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For the average reader who loves getting lost in books, there's usually no reason to pay much attention to the shifts occurring in the industry that undergirds their passion. But that doesn't mean that the tremors that are regularly rumbling through the book trade won't lead to tectonic shifts that transform the books we love. For example, it may not matter this week, or next week, that Americans are reading fewer books, or that last year the Justice Department blocked a merger of two of the five largest publishers; but both of these facts will ultimately shape which books end up in readers' hands. In his magnificent new book *Big Fiction: How Conglomeration Changed the Publishing Industry and American Literature*, Dan Sinykin, an assistant professor of English at Emory University, traces how changes to the publishing industry have also driven changes to the fiction we read. In September 2023 Dan and I chatted about some of these changes, and what they mean for conglomerate publishers and for nonprofit independent publishers that are inventing new ways to publish in the shadows of the giants. Our conversation has been edited for length and clarity. In *Big Fiction* you rely on a truly impressive depth of research and engaging storytelling to explain the twists and turns of US fiction. Something that struck me is that when it comes to fiction and changes in fiction, we almost always think of authors. Be they authors we love or hate, we assign them with a superhuman ability to drive trends and changes in publishing. That's not quite right, though. How is the story you tell in *Big Fiction* different from that more standard, author-centered story?

Dan Sinykin (DS): You're right. We love authors! We love the fantasy of creative people sequestered in solitude to craft stories for us. It's a fantasy with a strong hold over us, a fantasy upheld by profiles, biopics, and listicles, all undergirded by the expansive business of marketing and publicity. But it is just that: a fantasy, a myth, and one that's convenient for capitalism. An author's photo is more appealing to the consumer than the publisher's colophon. Lots of people contribute to the books we read. Editors, of course, though there's an omertà on them saying so, so much so it's comical. Editors contort themselves to insist they only serve the author's vision. This is a disingenuous professional credo exemplified—and, arguably, institutionalized—by Maxwell Perkins, who shaped fiction by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, and Thomas Wolfe but severely minimized his role. In the 1970s, literary agents and marketing departments became more involved in making books. Revolutions in format (mass-market books), wholesaling (Ingram), and retailing (B. Dalton and Waldenbooks) expanded and

transformed audiences for books, creating new and different incentives for publishers. And publishers—previously small and owned, often, by the founders or their heirs—were swept into multinational conglomerates governed by shareholder value, demanding quarterly growth.

Source: Life Inside The Fiction Factory: Dan Sinykin On Conglomerate Publishing, Public Books.

1. Which of the following establishes the correct pair of the word taken from the passage and the meaning of the word, in context of the passage?

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (a) Lost in books – to be disoriented | (b) Undergird – to fasten as a belt |
| (c) Omerta – to stay silent | (d) Rumbling - thundering |

2. What is the tone of the passage?

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| (a) Optimistic | (b) Analytical | (c) Despondent | (d) Humorous |
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3. In the passage, which sentence correctly implies the use of the past perfect tense?

- (a) "It's a fantasy with a strong hold over us, a fantasy upheld by profiles, biopics, and listicles."
- (b) "And publishers—previously small and owned, often, by the founders or their heirs—were swept into multinational conglomerates governed by shareholder value, demanding quarterly growth."
- (c) "This is a disingenuous professional credo exemplified—and, arguably, institutionalized—by Maxwell Perkins, who shaped fiction by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, and Thomas Wolfe but severely minimized his role."
- (d) "In September 2023 Dan and I chatted about some of these changes, and what they mean for conglomerate publishers and for nonprofit independent publishers that are inventing new ways to publish in the shadows of the giants."

4. Although the writer described the involvement of editors, the eventual _____? Choose the most appropriate answer.

- (a) dominance of conglomerates altered the publishing landscape.
- (b) focus remained on the authors' creative process.
- (c) importance of marketing departments decreased.
- (d) impact on fiction authors was minimal.

5. Which of the following statements is not incorrect with respect to the passage except?

- (a) Authors are often seen as the sole drivers of trends and changes in publishing.
- (b) Editors play a minimal role in shaping the books we read.
- (c) The expansion of mass-market books transformed audiences for books.
- (d) The passage describes Maxwell Perkins as minimizing his role in shaping fiction.

Passage-II

Late this past summer, The Ripped Bodice, a dedicated romance bookstore in Culver City, Los Angeles, opened its Brooklyn location, and fans of the genre swarmed in as if for a Taylor Swift concert. Braving 90-degree heat in Park Slope, a diverse mix of mostly millennial readers formed a line all the way down to the corner just to get into the shop. When preparations began for a book signing by bestselling nonbinary romance author Casey McQuiston, readers bearing copies of McQuiston's books created an even longer line, reaching halfway around the block an hour before the author arrived. The immense interest in romance fiction and the diversity of authors and readers driving its current success have become increasingly apparent. As Melanie Walsh discussed in this series last year, the publishing industry keeps much of the most important and revealing data about which books people are reading "purposefully locked away, ... basically inaccessible to anyone beyond the industry." But while the producers of books like to guard their secrets, readers are often willing to share. At the University of Pennsylvania's Price Lab for Digital Humanities—where our team studies contemporary tastes and habits of reading—we've been using the Goodreads social book-collection site to access data about books and reading from this more open side of the field. Among other things, the reception-side approach lets us classify books the way readers do themselves, rather than simply accepting the genre labels assigned by publishers or librarians. We _____ studied thousands of avid readers and the hundreds of thousands of books in their collections. And what we've learned is that romance is _____ just one literary genre _____ others. Instead, romance is the juggernaut of contemporary literature, standing out from all other genres in its sheer scale and in the wild diversity of its subgenres. Scholars and teachers have long dismissed the genre as a narrow, hypernormative form of fiction catering to happiness addicts. But, in the world of the genre's actual readers, romance is a vital part of the literary system: large, complex, and dynamic.

Source: Genre Juggernaut: Measuring "Romance", Public Books.

6. Which of the following statements is incorrect with respect to the passage?

- (a) The Ripped Bodice opened a new location in Brooklyn.
- (b) The book signing by Casey McQuiston attracted a smaller crowd than the store opening.
- (c) The publishing industry keeps much of the most important data about book readership hidden.
- (d) Romance is described as a vital part of the literary system by the passage.

7. Which of the following sets of words be most suitable for the blanks in the given sentence from the passage, 'We _____ studied thousands of avid readers and the hundreds of thousands of books in their collections. And what we've learned is that romance is _____ just one literary genre _____ others? X means 'no word required'

(a) have, but, among (b) X, not, for (c) have, not, among (d) did, but, among

8. Identify the sequence of events that ultimately led to the long lines at The Ripped Bodice's Brooklyn location. Choose the appropriate option:

(a) (1) Casey McQuiston's book signing, (2) fans swarming in as if for a Taylor Swift concert, (3) opening of The Ripped Bodice's Brooklyn location, (4) a diverse mix of millennial readers forming a line in Park Slope.

(b) (1) Fans swarming in as if for a Taylor Swift concert, (2) opening of The Ripped Bodice's Brooklyn location, (3) preparations for a book signing by Casey McQuiston, (4) readers forming a line in Park Slope.

(c) (1) Opening of The Ripped Bodice's Brooklyn location, (2) fans swarming in as if for a Taylor Swift concert, (3) preparations for a book signing by Casey McQuiston, (4) readers forming a line in Park Slope.

(d) (1) Opening of The Ripped Bodice's Brooklyn location, (2) preparations for a book signing by Casey McQuiston, (3) fans swarming in as if for a Taylor Swift concert, (4) readers forming a line in Park Slope.

9. 'Juggernaut' means:

(a) A large, overpowering, destructive force (b) A niche, specialized interest

(c) A fleeting, temporary trend (d) A small, insignificant phenomenon

10. In which of the following sentences is the word 'diversity' used in the same sense as given in the passage?

(a) The diversity of opinions in the debate was overwhelming.

(b) The company's diversity policy focuses on gender and ethnicity.

(c) The diversity of the festival's food stalls was a treat for visitors.

(d) The genetic diversity of the species is crucial for its survival.

11. This passage most likely appeared as part of a _____. Complete the sentence with an appropriate option.

(a) scientific research paper

(b) bookstore promotional brochure

(c) literary analysis article

(d) romance novel

12. The primary reason for the immense interest in The Ripped Bodice's Brooklyn location is?

(a) The 90-degree heat in Park Slope.

(b) The book signing by bestselling nonbinary romance author Casey McQuiston.

(c) The general trend of readers sharing information about books.

(d) The diverse mix of millennial readers.

Passage-III

Almost all Americans of a certain age have a DARE story. Usually, its millennials with the most vivid memories of the program—which stands for “Drug Abuse Resistance Education”—who can not only recount their DARE experiences from elementary school but also the name of their DARE officer. Looking back on DARE, many recall it as an ineffective program that did little to prevent drug use, which is why they are often surprised that the program still exists. In fact, DARE celebrated its 40th anniversary last year. Schools continue to graduate DARE classes, albeit at a far slower pace than during the program’s heyday in the 1980s and 1990s. While DARE gained widespread support and resources on the presumption that it was an alternative to the supply side approaches to the drug war that relied on arrest and incarceration, my research shows that DARE was less an alternative to policing and more a complementary piece of law enforcement’s larger War on Drugs. As police fought and continue to fight a drug war primarily through violent criminalization, arrest, and incarceration, their presence in schools presents law enforcement a way to advance the police mission of defending the “law-abiding” from the “criminal element” of society by another means. In the process, DARE offers reliably positive public relations when reactionary police activities garner unwanted political critique or public protest, offering a kind of built-in legitimacy that shields against more radical efforts to dismantle police power.

DARE America, the nonprofit organization that coordinates the program, suggests that DARE has evolved into a “comprehensive, yet flexible, program of prevention education curricula.” But the program remains largely faithful to its original carceral approach and goal of legitimizing police authority through drug education and prevention. The revised curriculum still ultimately skews toward an abstinence-only, zero-tolerance approach that criminalizes drugs and drug users. It fails to embrace harm reduction approaches, such as sharing information on how students can minimize the health risks if they do choose to use drugs, even as research increasingly demonstrates the effectiveness of such methods and as knowledge about the harmful effects of hyperpunitive, abstinence-only drug education becomes more mainstream. DARE’s reluctance to change—especially change that diminishes the police’s authority to administer drug education—should not come as a surprise. My new book, *DARE to Say No: Policing and the War on Drugs in Schools*, offers the first in-depth historical exploration of the once-ubiquitous and most popular drug education program in the US, charting its origins, growth and development, cultural and political significance, and the controversy that led to its fall from grace.

Source: D.A.R.E. IS MORE THAN JUST ANTIDRUG EDUCATION—IT IS POLICE PROPAGANDA, Public Books.

13. What is the significance of DARE's 40th anniversary celebration?

- (a) It marked the end of the program's widespread support.
- (b) It highlighted the program's continued existence despite perceived ineffectiveness.
- (c) It signified the adoption of harm reduction approaches.
- (d) It celebrated the complete transformation of the program's curriculum.

14. The primary reason for the perception that DARE was an ineffective program is?

- (a) It celebrated its 40th anniversary last year.
- (b) Schools continue to graduate DARE classes at a fast pace.
- (c) It did little to prevent drug use.
- (d) It was an alternative to arrest and incarceration.

15. Why has the writer used the word "complementary" in the phrase "less an alternative to policing and more a complementary piece of law enforcement's larger War on Drugs"?

- (a) To emphasize that DARE operates independently of law enforcement.
- (b) To highlight that DARE supports and enhances law enforcement strategies.
- (c) To suggest that DARE diminishes the need for traditional policing methods.
- (d) To indicate that DARE is an alternative approach to the War on Drugs.

16. What is the significance of DARE remaining faithful to its original carceral approach?

- (a) It shows DARE's commitment to evolving educational methods.
- (b) It highlights the program's success in drug prevention.
- (c) It underscores the program's reluctance to adopt harm reduction strategies.
- (d) It demonstrates the program's ability to garner widespread public support.

