In each of the following questions, a number series is given with one term missing. Choose the correct alternative that will continue the same pattern and fill in the blank spaces.

Question: 1
$97,86,73,58,45,(\ldots)$
(A) 24
(B) 34
(C) 44
(D) 54

Ans: B
The pattern is $-11,-13,-15,-13$,
Missing number $=45-11=34$.
Question: 2
$1,4,2,8,6,24,22,88,(\ldots . .$.
(A) 352
(B) 154
(C) 90
(D) 86

Ans: D
The pattern is $\times 4,-2, \times 42$,
Missing number $=88-2=86$.
Question: 3
$3,8,22,63,185,(\ldots$.
(A) 285
(B) 295
(C) 310
(D) 550

Ans: D
The pattern is $\times 3-1, \times 3-2, \times 3-3, \times 3-4,-$
Misisng number $=(185 \times 3)-5=550$.
Question: 4
$3,7,15,31,63,(\ldots \ldots .$.
(A) 92
(B) 115
(C) 117
(D) 127

Ans: D
Each number in the series is the preceding number multiplied by 2 and then increased by 1.
Thus, $(3 \times 2)+1=7,(7 \times 2)+1=15,(15 \times 2)+1=31$ and so on.
Missing number $=(63 \times 2)+1=127$.
Question: 5
$6,11,21,36,56,(\ldots .$.
(A) 41
(B) 51
(C) 61
(D) 81

Ans: D
The pattern is $+5,+10,+15,+20$,
Missing number $=56+25=81$.


