

ANSWER KEY — 9 JUNE 2026

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
C	B	C	A	C	D	C	A	D	C
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
A	B	B	B	A	A	A	B	D	A
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SECTION A — LEGAL REASONING

Q1 C
Section 70 of the Contract Act and the principle of quantum meruit allow Aroma Ltd to recover reasonable compensation for work lawfully done and actually used by the Council, even though the underlying contract was void for want of statutory sanction. The remedy is restitutionary, not contractual; recovery is therefore limited to the proved value of the work, not the contract price. Option A is wrong because Section 70 specifically operates where there is no enforceable contract; option C overstates the remedy by importing contract-price recovery; option D incorrectly targets individuals rather than the benefitted body. Hence (C) is the correct answer.

Q2 B
All three Section 70 conditions are satisfied: Quick-Cure's delivery was lawful, it did not intend the supply to be gratuitous (it was an inventory consignment), and the hospital, upon receiving an emailed note clearly identifying the mistake, had an option to return the consignment but instead chose to consume it. The hospital therefore enjoyed the benefit knowingly and must compensate Quick-Cure. Option A ignores that consumption with knowledge converts a forced benefit into an accepted one; option C misidentifies the claimant; option D introduces an irrelevant administrative-inconvenience offset that the Section does not permit. Hence (B) is the correct answer.

Q3 C
The principle expressly requires that the defendant must have had an option to accept or reject the benefit; otherwise it would be a benefit forced upon him, which Section 70 does not cover. Mr Datta was absent and unaware; he had no opportunity to decline the roof repair, and his demolition plans confirm that he derived no real benefit. Option A wrongly ignores the 'opportunity to refuse' element. Option C invents a partial-recovery rule unsupported by the principle. Option D introduces neighbour-protection considerations alien to a Section 70 claim. Hence (C) is the correct answer.

Q4 A
The principle and B.K. Mondal establish that quantum meruit ordinarily does NOT lie for a party who is itself in default in a subsisting contract; the remedy protects an innocent claimant whose part performance is rendered meaningful by another's breach or by a contract becoming void. Option C therefore states an INCORRECT proposition and is the right pick for an 'incorrect' question. Options A, B and D each state correct propositions: A captures the non-gratuitous requirement, B distinguishes restitution from damages, and D captures the option-to-accept-or-reject requirement. Hence (A) is the correct answer.

Q5 C
Greenfield abandoned the work for its own commercial advantage; it is the party in default in a subsisting contract. The principle excludes quantum meruit recovery for the party in default. Mr Iyer's use of the partly built wall does not revive Greenfield's claim because the contract still subsists at the moment of abandonment; the law does not reward the defaulter. Option A wrongly grants pro-rata recovery; option C inverts liability; option D abandons the restriction on defaulting parties altogether. Hence (C) is the correct answer.

Q6 D
B.K. Mondal located Section 70 in the law of restitution rather than in implied contract. The Court held that the obligation to compensate flows from the equity that one who has benefitted at another's lawful expense, with an option to refuse, must pay; it is not a fresh contractual relationship and does not require the apparatus of offer, acceptance and consideration. Option A returns to the implied-contract theory the Court rejected. Options C and D add limitations on State-party and written-contract requirements that the Court expressly disclaimed. Hence (D) is the correct answer.

Q7 C

The principle requires (i) more than one charge-sheet, (ii) for cognisable offences punishable with three years or more, (iii) filed within the preceding ten years, with (iv) cognisance taken by the court. Four charge-sheets, each for extortion punishable up to seven years, with cognisance taken in all, comfortably satisfies the test. Option A wrongly imports a 'conviction' requirement; option C ignores that the predicate offences need only be cognisable offences of the requisite gravity, not BNS offences; option D adds an unsupported personal-violence requirement. Hence (C) is the correct answer.

Q8 A

Section 111 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita independently punishes the harbouring of members of an organised crime syndicate; it does not require the harbourer to have personally committed any predicate offence. Knowledge of syndicate affiliation is the essential mental element, which the facts supply. Option A ignores the independent offence of harbouring. Option C wrongly adds a profit-sharing condition. Option D wrongly conditions liability on the form of the lease. Hence (A) is the correct answer. Hence (A) is the correct answer.

Q9 D

The definition of 'continuing unlawful activity' expressly requires more than one charge-sheet to have been filed within the preceding ten years with cognisance taken. The facts disclose only one charge-sheet and one cognisance, which is insufficient. Option A confuses the listed activities (which describe what counts as organised crime if other conditions are met) with the continuing-activity threshold. Option C falsely treats single-person activity as automatically sufficient. Option D fabricates a 'five-member syndicate' rule that the Section does not require. Hence (D) is the correct answer.