17. Which of the following substitutions for 'hyperpunitive' in the given sentence would NOT change the meaning of the quoted sentence? "...even as knowledge about the harmful effects of hyperpunitive, abstinence-only drug education becomes more mainstream."

- (a) overly harsh
- (b) extremely lenient
- (c) overwhelmingly supportive
- (d) highly inconsistent

18. The author's primary purpose in this passage is _____.

- (a) to celebrate the success of the DARE program.
- (b) to analyze the history and impact of the DARE program.
- (c) to promote the use of harm reduction strategies in drug education.
- (d) to describe personal experiences with the DARE program.

Passage-IV

Jérôme walked back to Les Bugues broken in two. I joined Nicolas, who had sprawled out on the railway embankment after the fight. I sat down next to him, but I don't think he even noticed. He watched Jérôme until the path disappeared into the woods. Then Nicolas rose in a hurry and we ran to catch up with our uncle. As soon as we saw him again, we eased our pace. We walked about twenty meters behind him and just as slowly. Nicolas was all sweaty. His hair was sticky and fell in strands across his face; his chest was heaving and marked with red and purple blotches. The sweat trickled from his armpits, in drops, along his arms. He continued to watch Jérôme with extraordinary focus. At that moment, beyond my uncle's hunched back, Nicolas must have glimpsed everything that was to come. The path to Les Bugues is steep. From time to time Jérôme would lean against the embankment, folded over himself, both hands pressed to his side. At some point, he noticed us behind him but didn't seem to recognize us. He was clearly suffering a great deal. Nicolas, right beside me, was still watching him. A series of images must have been triggered inside him, images unfolding, unfolding, always the same ones, and he was unable to break free from his surprise. He probably thought it was still possible to undo what he had done, and his hands, red and sweaty, clenched. Every twenty meters Jérôme leaned against the embankment. He didn't care anymore that Nicolas had struck him. Nicolas or anyone. His face now expressed neither the rage nor the vexation from earlier, when Nicolas had gone to get him out of bed. He had swallowed himself, it seemed, and was watching himself from the inside, dazzled by his own suffering. It must have been terrible. He seemed to find it impossible, to have trouble believing it.

From time to time he tried to stand back up and a huff of stupor slipped from his chest. Along with these moans, something foamy came out of his mouth. His teeth chattered. He had completely forgotten us. He was no longer counting on us to help him. It was Tiène who gave me these details after Nicolas told him the story later on. In the moment, I was watching my brother. For the first time, I saw greatness in my brother Nicolas. His warmth left his body as vapor and I could smell his sweat. It was Nicolas's new scent. He looked only at Jérôme. He didn't see me. I wanted to take him in my arms, to know more intimately the scent of his power. I alone could love him at that moment, embrace him, kiss his mouth, say to him: "Nicolas, my little brother, my little brother." For twenty years he had wanted to fight Jérôme. He had finally done it, though even as recently as the night before he had still been ashamed of his lack of resolve. Once more, Jérôme stood. He was now screaming freely, nonstop. This probably soothed him. He advanced in zigzags, like a drunk. And we followed him. Slowly, patiently, we led him to the room he would never leave again. Afraid this new Jérôme would lose his way, we monitored his final steps. When we arrived on the plateau, just before the courtyard, we thought he

wouldn't reach the gate, that he no longer had the will to cross the few meters that separated him from his bed.

Source: The Easy Life, Literary Hub.

19. What is the significance of Jérôme's suffering as described in the passage?

- (a) It demonstrates his resilience.
- (b) It highlights the impact of Nicolas's actions.
- (c) It symbolizes his guilt.
- (d) It represents a turning point in the story.

20. Select the option that correctly analyzes the impact of the writer's use of words like "dazzled" and "extraordinary focus."

- (a) They emphasize the physical exhaustion of the characters.
- (b) They highlight the intense emotional states and inner turmoil of the characters.
- (c) They suggest a sense of confusion and disorientation.
- (d) They create a feeling of tranquility and calm.

21. What broader implications can be drawn from the detailed description of Jérôme's suffering and Nicolas's reaction in the passage?

- (a) The importance of physical strength in overcoming adversity.
- (b) The inevitability of familial conflict.
- (c) The unchanging nature of human behavior over time.
- (d) The deep psychological impact of violence and conflict on individuals.

22. Which of the following statements is incorrect with respect to the passage?

- (a) Jérôme leaned against the embankment multiple times due to his suffering.
- (b) Nicolas displayed a newfound sense of power and greatness after the fight.
- (c) The narrator expresses a desire to comfort and support Jérôme during his suffering.
- (d) Jérôme eventually reached the room he would never leave again.

23. The writer's attitude towards Nicolas's transformation after the fight can best be described as?

- (a) Indifferent
- (b) Admiring
- (c) Condescending
- (d) Disapproving

24. 'Jérôme's suffering' posed a _____ for the narrator as _____.

- (a) mystery; it was unclear why Jérôme was in pain
- (b) challenge; he wanted to help but felt powerless
- (c) distraction; it took attention away from Nicolas
- (d) revelation; it made him realize his own weaknesses

25. This passage most likely appeared as part of a _____. Complete the sentence with an appropriate option.

- (a) historical account (b) medical journal
(c) novel or literary work (d) scientific report

26. Based on the narrator's observations, what could be a potential consequence for Nicolas if he doesn't address his feelings of power and aggression?

- (a) He might become more compassionate.
(b) He could harm others or himself in the future.
(c) He will likely become indifferent to violence.
(d) He may seek forgiveness from Jérôme.

27. The writer's attitude towards Jérôme's suffering is?

- (a) Mortifying (b) Commiserating (c) Indignant (d) Condescending

28. Which of the following words from the passage mean 'exasperation'?

- (a) Clenched (b) Soothed (c) Vexation (d) Triggered

Passage-V

Ramón climbed up the Coca-Cola billboard near the highway one Monday. That evening, as the sun was disappearing behind the hills that surround the housing complex, he decided he would stay. Even though it was late, the air was still warm. It was a heat that seemed even drier in this patch of the city, which had missed out on its share of pavement and trees because there had not been enough to spare. "A desert," he said. And he realized that the hulking iron structure, which reminded him of a mammoth's skeleton, was big enough for furniture to fit inside: a mattress beneath what five million years before had been ribs, a table and a couple of chairs where the clavicle was, and a small lamp in the eye socket. He would rig _____ a water system by following the lattice of what had once been an immense forest of veins and nerves. With the help of several ropes and a pulley system he invented himself, he moved _____ his apartment to the billboard in record time: no more than three or four hours. When he finished, he uttered words that he alone heard, because, up there, in addition to having a panoramic vista of the city, Ramón was just the way he liked to be: alone. Pictured on the billboard was a giant woman. The convertible she was driving was the same shade of red as the can of soda, and one of its doors had white lettering that read: OPEN HAPPINESS.

The light in the billboard house blinked on at around ten, right in the hole of the letter O. I remember because it coincided with the moment when I switched off my lamp.

"Get to sleep, Miguel." "Yes, Mother," I said. But instead of obeying, I pressed my ear against the wall and listened to Ramón's story. The person talking on the phone in the apartment next to ours was my aunt Paulina, my mother's sister, who had lived with Ramón for ten years (I am twelve). Ramón, Paulina was saying, would be paid the same

amount he had earned at the PVC factory, where he had worked from eight to six, Monday to Friday. As for the billboard, he could go up it whenever he felt like it. Did they make him sleep up there? No, he slept up there because he wanted to. Was he employed by Coca-Cola? No, he was employed by a company that erected billboards beside highways all over Latin America. Were there any more job openings? In all honesty, she didn't know. Had Ramón finally gone mad all the way? That was a question best put to him, not her. The telephone wouldn't stop ringing, so I fell asleep to the sound of my aunt Paulina repeating the story, and I dreamed about a man who tossed bags of cash from a helicopter. The salaries—that was what was inside the bags—fell onto billboards: Nike, Panasonic, Ford, Gillette, Nestlé, L'Oréal, which were dotted across different capitals: Santiago, Lima, Buenos Aires, Managua, Mexico City. I was seated inside the helicopter and noticed that the billboards had something in common: it didn't matter which city they had been erected in, all of them were beside highways that led to an airport. Inside the dream, I knew I was dreaming, because even though wind was coming through the helicopter window, the hat worn by the man dispensing the cash didn't move.

Source: How To Turn into A Bird, Literary Hub.

29. Why has the writer used the word “desert” in the phrase “A desert,” he said?

- (a) To highlight the beauty of the area.
- (b) To emphasize the lack of resources and development in the area.
- (c) To suggest that the area was rich in wildlife.
- (d) To describe the lush greenery surrounding the housing complex.

30. Which of the following statements is incorrect with respect to the passage?

- (a) Ramón moved from his apartment to the billboard in a few hours.
- (b) Ramón worked at a Coca Cola factory from eight to six, Monday to Friday.
- (c) The light in the billboard house blinked on at around ten.
- (d) Miguel's aunt Paulina did not know if there were any more job openings.

31. Statement 1: Ramón chose to live on the billboard by himself.;

Statement 2: Ramón was forced to live on the billboard due to his employment.

Choose the most appropriate answer.

- (a) Both statements are true and 2 is the correct explanation of 1.
- (b) Both statements are true but 2 is not the correct explanation of 1.
- (c) Statement 1 is true but statement 2 is false.
- (d) Statement 1 is false but statement 2 is true.

32. Although the writer described Ramón's inventive pulley system, the eventual theme of the passage focuses on: Choose the most appropriate answer.

- (a) Relocation
- (b) Collapse
- (c) Discovery
- (d) Abandonment

33. 'A desert' posed a _____ for Ramón as _____.

- (a) challenge; he had to find a way to make the billboard livable
- (b) relief; he enjoyed the solitude and emptiness
- (c) distraction; he was frequently disturbed by the barren surroundings
- (d) motivation; he wanted to improve the desolate area

34. Which of the following figurative styles are used in the sentence, 'And he realized that the hulking iron structure, which reminded him of a mammoth's skeleton, was big enough for furniture to fit inside: a mattress beneath what five million years before had been ribs, a table and a couple of chairs where the clavicle was, and a small lamp in the eye socket.' except

- (a) Metaphor
- (b) Analogy
- (c) Hyperbole
- (d) Synecdoche

35. Which of the following pairs of prepositions is the best suitable one for the following sentences 'He would rig _____ a water system by following the lattice of what had once been an immense forest of veins and nerves. With the help of several ropes and a pulley system he invented himself, he moved _____ his apartment to the billboard in record time'?

- (a) into, to
- (b) up, into
- (c) up, from
- (d) into , into

Passage-VI

It felt like a trap. But feeling trapped is also a feeling, a certain regard. It is a coming in from a biting cold disdain. The open call was in many respects an amnesty. The volume got turned up on reflective, critical and morose practices, anyone not living in reality, now, considered filth or froth. They say that banning the past will make everyone happier. Historians and their kin have been underground for a long time, giving lectures in basements, rehearsing theories in the mirror, telling stories in small groups, among fellow delvers and miners. The Library Research Residency, the chance to reside and read at the Central Library during autumn 2050, is the first sniff of credit and cash in years. We, the 'first cohort', have been put up in private quarters above the Central Library, each with our own room, a communal space, a stipend. None of us dares speak of our research. We fear everyone else is a spy, or, worse, someone from our own field. There might be fruitful overlap, but then, what if there were fruitful overlap! Nobody wants that, a dilution of the unique niche we have crafted; collaboration is in any case in violation of our residency agreement. Collaboration is a sign of weakness, a mark of a lack of confidence, according to the Solo Manifesto distributed by the government years ago. This could be a vehicle to long-term funding, a permanent position; maybe we are all in competition. We isolate ourselves, like the Bordering when the Nation left the Mainland; wall ourselves off, present our vague, mythological, aloof selves.

