

Critical Reasoning Practice

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ANSWERS & EXPLANATION

Question -1) Which of the following can be inferred from the passage about the government's priorities regarding LGBTQ+ rights in the 2024 Union Budget?

- a) The government is indifferent to LGBTQ+ rights but wants to appear supportive.
- b) The government is gradually increasing its support for LGBTQ+ rights.
- c) The government is focused on addressing broader social welfare issues, including LGBTQ+ rights.
- d) The government has reduced its support for LGBTQ+ rights due to budgetary constraints.

Answer: a

Explanation: The passage indicates that although the government made promises, the actual allocation of funds and the closing of many Garima Grahas suggest that the government's support is more about appearances than genuine commitment.

Question -2) Which of the following best describes the tone of the author towards the 2024 Union Budget's allocation for transgender welfare?

- a) Optimistic
- b) Critical
- c) Neutral
- d) Supportive

Answer: b

Explanation: The author is critical of the budget, pointing out the discrepancy between the promised and actual expenditure, and the inadequate support for LGBTQ+ rights.

Question -3) Which of the following assumptions does the author make about the impact of the 2024 Union Budget on the LGBTQ+ community?

- a) The budgetary allocation is sufficient to address the needs of the LGBTQ+ community.
- b) The LGBTQ+ community will continue to rely on judicial intervention to secure their rights.
- c) The government's allocation reflects a genuine effort to improve the lives of transgender persons.
- d) Civil society pressure is unnecessary for the implementation of LGBTQ+ rights.

Answer: b

Explanation: The author assumes that due to the lack of sufficient budgetary allocation, the LGBTQ+ community will need to continue relying on courts to secure their rights.

Question -4) If it were to be found that the actual expenditure on transgender welfare in FY25 was ₹70 crore, which of the following conclusions could be drawn?

- a) The government has fulfilled its promises under the SMILE program.
- b) The government has over-allocated funds for transgender welfare.
- c) The criticism regarding underfunding in the passage would be unfounded.
- d) The increase in expenditure does not necessarily indicate the government's commitment to LGBTQ+ rights.

Answer: d

Explanation: Even if the expenditure increased, it does not necessarily reflect a genuine commitment, as the other indicators (such as the closure of Garima Grahas) suggest continued systemic issues.

Question -5) The author refers to historical events like the Namdeo Dhasal march and the election of Shabnam Mausi to suggest what about the future of LGBTQ+ rights in India?

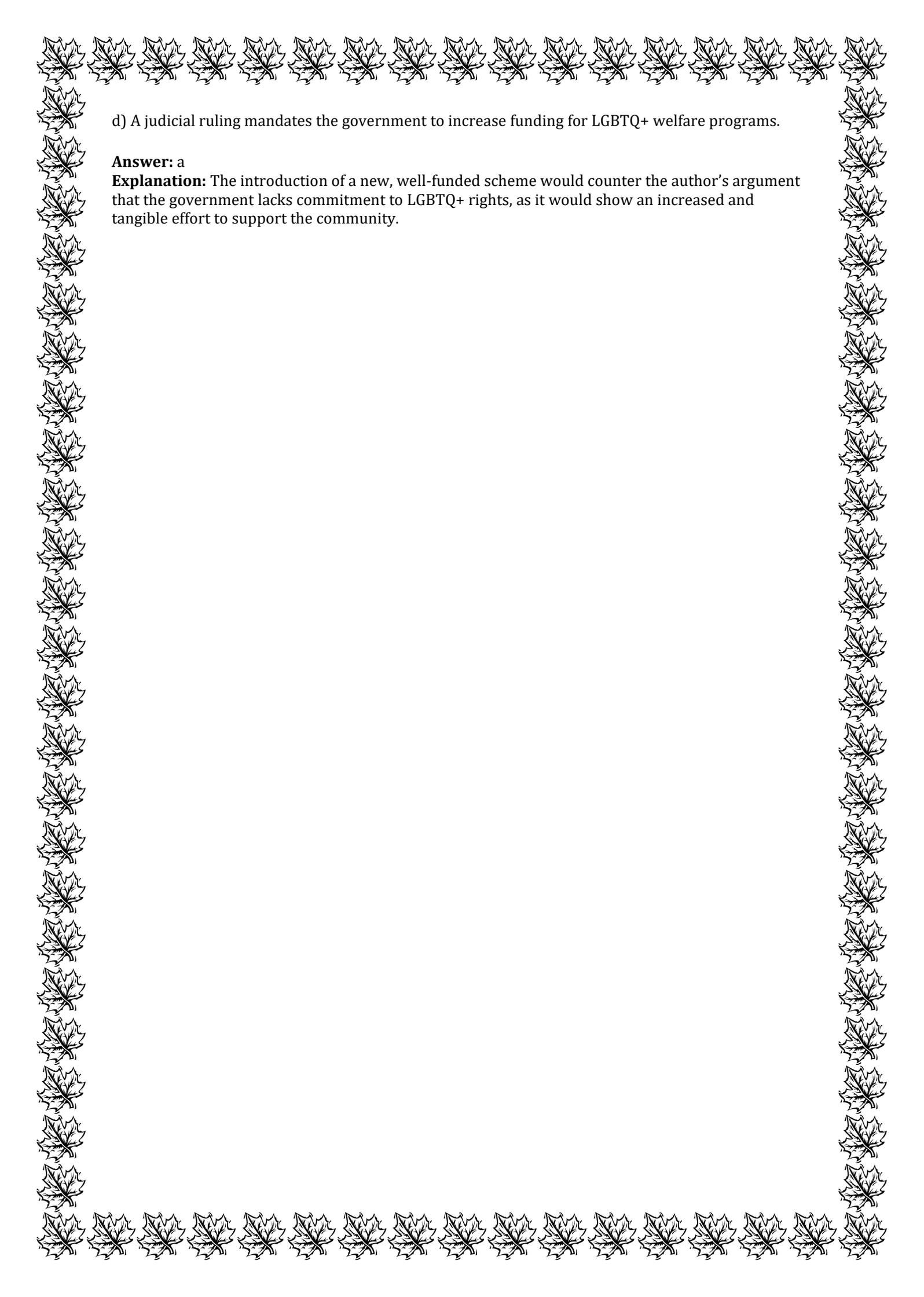
- a) Judicial victories alone will ensure the protection of LGBTQ+ rights.
- b) Political and social activism has played and will continue to play a crucial role in advancing LGBTQ+ rights.
- c) The government has consistently supported LGBTQ+ rights.
- d) The LGBTQ+ community should solely depend on the government for its welfare.

Answer: b

Explanation: The author uses these historical events to highlight the importance of activism and civil society in advancing LGBTQ+ rights, implying that such efforts will continue to be essential.

Question -6) Which of the following would weaken the author's argument about the government's lack of commitment to LGBTQ+ rights?

- a) The government introduces a new, well-funded LGBTQ+ welfare scheme shortly after the budget announcement.
- b) A significant portion of the budget is reallocated to other marginalized groups.
- c) A large number of Garima Grahas are opened within a year, funded by private donations.

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d) A judicial ruling mandates the government to increase funding for LGBTQ+ welfare programs.

Answer: a

Explanation: The introduction of a new, well-funded scheme would counter the author's argument that the government lacks commitment to LGBTQ+ rights, as it would show an increased and tangible effort to support the community.