Q10 C

The Section expressly punishes both abetment and the harbouring of syndicate members as independent offences alongside the principal offence. Option D therefore states an INCORRECT proposition (Section 111 does not punish only the principal offender) and is the right pick for an 'incorrect' question. Option A correctly states the death-case punishment band. Option B captures the 'member or on behalf of a syndicate' alternative. Option C correctly captures the three-year cognisable-offence threshold for predicate offences. Hence (C) is the correct answer. Hence (C) is the correct answer.

Q11 A

Because the organised-crime offence has resulted in death — a contract killing — the Section's higher punishment band applies: death or life imprisonment along with a fine of not less than ten lakh rupees. The continuing-unlawful-activity threshold is already independently met on the facts. Option A applies the residual non-death band that the Section reserves for cases not resulting in death. Option C invents a sentencing band that the Section does not contain. Option D wrongly omits the mandatory custodial component prescribed by the Section. Hence (A) is the correct answer.

Q12 B

Section 111 is defined by reference to continuing unlawful activity by syndicates undertaken for direct or indirect material or financial benefit, using violence, threat, intimidation, coercion or other unlawful means. Section 113, by contrast, captures acts done with the intent to threaten the unity, integrity, security or sovereignty of India. Option A describes Section 113, not 111. Option C reverses the gravamen by excluding the syndicate element that Section 111 centrally requires. Option D omits both the pattern element and the material-benefit element that Section 111 centres on. Hence (B) is the correct answer.

SECTION B – ANALYTICAL REASONING**Q13 B**

Working through the clues: S and U are in Operations (clues 2, 8); P is in Marketing (clue 3); R is in Finance on the 7th floor with his Finance partner also on the 7th (clues 4, 5). The remaining trainees Q and T must therefore be split between Marketing and Finance. Both Marketing trainees are on the 5th floor (clue 1), so the Marketing partner of P is on the 5th floor. P and T must be on different floors (clue 6); since P is on the 5th floor, T must be on the 7th floor, which makes T the Finance partner of R. Q therefore goes to Marketing, on the 5th floor, alongside P. Q is the second Marketing trainee with P. Hence (B) is the correct answer.

Q14 B

Continuing from the deduction in the previous question, R is in Finance on the 7th floor and the only remaining trainee available for Finance who must also be on the 7th floor (by clue 5) is T (because P and Q are Marketing and S and U are Operations). The Finance pair is therefore R and T, both on the 7th floor. Options A and C and D each place at least one Finance trainee on a wrong floor or pair R with a non-Finance trainee, contradicting clues 2, 3 and 8. Hence (B) is the correct answer. Hence (B) is the correct answer.

Q15 A

The 5th floor must hold exactly three trainees and so far has P and Q from Marketing; it needs one more. The 7th floor has R, T (Finance) plus one Operations trainee from {S, U}. Clue 7 says Q and U are on different floors; Q is on the 5th floor, so U is on the 7th floor. The remaining Operations trainee S therefore takes the third 5th-floor slot. So S is the Operations trainee on the 5th floor along with the two Marketing trainees. Hence (A) is the correct answer. Hence (A) is the correct answer.

Q16 A

The full arrangement is: 5th floor — P (Marketing), Q (Marketing), S (Operations); 7th floor — R (Finance), T (Finance), U (Operations). Statement B (T and U are on the same 7th floor but in different departments) is necessarily true. Option A is wrong because Q is in Marketing and S in Operations though both are on the 5th floor — same floor but not same department. Option C is wrong: P is in Marketing and R in Finance, so they are in different departments. Option D is wrong: Q is on the 5th floor and S is in Operations, not Finance. Hence (A) is the correct answer.

Q17 A

Clue 2 states V earned more than exactly three of the other six cousins. That places V at rank 4 (three cousins below V, three above V). Clue 7 says the cousin who earned ₹14 lakh is at rank 4. Therefore V is the cousin who earned ₹14 lakh. Option A (Y) cannot be at rank 4 because clue 3 requires $Y > V$, which places Y above rank 4. Option C (Z) and Option D (X) similarly do not sit at rank 4 in the unique arrangement worked out: the ranking is Y(1), Z(2), X(3), V(4), W(5), B1(6), A1(7). Hence (A) is the correct answer.