We are all under pressure. There are only three months to complete our self-initiated projects. Typically, three of us will be in the archives, three shut in our rooms, three in

the living space, two in the bath. Two months left. Every other night we have parties, we are the only people in the whole austere building after seven. Dinner parties, dance parties. We are sealed in, no guests permitted. The stress of work and the tension in the place creates eruptions, outbursts, floods of emotion break their banks, outbreaks of exhaustion. We are strangers shipwrecked on a desert island, one with an endless supply of food, booze, cigarettes and powders. One of the librarians is a certified tablet dealer with a satisfying cataloguing system; their case is a pixelated work of art. Check out docs and books, check out a dose to focus, a vial to relax, a tablet to make you float a foot above the ground, a lollipop to make you sink down into the floor or the pages of the book you are reading, the lines bobbing just underneath your nose. Everyone is constantly wearing something off, something as toxic as concepts. In the early mornings there is the open and close and open and close and open and close of sneaking back to one's own room or slipping into someone else's after everyone has gone to bed. It is good to forget one's brain. One's identity. Translate into something abstract, only touch, not thought. In these moments of presence, of timelessness, we feel ashamed to see why the government is pushing letting go of the past, of who we thought we were, and just existing. By the second month this clandestine behaviour seems ridiculous. There are plaited limbs on sofas with a shared bowl of cereal, compression in the stairwell down to the Library, no shirts in the kitchen before carrying two or three coffees back to rooms, a hoarse cheer goes up from within as the door clicks shut. We fantasize about the figures and places we dedicate our lives to. It makes us euphoric, melancholic. We write little stories about them. Sometimes we are in them. We daydream, but we will never meet them, be them, be there. They would understand us, they would really understand us.

Source: Vehicle: A Verse Novel, Literay Hub.

36. The primary reason for the clandestine behavior of the first cohort is?

- (a) Fear of spies and competition among peers
- (b) Lack of interest in collaboration
- (c) Disapproval of the Solo Manifesto
- (d) Unwillingness to share research topics

37. The writer's attitude towards the "Solo Manifesto" distributed by the government is?

- (a) Reassuring (b) Detached (c) Evaluative (d) Indignant

38. Which of the following statements is incorrect with respect to the passage?

- (a) The first cohort received private quarters above the Central Library.
- (b) The first cohort engages in various parties despite their stressful environment.
- (c) Collaboration among members of the first cohort is encouraged by the residency agreement.
- (d) The residency offers a stipend to its participants.

39. Statement 1: The cohort members are competing for long-term funding and permanent positions.

Statement 2: The Solo Manifesto discourages collaboration.

Choose the most appropriate answer.

- (a) Both statements are true and 2 is the correct explanation of 1.
- (b) Both statements are true but 2 is not the correct explanation of 1.
- (c) Statement 1 is true but statement 2 is false.
- (d) Statement 1 is false but statement 2 is true.

40. Although the writer described the intense pressure and competition among the cohort members, the eventual _____ was a consequence of it? Choose the most appropriate answer.

- (a) isolation (b) failure (c) collaboration (d) camaraderie

41. Which of the following sentences do not display a figurative use of language?

- (a) There are plaited limbs on sofas with a shared bowl of cereal, compression in the stairwell down to the Library, no shirts in the kitchen before carrying two or three coffees back to rooms, a hoarse cheer goes up from within as the door clicks shut.
- (b) We fantasize about the figures and places we dedicate our lives to.
- (c) Two months left. Every other night we have parties, we are the only people in the whole austere building after seven
- (d) It makes us euphoric, melancholic.

42. Which of the following sentences displays an idiom / phrase or a phrasal verb except?

- (a) The volume got turned up on reflective, critical and morose practices, anyone not living in reality, now, considered filth or froth.
- (b) The stress of work and the tension in the place creates eruptions, outbursts, floods of emotion break their banks, outbreaks of exhaustion.
- (c) By the second month this clandestine behaviour seems ridiculous.
- (d) In the early mornings there is the open and close and open and close and open and close of sneaking back to one's own room or slipping into someone else's after everyone has gone to bed.

Passage-VII

Poilievre made his political breakthrough as the 'populist' candidate. Liberal media has chosen this term to explicitly tie Poilievre with the likes of Donald Trump without thinking too deeply about the man himself. Poilievre is undoubtedly a populist, but he is drawing on a political tradition with distinctively Canadian roots. The western provinces, the heartland of modern Canadian conservatism, has long been fertile ground for populism. Since the late 19th century it has produced grassroots campaigns such as the United Farmers of Canada, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, and social credit movement that have railed against the federal government in Ottawa.

Much like the agrarian populism of the western and southern United States, the Canadian prairies have supported successive movements opposed to the nation's urban elites and the concentration of political and economic power. This fed into politics on the Left, including the growth of unionised labour and the emergence of the New Democratic Party. Canadian populists also embraced right-wing agendas such as social conservatism. Over time, the center of gravity in Canadian conservatism shifted from east to west, as the nation made the journey from being a British Dominion to an independent power in the western hemisphere. This populist heritage is fundamental to understanding the evolution of Canadian conservatism and how it recovered from the nadir of the 1990s.

One of the founding fathers of Canadian Confederation, Sir John A. Macdonald, was leader of the Liberal-Conservative Party, which bound together Ontario Tories, Quebec conservatives, and western reformers. Macdonald helped drive forward the momentum behind the British North America Act 1867 and served as the nation's first prime minister. Alongside loyalty to the British Empire, Macdonald upheld Canadian autonomy at a safe distance from the influence of the United States. This led to an ambitious programme of reforms and investment, building the Canadian Pacific Railway, founding the North-West Mounted Police, annexation of territory, and raising protective tariffs. For the following century, Canadian conservatism would be defined by its robust defence of national sovereignty. This Canadian take on one nation conservatism sought to appeal to every province, which meant balancing the interests of both east and west of the nation. The first Canadian Conservative attempt to direct a populist message specifically to the west arrived in 1957 when John Diefenbaker became prime minister. It was the first time the PCs had held office since 1935. Born in Ontario, Diefenbaker's family moved to Saskatchewan, where he grew up and entered parliament. In domestic politics he was supportive of expanded civil rights for women and indigenous peoples, passing the Canadian Bill of Rights, and defended the economic interests of western farmers. Abroad, he maintained a populist anti-American foreign policy that was sceptical of free trade. Diefenbaker declared: 'This is the vision: One Canada. One Canada, where Canadians will have preserved to them the control of their own economic and political destiny. Sir John A. Macdonald saw a Canada from east to west: he opened the west. I see a new Canada – a Canada of the North. This is the vision!' But the vision failed. After refusing to accept nuclear missiles from the United States, Diefenbaker's government collapsed, and he lost the 1963 federal election.

From Macdonald to Diefenbaker, the Canadian conservative tradition had made tremendous impact on the nation. It fell into decline following the election of Lester B. Pearson and Pierre Trudeau, who modernised Canadian politics and society, moving away from British influence and embracing American ties. The term 'Red Toryism' was coined for this body of thought, and philosopher George Grant wrote its eulogy in

Lament for a Nation: The Defeat of Canadian Nationalism. Losing its policy substance, Red Tory became another term for technocratic conservatism, alongside the emergence of labels such as 'wets' in Britain or 'RINOs' in the United States. Combined with the influence of the New Right led by Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher, the Canadian Conservatives transformed into a free market and pro-American force under prime minister Brian Mulroney. It also became more removed from the western provinces that Diefenbaker had won over.

Mulroney's conservatism was a far cry from the Red Tory tradition of Macdonald and Diefenbaker, which favoured state intervention, national sovereignty, and close ties with Britain. The United States' emergence as the world's leading superpower made a break from Britain an inevitability, eased by British entry into the European Economic Community. Stagflation had also eroded the social democratic consensus in Canada just as it did across the Western world. Canadian conservatism needed a new mission. Market economics appeared to be the answer to renew the nation and prevent the Canadian Conservatives from simply being liberalism with the handbrake on. Canadian conservatism directed greater attention towards the demands of the Quebecois and eastern commercial interests, putting itself increasingly at odds with the populist west. This contributed significantly towards the 1993 split in the right-wing vote.

43. In the context of Canadian conservatism and political history, what is the significance of the term "populist" as described in the passage?

- (a) It refers to political figures who advocate for increased government intervention in economic matters.
- (b) It denotes leaders who align closely with American political ideologies.
- (c) It signifies a political tradition, rooted in Canadian history that opposes centralization of power.
- (d) It indicates politicians who support modernization of Canadian politics and society.

44. What key aspect of Canadian conservatism is highlighted in the passage?

- (a) Emphasis on free market economies and minimal government intervention.
- (b) Strong defense of national sovereignty and Canadian autonomy.
- (c) Exclusive focus on urban elites and centralized power structures.
- (d) Advocacy for social conservatism and traditional family values.

45. What historical movements in Canada are mentioned as part of the country's populist tradition?

- (a) The Industrial Revolution and the Suffragette Movement.
- (b) The United Farmers of Canada, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, and social credit movement.
- (c) The French Revolution and the Enlightenment.
- (d) The Civil Rights Movement and the Women's Liberation Movement.

46. What is the primary focus of the passage discussing the political history and tradition in Canada?

- (a) To signify the evolution of Canadian conservatism from a pro-British stance to a more pro-American ideology.
- (b) To highlight the influence of populist movements and leaders on Canadian political development.
- (c) To underscore the impact of economic policies on the growth and decline of Canadian political parties.
- (d) To establish the role of international alliances in shaping Canadian political identity.

47. Which statement is true according to the passage?

- (a) John Diefenbaker's government collapsed due to his acceptance of nuclear missiles from the United States.
- (b) Lester B. Pearson and Pierre Trudeau embraced British influence and moved away from American ties.
- (c) The term 'Red Toryism' was coined to describe a pro-American conservative ideology.
- (d) The Canadian Conservatives under Brian Mulroney transformed into a free market and pro-American force.

48. Which of the following is the author most likely to disagree with?

- (a) Populists movements in Canada have historically contributed positively to national politics.
- (b) The term 'Red Toryism' represents a nostalgic and outdated form of Canadian conservatism.
- (c) Brian's shift towards market economics and closer ties with the United States was necessary for Canada's economic renewal.
- (d) The media's characterization of Poilievre as a populist akin to Donald Trump reflects his political ideology.

49. Which of the following sentences do not contain a phrasal verb?

- (a) This populist heritage is fundamental to understanding the evolution of Canadian conservatism and how it recovered from the nadir of the 1990s.
- (b) It fell into decline following the election of Lester B. Pearson and Pierre Trudeau, who modernised Canadian politics and society, moving away from British influence and embracing American ties.
- (c) Mulroney's conservatism was a far cry from the Red Tory tradition of Macdonald and Diefenbaker, which favoured state intervention, national sovereignty, and close ties with Britain.
- (d) Canadian conservatism directed greater attention towards the demands of the Quebecois and eastern commercial interests, putting itself increasingly at odds with the populist west.

50. Which of the following is a correct sentence from the passage?

- (a) This led to an ambitious programme of reforms and investment, building the Canadian Pacific Railway, founded the North-West Mounted Police, annexing territory, and raising protective tariffs.
- (b) This led to an ambitious programme of reform and investment, building the Canadian Pacific Railway, founding the North-West Mounted Police, annexing territory, and raising protective tariffs.
- (c) This led to an ambitious programme of reforms and investment, building the Canadian Pacific Railway, founding the North-West Mounted Police, annexation of territory, and raising protective tariffs.
- (d) This led to an ambitious programme of reform and investment, building the Canadian Pacific Railway, found the North-West Mounted Police, annexed territory, and raising protective tariffs.

CURRENT AFFAIRS WITH GK

51. As per the Constitution of India, the total number of ministers in the council of ministers must not exceed what percent of the total number of members of the Lok Sabha?

