies — empowers SC to issue writs.

Q40 C

Tropic of Cancer crosses 8 states: Gujarat, Rajasthan, MP, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, WB, Tripura, Mizoram.

SECTION — QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES

Q41 C

$18\% \text{ of } 45,000 = 8,100.$

Q42 B

$7,200 + 8,100 + 3,000 + 7,500 + 5,000 = 30,800.$

Q43 C

$7,500 / 7,200 \times 100 = 104.16\% \approx 104.2\%.$

Q44 A

East = 3,000 is the lowest qualified count.

Q45 B

$22\% \times 45,000 - 18\% \times 45,000 = 9,900 - 8,100 = 1,800.$

Q46 A

CP=100, MP=140, SP=105 → 5% profit.

Q47 B

$(4x+8)/(5x+8)=6/7 \rightarrow x=4 \rightarrow A=16.$

Q48 B

$450 \text{ m} / 30 \text{ s} = 15 \text{ m/s} = 54 \text{ km/hr}.$

Q49 A

Sum₁₁=396; first₆+last₆=438; 6th = 438-396 = 42.

Q50 D

$4/52 + 13/52 - 1/52 = 16/52 = 4/13.$
