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Directions:

Read the information given below to answer these questions:

- (i) Aarti is older than Sanya.
- (ii) Muskan is elder than Aarti but younger than Kashish.
- (iii) Kashish is elder than Sanya.
- (iv) Sanya is younger than Muskan.
- (v) Gargi is the eldest.

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Q1. Who is the youngest?

- a) Kashish
- b) Aarti
- c) Muskan
- d) Sanya

Q2. Agewise, who is in the middle?

- a) Kashish
- b) Aarti
- c) Muskan
- d) Sanya

Q3. Which of the given statements is/are superfluous and can be dispensed with while answering the above questions?

- a) Either (i) or (iii)
- b) Only (iv)

- c) Either (i) or (iv)
- d) Both (iii) and (iv)
- e) None of these

Q4. A, B, C, D and E are five friends. A is shorter than B but taller than E. C is the tallest. D is shorter than B and taller than A. Who has two persons taller and two persons shorter than him/her?

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D

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Q5. In a shop, there was 4 dolls of different heights. A, B, C and D. D is neither as tall as A nor as short as C. B is shorter than D but taller than C. If Mani wants to purchase the tallest doll, which one should she purchase?

- a) Only A
- b) Only D
- c) Either A or D
- d) Either B or D
- e) None of these

Q6. Daksh is taller than Manick but not as tall as Rohan. Somesh is shorter than Daksh but taller than Farhan. Who among them is the shortest?

- a) Daksh
- b) Manick

- c) Farhan
 - d) Cannot be determined
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Q7. Garima is taller than Sarita but not taller than Reena. Reena and Tanya are of the same height. Garima is shorter than Anu. Amongst all the girls, who is/are the shortest?

- a) Anu
 - b) Reena and Tanya
 - c) Garima
 - d) Sarita
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Q8. D is taller than C and E. A is not as tall as E. C is taller than A. D is not as tall as B. Who among them is next to the tallest one?

- a) A
 - b) D
 - c) B or D
 - d) Data inadequate
 - e) None of these
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Directions:

Read the following statements carefully to answer the questions:

- I. X is older than L.
- II. M and N are of equal age.
- III. Z is the youngest.
- IV. Y is younger than N.
- V. Y is older than X.

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Q9. Which two of the above statements indicate that Y is older than L?

- a) I and IV

- b) IV and V
 - c) I and V
 - d) None of these
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Q10. Which statement(s) indicate(s) that N is older than Z?

- a) II and III
 - b) III only
 - c) III and IV
 - d) None of these
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Q11. Which statement(s) is/are not required to prove that L is younger than M?

- a) III only
 - b) III and IV
 - c) IV and V
 - d) III and V
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Q12. Which set of statements proves that X is younger than M?

- a) I, II, IV
 - b) II, IV, V
 - c) I, IV, V
 - d) None of these
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Q13. If shaloo is taller than Rakhi but shorter than Prerna and Rakhi are as tall as Meghna but taller than Komal, then Meghna is:

- a) Shorter than Rakhi
 - b) Shorter than Komal
 - c) As tall as Shaloo
 - d) Taller than Purna
 - e) Shorter than Shaloo
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Directions:

Study the following information and answer the questions given below it:

A blacksmith has five iron articles A, B, C, D and E, each having a different weight.

- (i) A weights twice as much as B.
- (ii) B weights four and a half times as much as C.
- (iii) C weights half as much as D.
- (iv) D weights half as much as E.
- (v) E weights less than A but more than C.

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Q14. Which of the following is the lightest in weight?

- a) A
 - b) B
 - c) C
 - d) D
 - e) E
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Q15. E is lighter in weight than which of the other two articles?

- a) A, B
 - b) D,C
 - c) A,C
 - d) D,B
 - e) B,E
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (d)

Sanya is the youngest.

Q2. Answer: (c)

Agewise, Muskan is in the middle.

Q3. Answer: (d)

From (i) and (ii), we have : $K > M > A > S$.

This indicates both $K > S$ and $S < M$ which are given in (iii) and (iv).

Thus, both (iii) and (iv) are superfluous.

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Q4. Answer: (d)

We have : $E > A > B$, $A < D < B$.

Since C is the tallest,

so we have : $E < A < D < B < C$.

Clearly, D lies in the middle.

Q5. Answer: (a)

D is not as tall as A = D is shorter than A = $D < A$ D is not as short as C = D is taller than C = $D > C$. B is shorter than D but taller than C = $C < B < D$.

Thus, we have : $C < B < D < A$.

So, A is the tallest.

Q6. Answer: (d)

In terms of heights, we have: Rohan > Daksh > Manick, Daksh > Somesh > Farhan.

Thus, the whole sequence may be :

(i) Rohan > Daksh > Manick > Somesh > Farhan; or

(ii) Rohan > Daksh > Somesh > Manick > Farhan; or

(iii) Rohan > Daksh > Somesh > Farhan > Manick.

Thus, either Manick or Farhan may be the shortest.

So, the given information is insufficient.

Q7. Answer: (d)

Let the first letter of the name of each girl represent her height.

Then, Garima is taller than Sarita = $G > S$.

Garima is not taller than Reeta = $R \geq G$.

Reena and Tanya are of the same height = $R = T$.

Garima is shorter than Anu = $A > G$.

All the above indicate that Garima is either shorter than or equal in height to each of the girls except Sarita, while Sarita is shorter than Garima.

Thus, Sarita is the shortest.

Q8. Answer: (b)

Clearly, A is shorter than each one of C and E.

Thus, D is taller than each one of A, C, and E.

But, B is taller than D.

So, B is the tallest and D comes next.

Q9. Answer: (c)

From I and V,

we have : $Y > X > L$ or $Y > L$.

Q10. Answer: (b)

Since III mentions that Z is the youngest,

it clearly indicates that each one of L, M, N and Y is older than Z.

Q11. Answer: (a)

From I, II, IV and V,

we have : $M = N > Y > X > L$, i.e. $M > L$.

Thus, L is younger than M.

So, III is not required.

Q12. Answer: (b)

From II, IV and V,

we have : $M = N > Y > X$, i.e. $X < M$.

Q13. Answer: (e)

As given, we have : Prerna > Shaloo > Rakhi; Rakhi = Meghna, Rakhi > Komal.

Thus, the sequence of heights becomes; Prerna > Shaloo > Rakhi = Meghna > Komal

Clearly, Meghna is shorter than Shaloo.

Q14. Answer: (c)

C is the lightest in weight.

Q15. Answer: (a)

E is lighter in weight than A and B.

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