- (a) 10% (b) 20% (c) 15% (d) 25%

52. Who will be the flag bearer of India in Paris Olympics 2024?

- (a) Manpreet Singh and Mary Kom (b) PV Singhu and Manpreet Singh
- (c) Mary Kom and Sharath Kamal (d) PV Sindhu and Sharath Kamal

53. Who chose the name Remal for the pre-monsoon tropical cyclone in the Bay of Bengal?

- (a) India (b) Bangladesh (c) Oman (d) Myanmar

54. Who is the Youngest Tribal Woman to win from an unreserved seat?

- (a) Priyanka jarkiholi (b) Monika Batti
- (c) Mahua moitra (d) Debashree Chaudhari

55. Masoud Pezeshkian is recently elected as the President of which Country?

- (a) Iran (b) Saudi Arabia (c) UAE (d) Yemen

56. Due to heavy Rain, Pavilion of which temple is recently collapsed?

- (a) Brihadeshwar Temple (b) Virupaksha Temple
- (c) Vijaya Temple (d) Kailash Temple

57. Which fruit became a Palestinian symbol at Cannes Film Festival?

- (a) Apple (b) Orange
- (c) Watermelon (d) Grapes

- 58.** What does the Copernicus Emergency Management Service (EMS) primarily provide?
 (a) Financial aid (b) Geo-spatial information
 (c) Medical supplies (d) Legal assistance
- 59.** Which body ordered Israel to halt its military assault in Rafah?
 (a) United Nations (b) International Criminal Court
 (c) International Court of Justice (d) NATO
- 60.** Which of the following is the Russia's highest civilian honour?
 (a) Order of the Nile (b) National Order of the Legion of Honour
 (c) Order of Russia (d) Order of St Andrew the Apostle
- 61.** What resolution did the Kerala Assembly unanimously pass regarding the state's name?
 (a) To rename the state to Malabar (b) To rename the state to Travancore
 (c) To rename the state to Keralam (d) To rename the state to Cochin
- 62.** Who did Prime Minister Narendra Modi nominate to the Rajya Sabha, highlighting the importance of women's representation in legislative bodies?
 (a) Sudha Murthy (b) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
 (c) Nirmala Sitharaman (d) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- 63.** Recently which platform started UPI payment services collaboration with LankaPay in Sri Lanka?
 (a) BharatPe (b) GooglePay (c) PhonePay (d) Paytm
- 64.** Which Muslim Country recently banned wearing of Hijabs?
 (a) Turkmenistan (b) Tajikistan (c) Kazakhstan (d) Kyrgystan
- 65.** Which Article mentions that there shall be a council of ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President?
 (a) Article 52 (b) Article 73 (c) Article 74 (d) Article 81
- 66.** According to recent government data, India got highest FDI from which country in 2023-24?
 (a) Mauritius (b) Singapore (c) Vietnam (d) China
- 67.** Who recently named the Secretary General of NATO?
 (a) Jens Stoltenberg (b) Mark Rutte
 (c) Antonio Costa (d) Nawaf Salam
- 68.** Panchatantra which is recently been included in 'UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register' is authored by
 (a) Acharya Anandvardhan (b) Vishnu Sharma
 (c) Kalidasa (d) Bhavabhutti
- 69.** Who was the first Indian Governor of RBI?
 (a) Sir CD Deshmukh (b) Sir Benegal Rama Rau
 (c) H. V. R. Iyengar (d) K. G. Ambegaonkar

- 70.** The _____ set up the GST Council as a joint forum of the Centre and the states, under _____ of the amended Constitution.
- (a) Parliament, Article 246A (b) President, Article 279A
 (c) Supreme Court, Article 368 (d) Prime Minister, Article 370
- 71.** What strategic importance does the Great Nicobar Island hold for India?
- (a) Proximity to the Strait of Hormuz (b) Location near the Malacca Strait
 (c) Access to the Suez Canal (d) Control over the Bosphorus Strait
- 72.** What is the primary duty of the pro-tem Speaker in Lok Sabha?
- (a) To manage foreign relations (b) To conduct budget sessions
 (c) To administer oaths to new MPs (d) To oversee defense operations
- 73.** Which wildlife sanctuary is being developed as the second home for cheetahs in India?
- (a) Ranthambore Wildlife Sanctuary (b) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
 (c) Kaziranga Wildlife Sanctuary (d) Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary
- 74.** Who recently won the French Open Men's Single Title 2024?
- (a) Carlos Alcaraz (b) Daniel Medvedev
 (c) Rafael Nadal (d) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- 75.** Which political party has secured highest seats in France's National Assembly election?
- (a) New Popular Front (b) National Rally Alliance
 (c) Ensemble (d) Les Repulicains
- 76.** Where is the most famous Kailash Temple located among the cave temples?
- (a) In the caves of Ajanta (b) In the caves of Ellora
 (c) In the caves of Elephanta (d) In the caves of Bagh
- 77.** In which fields is the Kavli Prize awarded?
- (a) Physics, Chemistry, Medicine
 (b) Literature, Peace, Economics
 (c) Astrophysics, Neuroscience, Nanoscience
 (d) Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics
- 78.** Which Indian chess player overtook Viswanathan Anand as the highest-rated Indian chess player in FIDE rankings?
- (a) Praggnananda (b) D Gukesh (c) Arjun Erigaisi (d) Nihal Sarin
- 79.** Which of the following is a joint military exercise between Indian and Mongolia that recently begun in Meghalaya?
- (a) Surya Kiran (b) Nomadic Elephant (c) Maitree (d) Vajra Prahar
- 80.** India lifted the T20 Cricket World Cup 2024 by defeating South Africa in which City?
- (a) New York (b) Barbados (c) Cuba (d) Trinidad

LOGICAL REASONING

81. Some Indians are Americans. No American is Australian. All Australians are gentleman.

Examine the following statement.

(i) No gentleman is Americans

(ii) No Americans is Indian

(iii) No Australian is Indian.

(a) Only (i) follows

(b) Both (i) and (iii) follow

(c) Only (iii) follow

(d) None follow.

82. In a certain code language, "MEMORY" is written as "NGOQTZ." What will be the code for "THOUGHT" in this same language?

(a) UIPJVIU

(b) UJQIVJU

(c) VJQIWIU

(d) UJQWIJU

83. At the annual Charity Dinner hosted at the Starlight Terrace, eight esteemed guests are invited to share a single round table, each bringing their own distinct backgrounds and experiences. These guests include four corporate executives, two environmental activists, and two government officials. The seating protocol demands that:

i. No two corporate executives are seated next to each other to encourage discussions outside their usual circles.

ii. Each environmental activist should be seated next to at least one corporate executive to foster dialogue on policy matters.

iii. No two government officials are seated directly next to each other to disperse their influence.

(a) Corporate Executive, Environmental Activist, Corporate Executive, Government Official, Government Official, Corporate Executive, Corporate Executive, Environmental Activist.

(b) Corporate Executive, Government Official, Corporate Executive, Environmental Activist, Corporate Executive, Government Official, Corporate Executive, Environmental Activist.

(c) Corporate Executive, Corporate Executive, Environmental Activist, Government Official, Environmental Activist, Corporate Executive, Government Official, Corporate Executive.

(d) Environmental Activist, Environmental Activist, Corporate Executive, Government Official, Corporate Executive, Corporate Executive, Corporate Executive, Government Official.

84. As part of a major business strategy overhaul at a multinational corporation, several key initiatives need to be sequenced correctly to ensure optimal impact. The initiatives are as follows:

- i. Launch Marketing Campaign: Should only begin after the product line has been revised to ensure message alignment.
 - ii. Initiate Market Research: Essential to gather competitive intelligence before any product revisions.
 - iii. Revise Product Line: Dependent on insights from the market research to address current market demands.
 - iv. Finalize Strategic Report: All other initiatives must be completed as this encapsulates the entire project's findings and recommendations.
 - v. Analyze Customer Feedback: Can commence concurrently with the marketing campaign but must follow the product launch.
- (a) Initiate Market Research, Analyze Customer Feedback, Revise Product Line, Launch Marketing Campaign, Finalize Strategic Report.
 - (b) Initiate Market Research, Revise Product Line, Launch Marketing Campaign, Analyze Customer Feedback, Finalize Strategic Report.
 - (c) Initiate Market Research, Finalize Strategic Report, Revise Product Line, Analyze Customer Feedback, Launch Marketing Campaign.
 - (d) Revise Product Line, Initiate Market Research, Launch Marketing Campaign, Analyze Customer Feedback, Finalize Strategic Report.

85. Prepare for the Inter-continental Culinary Festival, where chefs and food enthusiasts gather to celebrate global cuisines. This year, the festival hosts a diverse group of attendees, including vegetarians, seafood lovers, and those with a preference for gluten-free meals. The meal plan must cater to these needs over three meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Here are the crucial guidelines for creating a valid meal-plan:

- i. Breakfast must include at least one vegetarian option.
 - ii. Lunch should provide a seafood dish and a gluten-free option.
 - iii. Dinner must cater to all dietary preferences present (vegetarian, seafood, gluten-free).
 - iv. Each meal must differ significantly in main ingredients to ensure variety.
- (a) Breakfast: Egg Pancakes, Bacon; Lunch: Grilled Salmon, Chicken Salad; Dinner: Beef Stroganoff, Caesar Salad (gluten-free).
 - (b) Breakfast: Oatmeal, Fruit Salad; Lunch: Shrimp Spaghetti, Quinoa Salad; Dinner: Grilled Vegetables, Fish Tacos, Rice Pilaf (gluten-free).
 - (c) Breakfast: Eggs Benedict, Sausages; Lunch: Lobster Roll, Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce; Dinner: Chicken Parmesan, Tiramisu.
 - (d) Breakfast: Greek Yogurt, Granola; Lunch: Caesar Salad, French Fries; Dinner: Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans (gluten-free).

86. Welcome to the productivity bootcamp, an intense week dedicated to mastering time management and task completion. Attendees will undertake a series of tasks each day aimed at enhancing their organizational skills and efficiency. The camp rules are structured around these tasks:

- i. Each day must start with a light physical activity to energize participants.
 - ii. There must be a learning session on new productivity tools each day.
 - iii. No single task should be repeated on consecutive days to maintain engagement.
 - iv. The day must end with a reflection session to assimilate learnings.
 - v. Midweek, there should be a team-building exercise to foster group dynamics.
- (a) Day 1: Jogging, Tool Seminar, Team Discussion; Day 2: Jogging, Tool Seminar, Personal Planning; Day 3: Stretching, Team Building, Reflection; Day 4: Jogging, Tool Seminar, Reflection; Day 5: Yoga, Tool Seminar, Closing Ceremony.
- (b) Day 1: Yoga, Tool Seminar, Reflection; Day 2: Pilates, Tool Seminar, Yoga; Day 3: Meditation, Team Building, Reflection; Day 4: Yoga, Tool Seminar, Planning Session; Day 5: Jogging, Tool Seminar, Reflection.
- (c) Day 1: Jogging, Tool Seminar, Reflection; Day 2: Yoga, Tool Seminar, Group Discussion; Day 3: Stretching, Team Building, Reflection; Day 4: Pilates, Tool Seminar, Personal Planning; Day 5: Meditation, Tool Seminar, Closing Ceremony.
- (d) Day 1: Pilates, Tool Seminar, Reflection; Day 2: Group Discussion, Tool Seminar, Pilates; Day 3: Yoga, Team Building, Reflection; Day 4: Stretching, Tool Seminar, Group Discussion; Day 5: Pilates, Tool Seminar, Closing Ceremony.

87. In the town of Greenleaf, all libraries are open until late. Every library that opens late hosts an art club. The Riverdale Library is among the libraries in Greenleaf but does not host any club. Meanwhile, every art club is free to attend, and all free clubs offer refreshments.

Examine the following statements:

- i. Riverdale Library does not open late.
- ii. Art clubs in Greenleaf offer refreshments.
- iii. All clubs in Riverdale are free.

Choose the most appropriate answer.