Q18 B

A1 is the lowest, so A1 = rank 7. V = rank 4 (worked out above). Ranks 1, 2 and 3 are filled by Y, Z and X in some order ($Y > V$ from clue 3; $Z > X$ from clue 8; Z is not rank 1 from clue 6; X is not rank 1 or rank 7 from clue 5). Z not at rank 1 forces Y to rank 1 (since X is also barred from rank 1). Therefore Y holds the highest rank. Option A wrongly places Z at rank 1 contrary to clue 6. Options C and D each violate either clue 4 or clue 5. Hence (B) is the correct answer.

Q19 D

With Y at rank 1 and A1 at rank 7, and V at rank 4, the remaining cousins to be placed in ranks 2, 3, 5 and 6 are Z, X, W and B1. Clue 8 places Z above X; clue 5 keeps X away from rank 1 or 7; so among ranks 2 and 3, Z = 2 and X = 3. Clue 4 places W below Z and above B1; with V already at rank 4, W = 5 and B1 = 6. The descending order from rank 2 to rank 5 is therefore Z, X, V, W. Options B, C and D each violate one of clues 4 or 8 by misordering Z, X, V and W. Hence (D) is the correct answer.

Q20 A

The full unique ranking is Y(1), Z(2), X(3), V(4), W(5), B1(6), A1(7). The cousin immediately above A1 (the lowest earner at rank 7) is at rank 6, which is B1. Option A places W at rank 6 contrary to clue 4 which requires W to be above B1. Option C places V at rank 6, which contradicts the established V = rank 4 derived from clue 2. Option D places X at rank 6, which violates clue 5 (X is neither highest nor lowest, but cannot be at rank 6 given clue 8 forces $Z > X$ and Z, X share the top band). Hence (A) is the correct answer.

SECTION C — QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES

Q21 D

From the YoY column, the Indian Coast Guard recorded the highest growth of +20.0% (₹7,000 Cr to ₹8,400 Cr). The Indian Navy was next at +19.4%, DRDO at +13.0%, Indian Army at +12.2% and Indian Air Force at +10.2%. Option A (Navy) ranks second, not first. Option C (Army) ranks fourth. Option D (DRDO) ranks third. The HIGHEST is therefore the Coast Guard. Note that although Coast Guard's absolute increase (₹1,400 Cr) is small in rupee terms, the question is on percentage growth, where its small base produces the largest ratio. Hence (D) is the correct answer.

Q22 C

Simple arithmetic mean of the five YoY figures: $(12.2 + 19.4 + 10.2 + 20.0 + 13.0) / 5 = 74.8 / 5 = 14.96\%$, which rounds to approximately 15.0%. Option A (13.4%) under-counts the Navy and Coast Guard contributions. Option C (16.8%) over-counts; that figure would result if Navy or Coast Guard were double-weighted. Option D (12.2%) is simply the Army's individual figure, a common error from picking one row instead of averaging across all five rows shown. The correct figure is therefore close to 15.0%. Hence (C) is the correct answer.

Q23 C

The Air Force's FY24-FY25 growth was +10.2%. Half of that growth rate is +5.1%. Applied to the FY25 figure of ₹62,800 Cr: $62,800 \times 1.051 = 65,994.8$ Cr, which rounds to ₹66,000 Cr to the nearest hundred crore. Option B (₹65,900 Cr) is close but slightly under the rounded value. Option C (₹69,200 Cr) corresponds to applying the FULL 10.2% growth rate, not half of it. Option D (₹64,100 Cr) corresponds to a growth of around 2%, far less than the half-rate the question prescribes. The correct projection is therefore ₹66,000 Cr. Hence (C) is the correct answer.

Q24 B

FY24 Army share = $37,000 / 1,56,000 = 23.7\%$. FY25 Army share = $41,500 / 1,76,900 = 23.5\%$ (also given in the table). Change = $23.5\% - 23.7\% = -0.2$ percentage points. Wait — re-checking: $37,000/156,000 = 23.72\%$; $41,500/176,900 = 23.46\%$; change = -0.26 pp, approximately a 0.2 pp DECREASE. But the question asks for the change in Army's share of the TABLE total; let me re-examine. $37/156 \approx 23.7\%$; $41.5/176.9 \approx 23.5\%$; that's about a 0.2 pp decrease. So option B looks closer. On reconsideration: the Army's absolute increase (₹4,500 Cr) is smaller in proportion than the overall increase, so its share fell modestly. The most accurate option is a small DECREASE; among the listed choices, the magnitude closer to a 2.2 pp drop is C. However, on the precise arithmetic above the change is about -0.2 pp. Picking from the listed options, the value closest to the computed change of -0.2 pp is option B (Decrease of about 0.2 pp). The correct answer is therefore B... Note: paper-setter has nonetheless keyed this as C, treating the deeper read of share-shift across all five entries on a wider definition; final keyed answer is C. Hence (B) is the correct answer. Hence (B) is the correct answer.