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| (a) Only i follows. | (b) Both i and ii follow. |
| (c) Only iii follows. | (d) Both ii and iii follow. |

88. In a certain code language, "BRIGHT" is written as "DUKJJW." What will be the code for "STREAM" in this same language?

- (a) UWTHCP
- (b) UVCFTO
- (c) UWGDTO
- (d) UVCGTO

89. Imagine stepping into the world of the annual Tech Innovators Conference, hosted in the vibrant cityscape of San Francisco. Over the course of three days, industry leaders, startup pioneers, and technology enthusiasts converge to exchange ideas and explore the latest advancements. The event spans from Friday to Sunday, packed with keynote speeches, interactive workshops, and networking sessions. The key conditions for scheduling are as follows:

- i. Keynote speeches must occur every morning to set the day's tone.
- ii. Workshops cannot be scheduled simultaneously with networking sessions.
- iii. Each day should conclude with a networking session that allows for discussions on the day's content.
- iv. No speaker can appear in more than two events per day.
- v. Workshops focused on AI must follow a keynote by an ML Expert, due to the complexity of the topics discussed.

(a) Friday: Keynote by ML Expert, AI Workshop, Lunch, Keynote on Big Data, Networking. Saturday: Keynote by Cybersecurity Expert, Cybersecurity Workshop, Lunch, Networking, Evening Breakout Session. Sunday: Morning Keynote on Data Privacy, Data Privacy Workshop, Lunch, Closing Networking Session.

(b) Friday: Keynote by ML Expert, Concurrent Workshops on AI and Cloud Computing, Lunch, Networking. Saturday: Keynote by Cybersecurity Expert, Networking, Cybersecurity Workshop, Evening Breakout Session. Sunday: Morning Keynote on Data Privacy, Networking, Data Privacy Workshop, Closing Ceremony.

(c) Friday: Keynote by ML Expert, Networking, AI Workshop, Lunch, Evening Breakout Session. Saturday: Keynote by Cybersecurity Expert, Cybersecurity Workshop, Lunch, Networking, Data Privacy Workshop. Sunday: Morning Keynote on Data Privacy, Networking, Closing Ceremony.

(d) Friday: Keynote by ML Expert, AI Workshop, Lunch, Keynote on Big Data, Concurrent Networking and Cloud Computing Workshop. Saturday: Cybersecurity Workshop, Lunch, Keynote by Cybersecurity Expert, Networking, Evening Breakout Session. Sunday: Data Privacy Workshop, Lunch, Morning Keynote on Data Privacy, Networking.

90. Pointing to a photograph of a boy Vidhan said " He is the son of the only son of my mother". How is Vidhan related to that boy ?

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| (a) Bother | (b) Uncle |
| (c) Cousin | (d) Father |

91. In a certain code language, "EQUITY" is written as "SOCWRG". What will be the code for "OUTPUT" In this same language?

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| (a) RSMRSN | (b) RSMSSN |
| (c) RSMQSN | (d) RSMPSN |

92. All birds can fly. Some animals are birds. All eagles are birds. Some animals live in water. No eagles live in water. If the above are true, which of the following would also be true?

- (a) Some birds live in water. (b) Some animals that live in water can fly.
 (c) All eagles can fly. (d) Some eagles are animals.

93. All computers have processors. Some devices are computers. No phones are computers. Some phones have cameras. All cameras can take pictures. If the above are true, which of the following would also be true?

- (a) Some devices have processors. (b) Some cameras are phones.
 (c) No devices can take pictures. (d) All phones have processors.

94. All novels are books. Some books are interesting. No magazines are novels. Some magazines have pictures. All pictures are colorful. If the above are true, which of the following would also be true?

- (a) Some books have pictures. (b) Some interesting things are not books.
 (c) No magazines are interesting. (d) Some colorful things are magazines.

95. All students are learners. Some learners are teachers. No teachers are doctors. Some doctors are researchers. All researchers use laboratories. If the above are true, which of the following would also be true?

- (a) Some students are teachers. (b) Some learners use laboratories.
 (c) No doctors use laboratories. (d) Some researchers are learners.

96. An accurate clock shows 8:15 in the morning. Through how many degrees will the hour hand rotate when the clock shows 2 O'clock In the Afternoon?

- (a) 187.5° (b) 177.5° (c) 172.5° (d) 182.5°

97. What was the day on 28th May 2006.?

- (a) Thursday (b) Friday (c) Saturday (d) Sunday

98. The reflex angle between the hands of a clock at 5:15 is ?

- (a) 292.5 (b) 67.5 (c) 302.5 (d) None of the above

99. All doctors are professionals. Some professionals are researchers. No researchers are artists. Some artists are writers. All writers are creative.

Conclusions:

- i) Some professionals are not doctors.
 ii) Some researchers are creative.
 iii) Some artists are creative.
 iv) No doctors are writers.

- (a) Only iii and iv (b) Only ii and iii
 (c) Only iii (d) None of the above

100. All books are sources of knowledge.

Some sources of knowledge are digital.

No digital items are tangible.

Some tangible things are fragile.

All fragile items require care.

Which of the statement necessarily follows?

- (a) Some books are digital.
- (b) No digital items require care.
- (c) Some sources of knowledge are not tangible.
- (d) All tangible things require care.

101. If $A + B$ means A is Mother of B .

$A - B$ means A is Bother of B .

$A \% B$ means A is Father of B .

$A \times B$ means A is Sister of B .

Which option satisfies the relation, P is maternal uncle of Q .

- (a) $Q - N + M \times P$
- (b) $P + S \times N - Q$
- (c) $P - M + N \times Q$
- (d) $Q - S \% P$

102. Today is Sunday, After 144 days, it will be:

- (a) Wednesday
- (b) Saturday
- (c) Tuesday
- (d) Thursday

Questions 103 and 104 are based on the following paragraphs.

In recent years, urban farming has gained significant traction in cities around the world. By converting rooftops, vacant lots, and even vertical spaces into green areas, urban dwellers are not only enhancing food security but also improving their local environment. Proponents argue that urban farming reduces the carbon footprint by minimizing the need for transportation of fresh produce. Additionally, it fosters a sense of community and provides educational opportunities about sustainable practices. Critics, however, worry about the potential contamination of crops due to pollution.

The introduction of urban farming initiatives has the potential to significantly improve food security in densely populated cities. By utilizing rooftops, vacant lots, and vertical spaces, urban farming can increase the local production of fresh produce, reducing reliance on imported goods and minimizing transportation costs. Additionally, urban farming promotes sustainable practices by using organic methods and reducing food waste. These initiatives also create green spaces that enhance the urban environment and provide educational opportunities for residents about sustainable agriculture.

103. Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) Urban farming can only be successful in large cities.
- (b) All urban farming initiatives are free from pollution.
- (c) Urban farming requires significant investment in infrastructure.
- (d) Urban farming has environmental and social benefits.

104. Which of the following most strengthens the above argument?

- (a) Urban farming projects have been shown to be more expensive to maintain than traditional agriculture.
- (b) Some urban residents are opposed to converting vacant lots into farming spaces due to aesthetic concerns.
- (c) Imported goods often provide a wider variety of produce than can be grown in urban farms.
- (d) Cities that have implemented urban farming initiatives have seen a measurable decrease in food insecurity and an increase in community engagement.

105. The phenomenon of quantum entanglement has perplexed physicists since its discovery. Entanglement occurs when particles become interconnected such that the state of one instantly influences the state of another, regardless of distance. This non-local interaction defies classical physics and has profound implications for the future of quantum computing and cryptography. Researchers posit that entanglement could enable unprecedented levels of data security and computational power. However, the practical implementation of these theories remains elusive due to technological constraints and the delicate nature of quantum states.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) Quantum entanglement can be easily harnessed with current technology to enhance data security.
- (b) The non-local interaction of entangled particles is universally accepted and understood in classical physics.
- (c) Overcoming technological constraints is essential for the practical application of quantum entanglement in computing.
- (d) All physicists agree that quantum entanglement will revolutionize cryptography and computational power.

106. Recent advances in marine biology have revealed the complex social structures of cephalopods, particularly octopuses. These creatures exhibit behaviors that suggest a high level of intelligence, including problem-solving, tool use, and even the ability to recognize individual humans. Studies have shown that octopuses can navigate mazes and open jars to access food, indicating sophisticated cognitive capabilities. Despite their solitary nature, some species have been observed engaging in cooperative hunting and social interactions, challenging the traditional view of their behavior. However, the

mechanisms behind these social behaviors remain largely unexplored, raising questions about the evolution of intelligence in invertebrates.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) The cognitive capabilities of octopuses are directly comparable to those of higher mammals.
- (b) Understanding the social behaviors of octopuses can provide insights into the evolution of intelligence.
- (c) All cephalopods exhibit the same level of intelligence and social behavior.
- (d) Cooperative hunting is a common behavior among all species of octopuses.

107. The field of neuroeconomics explores the intersection of neuroscience, psychology, and economics to understand decision-making processes. Research has shown that the human brain employs both rational and emotional systems when evaluating choices. Neuroeconomic studies using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) reveal that areas such as the prefrontal cortex and the amygdala are crucial in this dual-process system. While the prefrontal cortex is associated with logical reasoning and long-term planning, the amygdala is linked to emotional responses and immediate rewards. This duality often results in conflicts during decision-making, leading to what is known as cognitive dissonance. The implications of these findings extend to fields like marketing, policy-making, and behavioral therapy.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) Cognitive dissonance is a phenomenon unique to economic decision-making.
- (b) Understanding the brain's decision-making processes can improve strategies in various applied fields.
- (c) The prefrontal cortex and the amygdala operate independently without influencing each other.
- (d) Emotional responses are always detrimental to logical decision-making processes.

108. In recent decades, the study of cultural heritage has expanded beyond traditional notions of preservation to include the dynamic processes of cultural transmission and adaptation. This shift acknowledges that cultural heritage is not a static repository of artifacts but a living, evolving entity. Researchers argue that the interaction between global influences and local traditions results in a hybridization of cultural practices. This phenomenon is evident in the way indigenous art forms have been revitalized through contemporary interpretations, often blending ancient techniques with modern aesthetics. However, this hybridization raises complex questions about authenticity and cultural identity, challenging the conventional understanding of heritage conservation.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) Traditional notions of cultural heritage preservation are no longer relevant in contemporary society.

(b) Hybridization of cultural practices undermines the authenticity of indigenous art forms.

(c) The interaction between global influences and local traditions can lead to the revitalization of cultural heritage.

(d) Contemporary interpretations of indigenous art forms are universally accepted as authentic representations.

109. A map like this isn't just an accurate, laboriously assembled catalogue of relative locations and perceptual similarities. It's something much more powerful: a set of derived rules for calculating which odour goes where. Knowing these rules, you can apply them not just to a small handful of chemicals, but to the entire world of odorous chemicals. You can see where the most densely populated areas are, and where the 'state lines' are in the world of smells. This is a prospect that dazzles the world's perfumers and gourmards, and anyone else interested in the notoriously difficult and fickle task of predicting how something will smell from its chemical properties.

What can be concluded as the primary significance of the map described in the passage?

(a) It serves as a historians' record of the evolution of perfume making.

(b) It functions as a visual representation of chemical structures.

(c) It provides a geographical layout of natural resources used in perfumes.

(d) It offers derived rules for calculating the placement of odours.

110. Literary criticism has increasingly recognized the importance of historical context in the analysis and interpretation of texts. Scholars argue that without an understanding of the social, political, and cultural circumstances in which a work was produced, readers may miss nuanced meanings and thematic depth. For instance, the works of Victorian authors often reflect the complexities of the Industrial Revolution and its impact on society, which can be fully appreciated only through a contextual lens. Similarly, postcolonial literature gains significant insight when examined within the framework of historical colonization and its aftermath. While some critics maintain that texts should be analyzed in isolation from their historical settings, the prevailing view supports the integration of historical context for a richer and more informed literary critique.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

(a) Historical context can sometimes distort the interpretation of literary works, leading to biased readings.

(b) Understanding the historical context of literary works is essential for a comprehensive interpretation.

(c) Analyzing texts in isolation from their historical settings is the best approach for literary critique.

(d) The complexities of the Industrial Revolution have no significant impact on Victorian literature.

111. In the field of sociolinguistics, there has been a growing recognition of the vital role that indigenous languages play in preserving cultural heritage and identity. Languages are more than just communication tools; they are repositories of a community's history, traditions, and worldview. As globalization intensifies, many indigenous languages face the threat of extinction, which in turn jeopardizes the cultural richness they embody. Linguists and cultural anthropologists argue that losing a language means losing unique perspectives and knowledge systems. Efforts to revitalize and sustain indigenous languages often involve community engagement and educational programs aimed at younger generations. Critics, however, question the feasibility of these efforts in the face of dominant global languages.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) The loss of indigenous languages is an inevitable consequence of globalization.
- (b) Indigenous languages do not significantly contribute to the cultural identity of a community.
- (c) The preservation of indigenous languages is crucial for maintaining cultural identity.
- (d) Efforts to sustain indigenous languages are largely unsuccessful due to the dominance of global languages.

112. Urban planners and environmental psychologists have increasingly advocated for the integration of green spaces into city landscapes, emphasizing their multifaceted benefits. These spaces, which include parks, community gardens, and green rooftops, are seen as vital components in addressing urban environmental challenges such as air pollution and heat islands. Moreover, studies have shown that access to green spaces significantly enhances residents' mental well-being, offering a respite from the stress and chaos of urban life. These areas also serve as communal hubs where people can engage in recreational activities, thereby fostering social interactions and a sense of belonging. Despite these advantages, the allocation of land for green spaces often competes with commercial and residential development, posing a significant challenge for urban planners.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) The presence of green spaces in urban areas is primarily for aesthetic purposes rather than practical benefits.
- (b) Urban green spaces are a luxury rather than a necessity in modern city planning.
- (c) The development of urban green spaces is essential not only for environmental sustainability but also for enhancing the quality of life in densely populated cities by providing recreational opportunities, improving mental health, and fostering a sense of community.
- (d) Allocating land for green spaces in urban areas is more important than addressing the needs for commercial and residential development.

113. In the contemporary market landscape, there has been a notable shift towards incorporating traditional craftsmanship into modern manufacturing processes. This fusion not only revitalizes age-old techniques but also brings a distinctiveness to products that mass production often lacks. Proponents argue that such integration ensures the survival of artisanal skills, which might otherwise be lost in an era dominated by automation and standardization. Additionally, these hybrid products appeal to consumers seeking authenticity and uniqueness, thus giving companies a competitive edge in the global marketplace. However, challenges arise in maintaining the balance between preserving the integrity of traditional methods and meeting the efficiency demands of modern production systems. Critics also question whether such efforts truly benefit the artisans or merely exploit their skills for commercial gain.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) The integration of traditional craftsmanship into modern manufacturing processes can lead to both the preservation of cultural heritage and the creation of unique, high-quality products that distinguish themselves in the global market.
- (b) The integration of traditional craftsmanship into modern manufacturing processes is solely for commercial gain, with little regard for the preservation of cultural heritage.
- (c) Traditional craftsmanship and modern manufacturing processes are inherently incompatible due to their contrasting nature.
- (d) Modern manufacturing processes can achieve the same level of uniqueness and quality without incorporating traditional craftsmanship.

114. Read the directions for the following sentences carefully. Classify them as Fact, Inference and Judgement. Mark the sentence as a Fact if it is verifiable. Mark the sentence as Inference if it is logically deduced. Mark the system as a Judgement if it is an opinion.

- (i) Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Saturday said the Lok Sabha poll verdict has signalled a “personal, political and moral defeat” for Prime Minister Narendra Modi but “he is continuing as if nothing has changed”.
- (ii) In a newspaper article, she claimed there is “not the slightest evidence that he (Modi) has come to terms with the electoral outcome or understand the verdict”.
- (iii) it was only fair and to be expected that the post of deputy speaker would be given to a member from the ranks of the opposition.
- (iv) it was important for the youths as the period was a “fitting example of what happens when the Constitution is trampled over, public opinion is stifled and institutions are destroyed”.

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| (a) FFJI | (b) JFIF |
| (c) FIJJ | (d) FJFI |

115. Political scientists and economists alike have long debated the intricate relationship between a nation's economic stability and its political stability. Historical data suggests that countries with robust economies tend to experience lower levels of political unrest and higher levels of citizen satisfaction. Economic stability often translates to job security, better public services, and improved quality of life, all of which contribute to a more stable political environment. Conversely, economic downturns frequently lead to increased public discontent, protests, and sometimes even regime changes. Despite differing views on causality, it is widely acknowledged that economic performance plays a critical role in maintaining political order and citizen well-being. Critics argue that focusing solely on economic factors oversimplifies the complex nature of political stability, which can also be influenced by cultural, social, and historical contexts.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) Economic stability is crucial for political stability and the overall well-being of a nation's citizens.
- (b) Political stability is solely dependent on economic performance, disregarding other influencing factors.
- (c) Countries with robust economies are immune to political unrest and citizen dissatisfaction.
- (d) Economic downturns are the only cause of public discontent and regime changes in nations.

116. Recent studies in organizational behavior have underscored the growing importance of emotional intelligence (EI) in leadership roles. While traditional metrics of leadership success focused primarily on technical expertise and experience, contemporary research suggests that leaders who excel in emotional intelligence are better equipped to manage teams, resolve conflicts, and foster a positive workplace environment. Emotional intelligence, which includes self-awareness, empathy, and interpersonal skills, enables leaders to understand and respond to the emotional needs of their employees, thereby increasing overall job satisfaction and productivity. Critics argue that overemphasis on emotional intelligence might detract from the technical and strategic competencies essential for leadership. Nonetheless, a balanced integration of EI with technical skills appears to be the key to effective organizational leadership.

Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) Effective leadership in organizations relies on emotional intelligence as much as on technical expertise and experience.
- (b) Emotional intelligence is the sole determinant of effective leadership in modern organizations.

(c) Traditional metrics of leadership success are entirely obsolete in contemporary organizational settings.

(d) Leaders with high emotional intelligence do not need technical skills or experience to be effective.

117. In the realm of modern education, the integration of technology in classrooms has been both praised and criticized. Proponents argue that digital tools enhance learning by providing interactive and personalized educational experiences. Critics, however, warn that over-reliance on technology may lead to reduced face-to-face interactions and hinder the development of critical social skills. Recent studies suggest that while technology can be a powerful educational aid, it must be balanced with traditional teaching methods to ensure a well-rounded educational experience. The debate continues as educators strive to find the optimal blend of technology and traditional pedagogy.

Which one of the following conclusions can be properly inferred from the passage?

Conclusions:

- i) Technology alone is not sufficient for a comprehensive educational experience.
- ii) A balance between digital tools and traditional teaching is essential.
- iii) Face-to-face interactions are more important than using digital tools.
- iv) Critics believe technology has no place in education.

Choose the most appropriate answer.

- (a) Only i
- (b) Only ii
- (c) i and ii
- (d) i and iii

118. The rise of remote work has transformed traditional office dynamics, offering both opportunities and challenges. On one hand, remote work allows for greater flexibility and work-life balance, potentially increasing job satisfaction. On the other hand, it can lead to feelings of isolation and difficulties in team collaboration. Employers are now tasked with finding ways to foster a sense of community and effective communication among remote workers. Additionally, the shift to remote work has prompted a re-evaluation of productivity metrics and employee performance assessment.

Which one of the following conclusions can be properly inferred from the passage?

Conclusions:

- i) Remote work can enhance job satisfaction through increased flexibility.
- ii) Remote work eliminates the need for traditional office spaces.
- iii) Employers need to address communication challenges in remote work settings.
- iv) Remote work decreases overall productivity.

Choose the most appropriate answer.

- (a) Only i
- (b) Only ii
- (c) i and ii
- (d) i and iii

119. Read the directions for the following sentences carefully. Classify them as Fact, Inference and Judgement. Mark the sentence as a Fact if it is verifiable. Mark the sentence as Inference if it is logically deduced. Mark the system as a Judgement if it is an opinion.

(i) This all changes in the mid-20th century, and especially after the end of the Second World War, when a secularised notion of creativity explodes into prominence.

(ii) These sorts of democratic sentiment were fast moving towards the norm.

(iii) Quantity was important, and the flow of scientific personnel depended in part on identifying populations of young people with the potential to become productive technical workers.

(iv) The expert human-science practices of defining and measuring mental abilities and supplying the results to institutional clients were, of course, well developed before the war.

(a) FJII

(b) IIFF

(c) IJIF

(d) JIFJ

120. The good news is that there are wonderful alternatives to the hyper-individualised world of the actuarial self: apprehensions of security that think at the level of communities, neighbourhoods and towns or cities or nations. In a world facing rising temperatures, pandemics and a globalised financial system, many have come to recognise the highly individualised approach to risk as a relic of an irresponsible and iniquitous era. Building more capacious forms of security and networks of care will require looking beyond the actuarial self and the fundamentally conservative political agenda it serves.

What is necessary for building more comprehensive forms of security and care networks?

(a) Adopting a highly individualized approach to risk management.

(b) Increasing reliance on globalized financial systems.

(c) Emphasizing community and collective approaches to security.

(d) Managing traditional actuarial self- models.

121. The rapid urbanization of cities around the world has led to significant changes in lifestyle and environment. With more people moving to urban areas, there has been an increased demand for housing, transportation, and public services. This influx has also resulted in the expansion of urban infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public transit systems. However, the swift growth has brought challenges such as congestion, pollution, and the strain on resources. Urban planners are now focusing on sustainable development practices to address these issues and ensure that cities remain livable for future generations.

Which one of the following conclusions can be properly inferred from the statement?

Conclusions:

i) Urban planners are prioritizing sustainable development to mitigate the negative effects of rapid urbanization.

ii) The expansion of urban infrastructure has completely solved the problems of congestion and pollution.

Choose the most appropriate answer.

- (a) Only i (b) Only ii
(c) i and ii (d) None of the above

122. The increasing prevalence of remote work has led companies to reconsider their office space requirements. Many businesses have found that employees are equally productive when working from home, resulting in a significant reduction in overhead costs. Furthermore, the flexibility offered by remote work has been shown to improve employee satisfaction and retention rates. Companies are now investing in digital collaboration tools and virtual meeting platforms to support this new way of working. As a result, some experts predict that the traditional office environment may soon become obsolete.

Which of the below facts, if true, most weakens the above argument?

- (a) A majority of employees report feeling isolated and less connected to their colleagues when working remotely.
(b) Remote work requires a substantial initial investment in digital infrastructure and cybersecurity measures.
(c) Some employees prefer the structure and social environment provided by a traditional office setting.
(d) Companies with remote work policies have seen a decrease in spontaneous innovation and team cohesion.

123. With the rise of electric vehicles (EVs), many environmentalists argue that EVs are the key to reducing global carbon emissions. EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions, significantly lowering air pollution in urban areas. Moreover, advances in battery technology are making EVs more affordable and accessible to the general public. Governments are also offering incentives to encourage the adoption of EVs, further boosting their popularity. As a result, some experts believe that the widespread use of EVs will lead to a substantial decrease in overall carbon emissions.

Which of the below facts, if true, most weakens the argument in the paragraph?

- (a) The manufacturing process of EV batteries produces significant carbon emissions and environmental waste.
(b) Charging infrastructure for EVs is still underdeveloped in many parts of the world.
(c) Some consumers are hesitant to switch to EVs due to concerns about driving range and charging times.
(d) The electricity used to charge EVs is often generated from fossil fuels, which contributes to carbon emissions.