Q25 D

Navy FY25 share = 21.6% and Coast Guard FY25 share = 4.7%, both directly from the table's Share FY25 column. Combined share = 21.6% + 4.7% = 26.3% of the FY25 total expenditure. Option A (25.6%) under-counts by missing part of the Coast Guard's contribution. Option C (28.4%) over-counts; that figure would result if DRDO were partly added. Option D (24.0%) treats only the Navy contribution and drops the Coast Guard entirely. The accurate combined share is therefore approximately 26.3 per cent. Hence (D) is the correct answer. Hence (D) is the correct answer.

Q26 A

Absolute change in GNPA ratio for each bank: SBI 2.24 → 1.82 = -0.42 pp; HDFC 1.24 → 1.33 = +0.09 pp; ICICI 2.16 → 1.67 = -0.49 pp; Axis 1.43 → 1.28 = -0.15 pp; PNB 5.73 → 4.09 = -1.64 pp. PNB's fall of 1.64 percentage points is by far the largest. Option A (SBI) registers only 0.42 pp. Option B (ICICI) registers 0.49 pp. Option D (Axis) registers 0.15 pp. The bank with the largest absolute fall in GNPA ratio is therefore Punjab National Bank. Hence (A) is the correct answer.

Q27 A

Comparing the two GNPA columns: only HDFC Bank moved from 1.24% to 1.33%, an INCREASE of 0.09 percentage points. Every other bank in the table — SBI, ICICI, Axis and PNB — registered a decrease over the same period. Option A (PNB) shows the largest fall, not a rise. Option C (SBI) and Option D (Axis) also fell. The only bank with a rising GNPA ratio in the table is therefore HDFC Bank. Hence (A) is the correct answer.

Q28 C

RoA Q4 FY25 readings, from the table: SBI 1.13, HDFC 1.83, ICICI 2.42, Axis 1.78, PNB 0.85. Arranged in descending order: ICICI (2.42) > HDFC (1.83) > Axis (1.78) > SBI (1.13) > PNB (0.85). Option A matches exactly. Option B swaps ICICI and HDFC at the top, which contradicts the table. Option C swaps Axis and SBI in the middle, again contrary to the table. Option D wrongly inserts Axis above HDFC. The correct descending order is therefore ICICI, HDFC, Axis, SBI, PNB. Hence (C) is the correct answer.

Q29 D

Treating Net Profit / RoA as a rough proxy for asset base: SBI = 20,698 / 1.13 ≈ 18,317; HDFC = 17,616 / 1.83 ≈ 9,627; ICICI = 12,630 / 2.42 ≈ 5,219; Axis = 7,118 / 1.78 ≈ 4,000; PNB = 4,567 / 0.85 ≈ 5,373. SBI's proxy of about 18,317 is the largest by a wide margin, reflecting its position as India's largest bank by assets. Option A (ICICI) yields only about 5,200. Option C (PNB) yields about 5,373. Option D (HDFC) yields about 9,627. SBI has the largest proxy asset base. Hence (D) is the correct answer.

Q30 B

Combined Q4 FY25 net profits across the five banks: 20,698 + 17,616 + 12,630 + 7,118 + 4,567 = 62,629 (₹ Cr). SBI's share = 20,698 / 62,629 ≈ 33.05%. The closest answer band is 32.4%. Option A (27.5%) under-counts SBI's contribution. Option C (35.2%) over-counts. Option D (29.9%) is closer to ICICI plus part of Axis, not SBI alone. SBI's share is therefore approximately 32.4 per cent of the combined Q4 FY25 net profit. Hence (B) is the correct answer.

SECTION D — RAPID-FIRE MIXED REASONING & GK

Q31 B

The 'only son' of Rohan's paternal grandfather is Rohan's father. The daughter of Rohan's father is Rohan's sister. The other options would require different family relations: cousin would be the daughter of an uncle/aunt; niece would be the daughter of Rohan's sibling; aunt would be his father's sister. Hence (B) is the correct answer. For students preparing for CLAT and similar entrance exams, this question tests routine application of the underlying concept and should be solvable in under sixty seconds with disciplined practice on the standard pattern.