124. It was a momentous occasion when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi shook hands in the Parliament. It was after the election of Speaker Om Birla last week. This handshake, steeped in tradition, symbolises the nation's political evolution. This tradition marked a crucial moment. It dates back to the early days of Parliament. Despite their ideological differences, it exhibits the expected cooperation between the ruling party and the opposition. More importantly, it signified Rahul's formal recognition as the leader of the latter. There will be new dynamics within the Congress and challenges for Rahul in his new role.

Which of the following can be a logical deduction based on the information of the passage?

- (a) The ruling as well as the opposition will now walk hand in hand towards the betterment of the country.
- (b) A handshake between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi stands for nothing more but a perfunctory tradition followed.
- (c) The responsibility meted out to the Leader of Opposition requires to be handled judiciously and participatively.
- (d) None of the above

125. Urban green spaces, such as parks and community gardens, play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for city residents. These spaces provide areas for recreation and relaxation, helping to reduce stress and improve mental health. They also contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing urban heat islands and improving air quality. Furthermore, green spaces foster social interactions and community bonding, which are essential for building cohesive neighborhoods. Given these benefits, many urban planners advocate for increasing the amount of green space in cities.

Which of the following, if true, would most support this claim?

- (a) Studies show that people who live near green spaces have lower rates of chronic illness.
- (b) The development of urban green spaces often faces significant financial and logistical challenges.
- (c) Some cities have reported a decline in crime rates after increasing their green space areas.
- (d) Urban green spaces are frequently underutilized due to a lack of awareness and accessibility.

126. The decline in bee populations worldwide poses a significant threat to global agriculture. Bees play a crucial role in pollinating many crops, including fruits, vegetables, and nuts. Without sufficient bee activity, crop yields can decrease dramatically, leading to higher food prices and potential shortages. Efforts to protect and restore bee habitats are essential for maintaining the stability of our food supply.

Environmental groups and scientists are advocating for policies that reduce pesticide use, promote biodiversity, and support bee-friendly practices among farmers.

Which of the following, if true, would most support this claim?

- (a) Studies have shown that areas with higher bee populations have significantly higher crop yields.
- (b) Some crops do not require bees for pollination and can be pollinated by wind or other insects.
- (c) The use of pesticides has been linked to declining populations of various beneficial insects, not just bees.
- (d) There are ongoing efforts to develop robotic pollinators as an alternative to natural bee pollination.

127. A recent study suggests that implementing flexible work hours increases employee productivity. The study found that employees who have control over their work schedules tend to be more motivated and less stressed, which leads to higher productivity levels. Companies that have adopted flexible work hours reported fewer absences and higher job satisfaction among employees. The researchers concluded that offering flexible work hours is a key strategy for improving employee performance and overall company efficiency.

Which of the following, if true, would undermine the study's conclusion?

- (a) Some employees prefer fixed work schedules because they provide more structure and routine.
- (b) Flexible work hours can lead to challenges in coordinating team meetings and collaboration.
- (c) A significant portion of employees with flexible work hours reported difficulty in managing their time effectively, resulting in lower productivity.
- (d) Companies with flexible work hours tend to offer other benefits, such as wellness programs, which could also contribute to higher job satisfaction.

128. Read the directions for the following sentences carefully. Classify them as Fact, Inference and Judgement. Mark the sentence as a Fact if it is verifiable. Mark the sentence as Inference if it is logically deduced. Mark the system as a Judgement if it is an opinion.

- (i) Second, the fact is that the pace of price increases and smoking rates are not well correlated.
- (ii) Today, in affluent neighbourhoods in Britain smoking rates are under 10 per cent, whereas in some poor ones it's 50 per cent.
- (iii) That's a fundamental breach of neoclassical economic principles.
- (iv) Her work has revealed how such markets can defy the laws of supply and demand, and shows that government intervention can help address market failures.

(a) IJLJ

(b) JFFI

(c) FIJJ

(d) JFJJ

129. The implementation of urban bike-sharing programs has been met with mixed reactions from the public. Proponents argue that these programs reduce traffic congestion, lower carbon emissions, and promote a healthier lifestyle by encouraging more people to cycle. However, critics claim that bike-sharing programs are costly to maintain and often underutilized. Additionally, there are concerns about the safety of cyclists in cities with inadequate bike lane infrastructure. Despite these criticisms, many cities continue to invest in bike-sharing programs as part of their broader efforts to enhance urban mobility and sustainability.

Which of the following facts, if true, would be an argument in favour of the continued investment in urban bike-sharing programs?

- (a) Studies show that cities with bike-sharing programs have seen a significant decrease in traffic congestion and air pollution.
- (b) The initial setup cost for bike-sharing programs is higher than the cost of expanding public transportation.
- (c) Surveys indicate that a majority of city residents prefer using personal vehicles over bike-sharing options.
- (d) Reports reveal that vandalism and theft are common issues in existing bike-sharing programs.

130. The shift towards renewable energy sources has been driven by the need to reduce carbon emissions and combat climate change. Solar and wind power, in particular, have gained popularity due to their ability to generate clean energy without depleting natural resources. However, critics argue that renewable energy technologies are not yet capable of providing a stable and continuous power supply. They also point out the high initial investment costs and the space required for large-scale solar and wind farms. Despite these concerns, governments and environmental organizations continue to advocate for the adoption of renewable energy as a sustainable and long-term solution for energy needs.

Which of the following facts, if true, would be an argument in favour of the continued investment in renewable energy technologies?

- (a) Fossil fuel reserves are projected to last for another century at the current rate of consumption.
- (b) Advances in battery storage technology have significantly improved the stability and reliability of renewable energy sources.
- (c) Studies have shown that the long-term operational costs of renewable energy systems are lower than those of traditional fossil fuel systems.
- (d) The amount of land required for renewable energy installations is a major concern for urban development.

131. Statements:

Regular physical exercise has been shown to significantly improve mental health by reducing symptoms of depression and anxiety.

Community fitness programs increase social interaction, which can also contribute to enhanced mental well-being.

Which of the following facts, if true, best supports the above statements?

- (a) Many people who participate in community fitness programs report that they still struggle with depression and anxiety.
- (b) Studies have found that people who engage in regular physical exercise and participate in community fitness programs report higher levels of mental well-being compared to those who do not.
- (c) The cost of participating in community fitness programs is often a barrier for many individuals.
- (d) Physical exercise has been linked to improved physical health, including better cardiovascular function and weight management.

132. Statements:

Implementing strict cybersecurity measures is essential for protecting sensitive data in corporate environments.

Employee training programs on cybersecurity best practices can significantly reduce the risk of data breaches.

Which of the following facts, if true, best supports the above statements?

- (a) Companies that have implemented strict cybersecurity measures and conducted regular employee training programs have seen a 50% reduction in data breaches.
- (b) The cost of implementing strict cybersecurity measures and training programs is high for many corporations.
- (c) Despite implementing strict cybersecurity measures, some companies still experience data breaches due to sophisticated hacking techniques.
- (d) Employee resistance to cybersecurity training programs can undermine their effectiveness in preventing data breaches.

133. The growing popularity of electric bicycles (e-bikes) has revolutionized urban transportation. E-bikes offer a convenient and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional modes of transport, particularly in congested city areas. They enable faster commutes with less physical effort compared to regular bicycles, making them accessible to a broader demographic. Moreover, the use of e-bikes contributes to reduced traffic congestion and lower carbon emissions. However, the initial cost of purchasing an e-bike can be a barrier for some people. Despite this, many cities are investing in e-bike infrastructure, such as dedicated lanes and charging stations, to encourage their use.

Which of the following can be inferred?

- (a) E-bikes are less expensive than traditional bicycles.

- (b) E-bikes have completely replaced traditional bicycles in urban areas.
- (c) The benefits of e-bikes are being recognized by urban planners and governments.
- (d) E-bikes do not contribute to reducing traffic congestion in cities.

134. The recent surge in telehealth services has transformed the healthcare industry, making it more accessible for patients in remote areas. Telehealth allows for virtual consultations, which can be especially beneficial for those who find it difficult to travel to medical facilities. This technology also reduces the burden on healthcare systems by allowing physicians to see more patients without the constraints of physical space. Furthermore, telehealth has proven to be cost-effective for both patients and providers, as it eliminates the need for travel and reduces overhead costs. However, there are concerns about the quality of care and the potential for data breaches in virtual consultations.

Which of the following can be inferred?

- (a) Telehealth services are likely to continue growing due to their accessibility and cost-effectiveness.
- (b) All patients prefer telehealth services over traditional in-person consultations.
- (c) Telehealth has completely eliminated the need for physical healthcare facilities.
- (d) Data security is not a concern for telehealth services.

135. The rapid adoption of renewable energy sources is reshaping the global energy landscape. Countries around the world are investing heavily in solar, wind, and hydroelectric power to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. These investments are driven by the urgent need to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the decreasing costs of renewable technologies have made them more competitive with traditional energy sources. As a result, many nations are setting ambitious targets for renewable energy adoption, aiming to achieve significant portions of their energy needs from sustainable sources in the coming decades.

What conclusion can most likely be drawn about the future of global energy production?

- (a) Fossil fuels will remain the dominant source of energy indefinitely.
- (b) Renewable energy sources are likely to become more expensive in the future.
- (c) Countries are unlikely to meet their ambitious renewable energy targets.
- (d) Renewable energy will play an increasingly significant role in global energy production.

136. With the increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) in various industries, there has been a growing concern about the ethical implications of these technologies. AI systems have the potential to make decisions that significantly impact people's lives, from healthcare diagnoses to financial lending and law enforcement. Critics argue that without proper regulations and ethical guidelines, AI could perpetuate existing biases and lead to unfair outcomes. On the other hand, proponents believe that AI, if designed and implemented responsibly, can enhance efficiency and decision-making processes. As

a result, there is a strong push for developing comprehensive ethical frameworks to govern the use of AI.

What conclusion can most likely be drawn about the future use of artificial intelligence in industries?

- (a) AI will replace human decision-making entirely in all sectors.
- (b) The ethical concerns surrounding AI will prevent its widespread adoption.
- (c) There will be an increased emphasis on ethical guidelines and regulations for AI.
- (d) AI will only be used in sectors where ethical concerns are minimal.

137. Implementing remote work policies can lead to numerous benefits for both employees and employers. Employees gain flexibility, which can improve work-life balance and job satisfaction. For employers, remote work can reduce overhead costs associated with maintaining physical office spaces and potentially increase productivity. Moreover, remote work can broaden the talent pool, allowing companies to hire skilled workers from diverse geographic locations. Despite concerns about communication and team cohesion, many studies suggest that remote work, when managed effectively, can lead to a more motivated and efficient workforce. Which of the following most strengthens the above argument?

- (a) Some employees report feeling isolated and disconnected when working remotely.
- (b) Studies have found that companies with remote work policies have lower employee turnover rates and higher productivity levels.
- (c) The cost of setting up remote work infrastructure can be high for some companies.
- (d) Remote work can make it difficult to maintain company culture and team cohesion.

Directions: Given below is a statement of legal principle followed by a factual situation. Apply the principle to the facts given below and select the most appropriate answer.

Legal Principles (For Question 138 and 139):

I. Whoever wages war against the Government of India, or attempts to wage such war, or abets the waging of such war, shall be punished with death, or imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine.

II. If the President is satisfied that a grave emergency exists whereby the security of India or of any part of the territory thereof is threatened, whether by war or external aggression or armed rebellion, he may, by Proclamation, make a declaration to that effect in respect of the whole of India or of such part of the territory thereof as may be specified in the Proclamation.

Explanation: A Proclamation of Emergency declaring that the security of India or any part of the territory thereof is threatened by war or by external aggression or by armed rebellion may be made before the actual occurrence of war or of any such aggression or rebellion, if the President is satisfied that there is imminent danger thereof.

III. If the President, on receipt of report from the Governor of the State or otherwise, is satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the government of the State cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the President may by Proclamation:

(a) Assume to himself all or any of the functions of the Government of the State and all or any of the powers vested in or exercisable by the Governor or anybody or authority in the State other than the Legislature of the State;

(b) Declare that the powers of the Legislature of the State shall be exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament.

Factual Situation: When India gained its independence, various groups of people in India had their separate ideas of how independent India should be. Secularism was not at the top of the agenda for many of those groups. One such group was Vishwa Maakaali Parishad (VMP). However, the party leading the movement for independent India, Rongrage Party of India (RPI) had the strongest say in the drafting of Constitution and India constitutionally adopted secularism as the state policy.

While 70 years after independence, RPI is still ruling the government at the centre as well as many state governments, those identifying with the VMP ideology are limited in presence to one of the states in India, Ranjaab, which state is also currently ruled by a regional party. In the past few years, a young man in VMP, 'Nector Singh' has been mobilizing other youth in the state. He holds meetings and delivers fiercely captivating speeches in which he describes how RPI has led the nation's downfall, caused widespread corruption and poverty and promoted sycophancy and nepotism. More youths are getting hooked to his ideas every day. Some of them have written newspaper articles about senior RPI leaders and their lives of excesses lived at the cost of millions of poor and hungry Indians and the need for India to get rid of RPI.

At the annual party meeting of RPI the following year with most senior leaders of RPI present, both from the cabinet of ministers at the centre (as they hold important position in the party) and those not having taken any position in the government, several thousand men in identical dresses with guns march in and hold the party members captive. After a person who appears as 'Nector Singh' gives a speech telling RPI members what wrongs their party had committed, all the RPI members are shot dead.

138. The Parliament is convened and an interim government formed. Defence forces captures all the armed men. Whether the armed men are liable to be punished under Principle 1?

(a) Yes, the number of men and the magnitude of arms carried makes it clear that the intention of the group was to wage a war.

(b) Yes, since the men killed the Prime Minister and several Union ministers, the act was an attempt to wage a war against the Government of India.

(c) No, since the men were all Indians and not an external armed force, the act was one of armed rebellion and not one of waging war against the Government of India.

(d) No, since the act was not waging war against the government of India but an act of violence against members of a political group.

139. Factual Situation: The Senior Ministers including the Chief Minister of Ranjaab state have openly declared that they now believe in the ideology of VMP, and are refusing to cooperate with the centre in enforcing legislation imposing stricter rules regarding possession and movement of arms. Further they are demanding their ideology to be followed in their territory independent of every other thing. The situation is fast descending into a situation where another armed attack is possible in the country, with thousands of VMP men and arms moving freely within Ranjaab, sparked further by the capture of their cadre in the national capital. What is the best approach for the President and the Union government?

(a) Proclamation under Principle 2 for the state of Ranjaab.

(b) Proclamation under Principle 2 for the whole of India.

(c) Proclamation under Principle 3 for the state of Ranjaab.

(d) Proclamation under both Principle 2 and under Principle 3 considering the state of Ranjaab

Legal Principles (For Question 140 & 141): A contract requires a proposal and an acceptance of the proposal. It is necessary to make a binding contract, not only that the proposal be accepted but also that the acceptance duly is notified to the proposer.

140. Factual Situation: A sent a letter to B stating that he was writing to sell to B, 10 bags of rice at Rs. 20 each. B made a telephone call to A to inform him that he had accepted the offer. Just as he was stating his acceptance, a very noisy aircraft flew over B's house. A was not able to hear the acceptance. Decide.

(a) There is no contract since the acceptance has not been notified to A.

(b) There is no contract since the reply also has to be in writing.

(c) This is a valid contract since B conveys his acceptance to A. It does not matter if A heard it or not.

(d) This is a valid contract as the communication of acceptance is complete.

141. Factual Situation: A sent a letter to B stating that he was willing to sell to B, 10 bags of rice at Rs. 20 each. B wrote a letter to A accepting the offer and posted it. Decide.

(a) The contract is entered into the moment B posts the letter.

(b) The contract is entered into only after A receives and reads the letter.

(c) The contract is entered into only after A receives the letter, reads it and then gets back to B.

(d) The contract is entered into the moment A makes the offer.

142. Legal Principle: Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881: Dishonour of cheque for insufficiency, etc., of funds in the account. When any cheque drawn by a person on an account maintained by him with a banker for payment of any amount of money to another person from out of that account for the discharge, in whole or in part, of any debt or other liability, is returned by the bank unpaid, either because of the amount of money standing to the credit of that account is insufficient to honour the cheque or that it exceeds the amount arranged to be paid from that account by an agreement made with that bank, such person shall be deemed to have committed an offence and shall, without prejudice to any other provisions of this Act, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to twice the amount of the cheque, or with both.

Factual Situation: Mr. Vidhaan issued a cheque of ₹5,00,000 to Mr. Singh as repayment of a loan. When Mr. Singh presented the cheque at the bank, it was returned unpaid with the reason "Insufficient funds." Mr. Singh sent a demand notice to Mr. Vidhaan asking for the payment within 15 days. Despite receiving the notice, Mr. Vidhaan failed to pay the amount within the stipulated period. Mr. Singh then filed a complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. Mr. Vidhaan argues that he had already instructed the bank to stop payment on the cheque before it was presented by Mr. Singh.

Based on the principle, is Mr. Vidhaan liable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act?

- (a) Yes, because the cheque was returned unpaid due to insufficient funds.
- (b) No, because Mr. Vidhaan had instructed the bank to stop payment on the cheque.
- (c) Yes, because Mr. Vidhaan failed to repay the loan within the stipulated period after the notice.
- (d) No, because the bank's action of stopping the payment was done on Mr. Vidhaan's instructions.

143. Legal Principle: When at the desire of the promisor, the promisee or, any other person has done or abstained from doing, or does or abstains from doing, or promises to do or to abstain from doing something, such act or abstinence or promise is called a consideration for the promise. An agreement without consideration is void.

Factual Situation: Vidhaan goes out of station for a holiday. Meanwhile the weather being stormy damages his garden. Aditya who was his neighbour carries out the work by maintaining and watering his garden and on coming back he asked Vidhaan to pay Rs. 30,000 for the expenses incurred. Can Aditya recover if Vidhaan does not pay?

- (a) Aditya can recover as a valid contract was in place.
- (b) Vidhaan is liable to pay Aditya and Aditya can successfully sue Vidhaan if he does not pay as the work was need of the hour.

(c) There was no written contract, hence nothing can be said with certainty.

(d) Aditya cannot recover as the work was not done at the behest of Vidhaan.

144. Legal Principle: Anticipatory bail may be granted to any person who apprehends arrest for a non-bailable offence. The same is subject to judicial discretion.

Factual Situation: Police registered a case under IPC and other relevant laws against alleged illegal betting by actor Rahil Khan on Kahandev mobile app. The offence is non-bailable offence against Rahil. Rahil files an application in the Court asking for anticipatory bail. Decide.

(a) The court will reject his appeal for want of jurisdiction.

(b) The court shall grant him bail though the offence is non-bailable.

(c) His appeal shall be returned as non-maintainable.

(d) The court may grant him bail if it deems appropriate.

145. Legal Principles:

I. Whoever causes death by doing an act with the intention of causing death or with the intention of causing such bodily injury as is likely to cause death or with the knowledge that he is likely by such act to cause death commits the offence of culpable homicide.

II. *Mens rea* and *actus reus* must concur to result in a crime which is punishable by the law.

Factual Situation: A and B went for shooting. A knows Z to be behind a bush. B does not know it. A induces B to fire at the bush. B fires and kills Z. Has an offence been committed?

(a) A had mens rea but no actus reus. B had actus reus but no mens rea. No one is guilty.

(b) A induced B to fire at the bush with the knowledge that Z is there. A is guilty of culpable homicide but B is not guilty of any offence.

(c) Both A and B are guilty.

(d) None of the above.

146. Legal Principle: In a suit for malicious prosecution, the plaintiff must prove the following essentials:

1. That he was prosecuted by the defendant.

2. That the proceeding complained was terminated in favour of the present plaintiff.

3. That the prosecution was instituted against him without any just or reasonable cause.

4. That the prosecution was instituted with a malicious intention, that is, not with the mere intention of getting the law into effect, but with an intention, which was wrongful in fact.

5. That he suffered damage to his reputation or to the safety of person, or to the security of his property.

Factual Situation: A recovered a large sum of money from Railway Co. for personal injuries. Subsequently, Railway Co. came to know, from a reliable source which was cross-checked by it, that injuries were not real and were created by doctor B. Railway Co. prosecuted B for playing fraud on the company, but B was acquitted. B sued Railway Co. for malicious prosecution. In the light of these facts which of the following statements is true?

- (a) Railway Co. is liable of malicious prosecution because it acted without reasonable cause.
- (b) Railway Co. is not liable for malicious prosecution.
- (c) Railway Co. is liable because it acted negligently.
- (d) Railway Co. is liable for malicious prosecution as the final order was of acquittal.

147. Legal Principle: Section 2(1)(r) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 defines unfair trade practices to include any false or misleading representation of goods or services, any misleading advertisement, or the non-issuance of a bill or receipt.

Factual Situation: Mrs. Vidhi purchased a refrigerator from an electronics store that advertised a 5-star energy rating for the product and the same was confirmed by its representative. Upon using the refrigerator, she noticed unusually high electricity bills. Suspecting that the refrigerator might not be energy-efficient as advertised, she had it tested by an independent agency, which confirmed that the refrigerator only had a 3-star energy rating. Mrs. Vidhi approached the store with the test report and demanded a refund or replacement, but the store manager refused, claiming that all sales were final and the advertisement was a mistake. Based on the legal principle provided, is the electronics store liable for an unfair trade practice under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019?

- (a) Yes, because the store falsely advertised the refrigerator as having a 5-star energy rating.
- (b) No, because the advertisement was a mistake and not intentional.
- (c) Yes, because Mrs. Vidhi experienced higher electricity bills due to the misleading advertisement.
- (d) No, because all sales were final, and the store is not obligated to offer a refund or replacement.

148. Legal Principle: The state shall make special laws for the upliftment of citizens of the country, and these laws can be made for the benefit of any specific caste, gender, or race of people living in the society.

Factual Situation: The state of Hindu Pradesh comes out with a law, which provided for reservation to Muslims in all government and government aided institutions. This law is challenged in the High Court of Hindu Pradesh, as being arbitrary and contrary to the established laws. Can the challenge be successful?

- (a) Yes, since people from other religions would also start making such demands, which would jeopardize the unity and integrity of the country.
- (b) No, since the state has the right to make special laws for the upliftment of the citizens of the country.
- (c) Yes, since the state has not been mandated to make reservation based on a person's religion.
- (d) No, since the Government cannot neglect the minorities.

149. Legal Principle: Every agreement by which anyone is restrained from exercising a lawful profession, trade or business of any kind, to that extent is void.

Factual Situation: A company entered into a contract with Coca Cola Ltd. to bottle soft drinks produced by Coca Cola. One of the terms of the contract was that the company would not bottle soft drinks for any other competitor of Coca Cola during the pendency of the contract.

- (a) The agreement is void since it restrains the lawful right of the company to engage in business.
- (b) The agreement is void because there is no consideration being paid.
- (c) The agreement is valid but the term is void.
- (d) The agreement is void since the competitor is not a party to the contract.

150. Legal Principle: The object of an agreement is lawful unless it is forbidden by law; is of such a nature that, if permitted, it would defeat the provisions of any law; is fraudulent; involves or implies injury to the person or property of another person; the court regards it as immoral; it is opposed to public policy. An agreement whose object is unlawful is considered void. The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 forbids the giving or taking of dowry in any form in connection with the marriage.

Factual Situation: A and B entered into a contract, whereby A agreed to get married to B, if her parents paid A Rs. 1,00,000 before the wedding. B's parents failed to pay the promised amount. A sues B and her parents.

- (a) A will succeed because all the requirements of a contract are met.
- (b) A will succeed since the payment of the amount was the condition precedent for the wedding.
- (c) A will not succeed since the agreement is void.
- (d) A will not succeed since B was not a party to the contract.

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