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1. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. Option (a) is negatively emphasized in the following lines, ‘One of the guidelines issued by the West Bengal government calls for minimizing night duty for women. How will this dictum — “wherever possible, night duty may be avoided for women to the extent possible” — secure safety at the workplace?’ Option (c), though stated in the passage, ‘the governments at the Centre and States must ensure that women, employed as health-care professionals, gig and factory workers, call centre staff, auto drivers, hotel duties and journalists, are able to work safely, anywhere, and at anytime.’ The major concern of the passage is reflected in the following line, ‘Reducing their time at work will only lead to women losing jobs and their financial independence.’ it is negated in the very next line Option (d) is ruled out because it is stated in the passage that ‘The sweeping changes brought into the system after the 2012 Delhi rape, such as harsher laws and stringent punishment, have not been enough. Hence (b).

2. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The Supreme Court, taking suo motu cognisance of the Kolkata case, in its hearing on Tuesday announced a national task force to look into the safety of doctors and medical professionals. The court or the authority takes an action or initiates an action voluntarily and independently when it sees a matter or an issue, even when no one has complained about the matter, or have filed a case, or brought attention towards it. The rest of the options stand negated. Hence (b).

3. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. As is given in the latter half of the passage, ‘Justice R. Banumathi had said that apart from effective implementation of laws, a change in the mindset of the society at large and creating awareness in the public on gender justice would go a long way to combat violence against women. Campaigns led by women after the R.G. Kar rape, to “reclaim the night” in Kolkata and other parts of the country, should serve as wake-up calls to governments, and society, to do it right by women.’ The rest of the options are established here. To increase the registering and reporting of such crimes, will not help the country combat violence against women. Hence (d).

4. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. The first line of the passage states that, 'The last thing that a rape and murder need are platitudes, and a predictably tiresome one is being peddled after the brutal killing of a woman doctor on duty at Kolkata's R.G. Kar Hospital on August 9.' The 'platitude' that is being forwarded now is 'wherever possible, night duty may be avoided for women to the extent possible'. How can this regressive move help the women? Option (a) is ruled out as it states the opposite. 'clichéd' means insincere, but such remarks are not required, according to the author. Option (b) is contradictory to what the author has indicated in this sentence, so this is ruled out. Option (c) is also eliminated on the same grounds. No serious thought was given on this serious crime of rape and murder. Hence (d).

5. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The sentence is 'Campaigns led by women after the R.G. Kar rape, to "reclaim the night" in Kolkata and other parts of the country, should serve as wake-up calls to governments, and society, to do it right by women. The first part of the sentence needs 'to', it is 'to "reclaim the night". The second blank needs 'to' as in 'wake-up calls to governments' and the third blank needs 'by' as in 'to do it right by women.' That means according to the women the policies and laws made by the government should be just and fair towards the women. Hence (c).

6. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. This regressive move will only end up removing women from the workforce, instead of ensuring a stop to violence. This part of the sentence has a misplaced adverb 'only'. It should be 'will only end up removing', that means there will hardly be any benefit of this move, the only outcome will be that it will remove women from the workforce. Hence (b).

7. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. As per the passage the author was worried about the number of people attending the festival because not many tickets had been sold. they had to give away the tickets for free, just so the number of people attending would increase. So, the worry was not only about the number but it was about the ambience, the atmosphere created because of the number of people present in the festival. Option (a) is incorrect because it is not the 'impression created on the people' but rather it is 'impression created by the people'. Option (b) is ruled out as it literally speaks of the weather, but in this case, atmosphere is related to the impression of the surroundings. Option (d) is incorrect, the 'lively mood' itself is not the atmosphere, rather the

atmosphere is the overall environment created because of the lively mood of the people present. Hence (c).

8. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. The author became emotional when he remembered the day they opened the first festival. They experience the same feeling, the feeling of relief, that they had felt years back. But now, that she was remembering the good, gone, past days, the feeling reflected in the sentence would be one of 'nostalgia'. The author becomes emotional because he is thinking of the past where he burst into tears from that emotion. But again, all this is what he felt in the past, when the first festival was organized. This eliminates (a). Option (b) is ruled out because the feeling of 'anxiety' was experienced in the past, when the festival was to be organized and conducted, but the tickets were not yet sold. At present she is not feeling a sense of 'relief', so, although a distraction, option (c) gets eliminated. Hence (d).

9. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. A participial phrase is a phrase that usually functions as an Adjective, hence it would have, 'ing', 'ed' or 'en' form of the word. The sentence in option (d) is a simple sentence with no adjective clauses or descriptive phrases mentioned. Option (a) has a participial phrase, 'being very tired and living off caffeine' as it describes something additional to what he remembers. Option (b) has a participial phrase, 'doing research, calling security firms and portable toilet companies.' It expands on 'how he spent two weeks'. Option (c) has a participial phrase, 'where I was a regular customer,' is giving something additional about the record shop. It was the shop where the author was a regular customer. Hence (d).

10. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. It is contradicted in the last few lines in the passage. The author states that 'All the stress and anxiety was worth it – I had created the festival I dreamed of. As with all good art, it nourished my soul – everything materialistic didn't matter to me anymore. I still get very excited when I discover a new band and for the last 20 years I've been lucky to follow my passion.' Option (a) can be understood from the following lines in the passage, 'The stately homes and wedding venues I contacted all said they wouldn't let us hold a festival. I Googled "festival site to rent", and the only place that came up was Larmer Tree on the border of Wiltshire and Dorset. They said they'd be up for letting us do it if we could get the licence approval, so we had to get councillors on side. The social network Myspace had launched the previous year and I used it to contact bands.' Option (b) is inferred from the following lines, 'On the day we opened, the first band played and I just burst into tears from the emotion and relief. It

was finally happening. I remember being very tired and living off caffeine, but there was a buzz and a feeling of satisfaction at the same time that I'd created this thing. I could see in people's faces that it was giving them a moment of escape.' Hence (c).

11. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. Analogy is a literary device that uses comparison of two unlike things that have a few similarities. Example an atomic structure can be understood as a solar system wherein the planets revolve around the sun, in a similar manner, as do the electrons in an atom. Option (b) Imagery is used in the sentence. It is the use of descriptive language that appeals to the senses creating vivid pictures. It enhances the reader's understanding of a scene or concept. The part of the sentence 'driving across a field in the dark. I crashed into a fence, the car flipped over' is an example of Imagery. Option (c) Phrasal Verb 'write off' is also used in the sentence. A Phrasal Verb is a combination of a verb with a preposition or an Adverb, that mean quite different from the basic original meaning of the word. Here 'write off' means not worthy of being considered. That means the car flipped over and a lot of damage had been done to it. An 'Idiomatic expression' does not use the literal meaning of the words. It is a figurative usage, in this sentence, 'a wake-up call' works as an idiom. It means 'to alert somebody of the situation that needs to be taken care of, a situation that demands urgent attention. Hence (a).

12. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. There is no phrasal verb used in this sentence. The rest of the three sentences have a phrasal verb in each. In sentence (a) 'working out' means resolving a problem or finding a solution to a situation. Usually it would mean 'engaging in physical exercise'. In sentence (b) 'put on' means to dress or to apply something. Here it would mean how to carry out something successfully. In sentence (c) 'came up' means to appear or be mentioned, here it was in the context of the site that was being searched for the festival. Hence (d).

13. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. The passage focuses on Jane's internal conflict, particularly her suspicions about her husband and her contemplation of leaving him. The narrative delves into her thoughts and emotions, highlighting her uncertainty and the mental struggle she faces. Option (b) is incorrect because, although the passage touches on Jane's routine, the primary focus is on her internal conflict, not simply the monotony of her life. Option (c) is incorrect because, while the yellow sofa is mentioned, the passage does not emphasize material possessions as a central theme. Option (d) is incorrect

because the challenges of living in a small town are not the main focus of the passage; the emphasis is on Jane's personal situation and emotions. Hence (a).

14. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The sequence of events starts with Jane driving by the Old Spot and potentially seeing her husband's red F-150 parked there, which leads her to question if it was really him, followed by her arrival at home where she confirms the truck is not in her carport. Option (b) is incorrect because it switches the sequence of seeing the truck and driving by the Old Spot. Option (c) is incorrect because it incorrectly places finding the empty carport before driving by the Old Spot. Option (d) is incorrect because it incorrectly sequences the events by placing the empty carport before seeing the red F-150. Hence (b).

15. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. It uses the past perfect tense to describe an action (buying the sofa) that was completed before another past action (buying the house). Option (a) is incorrect because it uses the simple past tense ("drove" and "saw"), not the past perfect. Option (c) is incorrect because it uses the simple past tense ("fingered"). Option (d) is incorrect because although it contains the phrase "he had believed," the focus of the sentence is not a past perfect tense structure, and the correct answer lies in describing two actions in the past with one occurring before the other, as in option (b). Hence (b).

16. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. The passage describes how Jane's attachment to the yellow sofa, which she and Lindy bought together, symbolizes the comfort and stability she finds in her marriage, even as she contemplates leaving. Option (b) is incorrect because the passage does not mention financial constraints as a reason for her attachment. Option (c) is incorrect because while the sofa is a material possession, the emphasis is on its symbolic meaning rather than a desire to hold onto material things. Option (d) is incorrect because the passage does not suggest that Jane sees her attachment to the sofa as futile or a reflection of her inability to change her situation. Hence (a).

17. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. It is incorrect with respect to the passage. The passage states that Jane was "pretty sure" she saw her husband's truck, but she was not certain. Option (a) is incorrect because Jane does suspect her husband has been at The Old Spot. Option (b) is incorrect because the yellow sofa does hold sentimental value, as it represents a shared purchase by Jane and Lindy. Option (d) is incorrect because Jane does think about taking the cat with her if she ever decides to leave. Hence (c).

18. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. In the passage, "believed" is used to indicate a mistaken assumption or understanding, which matches the context of this sentence where the subject believed something incorrect about the location of his wallet. Option (a) is incorrect because it uses "believed" in the sense of holding a conviction or principle. Option (c) is incorrect because it refers to accepting information as true without doubt. Option (d) is incorrect because it conveys self-confidence, not a mistaken belief or assumption. Hence (b).

19. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage vividly describes Razia's anxiety and exasperation during the summer holidays, with her headaches worsening and her frustration building as she deals with the chaos of children in the house. Option (a) is incorrect because, while there might be some humor in the situation, the tone is primarily one of stress and exasperation. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not reflect on the past in a nostalgic way. Option (d) is incorrect because the tone is not calm or detached; it is charged with emotion and tension. Hence (b).

20. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. The "troubles" is a synonym for "woes," and substituting it would not change the meaning of the sentence. Option (b) is incorrect because "griefs" has a different meaning, which would alter the sentence's intent. It is mainly used with extreme loss, or losing someone. Option (c) is incorrect because, while "challenges" is somewhat similar, it does not fully capture the negative connotation of "woes." Option (d) is incorrect because "complaints" focuses more on verbal expressions of dissatisfaction rather than the broader concept of difficulties or problems implied by "woes." Hence (a).

21. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage primarily focuses on the stress and overwhelming feelings that Razia experiences during the summer holidays, dealing with a large number of children in the house. Option (a) is incorrect because the passage does not describe the joys of summer vacations; it focuses on the challenges and stress. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not compare different families; it centers on Razia's specific situation. Option (d) is incorrect because, while discipline is mentioned, it is not the central focus of the passage. The emphasis is on the stress Razia endures. Hence (b).

22. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. The passage clearly describes Razia feeling overwhelmed and frustrated by the noise and constant demands of the children, which leads to her headaches and exasperation. This indicates a strained relationship. Option (a) is incorrect because there is no indication that Razia enjoys their company; rather, she is overwhelmed. Option (b) is incorrect because Razia is not indifferent; she is deeply affected by the children's presence. Option (c) is incorrect because Razia does not take pleasure in managing the children's activities; she finds the situation highly stressful. Hence (d).

23. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The passage clearly describes how the summer holidays bring stress and headaches for Razia due to the constant noise, demands, and the overwhelming presence of many children. Option (a) is incorrect because there is no indication that Razia sees the holidays as an opportunity to bond with the children; instead, she is stressed by their presence. Option (b) is incorrect because the passage does not focus on teaching responsibility, but rather on the challenges Razia faces. Option (d) is incorrect because the holidays are not depicted as a break from routine but as a period of increased stress. Hence (c).

24. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage reads like a narrative found in a novel or short story, focusing on the family dynamics and the stress that the protagonist, Razia, experiences during the summer holidays. Option (a) is incorrect because the passage is not instructional or focused on giving parenting advice; it is more narrative in style. Option (c) is incorrect because, while stress and headaches are mentioned, the passage is not a health article. Option (d) is incorrect because the tone and style do not resemble a personal diary entry; the passage is more descriptive and structured like a fictional narrative. Hence (b).

25. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The "brandishing the knife" in the context of the passage means waving or holding the knife in a threatening or aggressive manner, as described when Martha's mother was found with the knife after the incident with the rabbit. Option (a) is incorrect because it suggests careful handling, which does not fit the context of the passage. Option (c) is incorrect because it implies the knife was being used for cooking, which is not mentioned. Option (d) is incorrect because "brandishing" implies the knife was visible and being shown, not hidden. Hence (b).

26. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. The fact that Martha had to lock her mother in the garage after a dangerous incident suggests that her mother might be dealing with a mental health issue that requires closer supervision and care. Option (b) is incorrect because, while there may be tension, the passage does not suggest that the relationship is based on manipulation. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not indicate that Martha is overly controlling; rather, it suggests she is trying to manage a difficult situation. Option (d) is incorrect because, although the situation is challenging, the passage does not indicate that Martha is completely incapable of handling her mother's care, just that the situation is complex. Hence (a).

27. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. Both statements are true: Martha did lock her mother in the garage after she brandished a knife, and her mother does seem to require supervision. However, statement 2 is not the correct explanation of statement 1, as Martha's action was a response to a specific incident rather than an overall assessment of her mother's abilities. Option (a) is incorrect because, while both statements are true, statement 2 does not explain the immediate action taken in statement 1. Option (c) is incorrect because statement 2 is true in the context of the passage. Option (d) is incorrect because both statements are true. Hence (b).

28. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. The passage describes a tense and potentially dangerous situation involving family members, which is characteristic of a psychological thriller that explores complex family dynamics. Option (b) is incorrect because, although the passage briefly mentions a real estate aspect, the primary focus is not on property features. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not reflect a memoir or childhood experiences. Option (d) is incorrect because the passage is not instructional and does not provide guidance on caring for elderly parents; instead, it presents a narrative scene. Hence (a).

29. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage describes a tense and unsettling situation where Martha has to lock her mother in the garage after she brandished a knife. The tone reflects the anxiety and discomfort surrounding this scenario. Option (a) is incorrect because the situation described is far from lighthearted or humorous. Option (c) is incorrect because there is no indication of optimism or hope in the passage; rather, it focuses on a troubling family dynamic. Option (d) is incorrect because the tone is not

formal or detached; it is more engaged and emotionally charged, reflecting the tension in the scene. Hence (b).

30. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The word "brandishing" emphasizes the danger in the situation, while "padded" conveys a sense of vulnerability as Martha's mother moves around the house. Together, these words contribute to the tense and unsettling atmosphere of the passage. Option (a) is incorrect because these words do not create a sense of calm or routine; rather, they evoke tension. Option (c) is incorrect because the words do not highlight a loving relationship; instead, they underscore the precariousness of the situation. Option (d) is incorrect because "brandishing" suggests danger, not playfulness or harmlessness. Hence (b).

31. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. The word "confined" maintains the meaning that Martha restricted her mother's movement by placing her in the garage. It conveys the sense of keeping her mother in a specific place for safety reasons. Option (a) is incorrect because "locked" implies that Martha secured the door, which slightly changes the emphasis from simply shutting to locking. Option (b) is incorrect because "closed" is less forceful and does not fully capture the action of restricting movement. Option (c) is incorrect because "sealed" implies an airtight or permanent closure, which alters the original intent of the sentence. Hence (d).

32. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The sentence "she was brandishing the knife" contains the participial phrase "brandishing the knife," where "brandishing" is the participle describing what "she" was doing. Option (a) is incorrect because it does not contain a participial phrase. Option (b) is incorrect because "padded across to the house" is a verb phrase, not a participial phrase. Option (d) is incorrect because it does not include a participial phrase; it contains a verb phrase and an infinitive phrase. Hence (c).

33. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. The converted garage, which Martha used to rent out for extra income, was repurposed to accommodate her mother, reflecting the sacrifices she has made in her life to care for her. Option (a) is incorrect because the garage is not primarily used to symbolize Martha's isolation. Option (b) is incorrect because, although her mother is placed there, it is not portrayed as a place of refuge in a positive sense. Option (c) is incorrect because, while financial decisions are mentioned, the passage

focuses more on the personal and emotional sacrifices rather than purely financial ones. Hence (d).

34. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The passage describes a situation where Martha's mother, due to her unpredictable behavior, poses a danger, as shown by the incident with the knife. If Martha doesn't find a better way to manage this behavior, it could lead to her mother accidentally harming herself or others. Option (a) is incorrect because there is no mention of Martha's job being at risk due to the situation. Option (b) is incorrect because the passage does not focus on the relationship between Martha and Molly deteriorating further. Option (d) is incorrect because, while it's a possible outcome, the immediate consequence more directly related to the passage is the risk of harm. Hence (c).

35. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. The passage delves into the strange, surreal experience of Michael acting in costume, emphasizing the dissociation he feels and the dehumanizing aspects of being inside a character that no one pays much attention to. Option (b) is incorrect because while the passage describes the artificial landscape, the focus is more on the actors' experience than on the contrast between natural and artificial elements. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not explicitly criticize the film industry's focus on appearances, though it does touch on the superficiality of the environment. Option (d) is incorrect because the passage doesn't emphasize camaraderie or teamwork; instead, it highlights the isolation and detachment felt by the actors. Hence (a).

36. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. Michael's noticing of the director's wedding ring for the first time hints at a new depth to the director's character—perhaps revealing something about his personal life that Michael had not considered before. Option (b) is incorrect because the ring is not directly associated with the director's commitment to his job or the actors. Option (c) is incorrect because the ring does not serve as a significant distraction from Michael's discomfort in the costume. Option (d) is incorrect because, while it does suggest observance, the primary significance lies in the new layer of understanding about the director's character. Hence (a).

37. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage describes Michael's detachment and dissociation from his costume and character as a coping mechanism. If he doesn't maintain this detachment, there is a risk he could lose his sense of self and become too absorbed in the character, which could be psychologically damaging. Option (a) is incorrect because,

while resentment could build, the passage emphasizes the risk of losing identity rather than increasing resentment. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not suggest that detachment is related to job performance in a way that would cause him to lose his job. Option (d) is incorrect because there is no indication that bonding with fellow actors would disrupt the group dynamic; the passage focuses more on individual detachment. Hence (b).

38. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. The sentence does not imply that Michael was intentionally delaying putting on the headpiece due to discomfort; it simply states that the headpiece was not yet on his head. The other options (a), (b), and (c) correctly infer that Michael was partially dressed, that the headpiece was nearby, and that he was not fully prepared for the scene.

39. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage describes Gio's sexist comments, which make Michael uncomfortable, yet Michael still finds something attractive about Gio, creating a complicated and strained dynamic. Option (a) is incorrect because there is no mention of constant arguments between them. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not indicate a professional rivalry that affects their performances. Option (d) is incorrect because their relationship is not portrayed as a close friendship, but rather as one with tension due to Gio's behavior. Hence (b).

40. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The sentence (i) "The other actors appeared beside Michael, heads tucked against the sides of their chests" contains the participial phrase "heads tucked against the sides of their chests," where "tucked" is the participle describing the position of the actors' heads. Sentence (ii) is also correct because it contains a participial phrase 'waited upside down at his feet' that describes the position of the head with respect to the costume. Sentence (iii) is incorrect because it does not contain a participial phrase, though it includes a descriptive clause. Sentence (iv) is incorrect because "impatient" is an adjective, not part of a participial phrase. Hence (b).

41. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The writer's attitude is tense, as indicated by the detailed description of the alley, the surrounding figures, and Cain's careful consideration of his options, all of which create a suspenseful and dangerous atmosphere. Option (a) is incorrect because there is no indication of pity or sympathy from the writer; the focus is on building tension. Option (b) is incorrect because the tone is not neutral; it is charged

with suspense. Option (d) is incorrect because the writer does not downplay the seriousness of the situation; instead, the scene is portrayed as fraught with danger and uncertainty. Hence (c).

42. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The relationship between Cain and the surrounding figures is clearly menacing, as the figures block his escape and create an atmosphere of threat, leaving Cain uncertain of their intentions. Option (a) is incorrect because there is no indication that the figures are attempting to rob him; their intentions are not explicitly stated but are implied to be more complex. Option (c) is incorrect because there is no negotiation happening; the situation is tense and filled with potential danger. Option (d) is incorrect because the figures are not protecting Cain; instead, they are the source of the threat. Hence (b).

43. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage makes it clear that Cain realizes he is outnumbered by at least five shrouded figures, leading him to conclude that force would not be an effective solution in this situation. Option (a) is incorrect because while he may be unsure if they are armed, the primary reason given is that he is outnumbered. Option (c) is incorrect because although he may be stalling by talking, the hesitation to use force is primarily due to being outnumbered. Option (d) is incorrect because there is no indication in the passage that Cain is expecting backup from allies. Hence (b).

44. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The appearance of multiple shrouded figures in the alley poses a potential threat to Cain's life, which he must carefully assess to determine the best course of action. Option (a) is incorrect because there is no indication that Cain views this situation as an opportunity to gather information; his focus is on the immediate danger. Option (b) is incorrect because Cain decides against using force, recognizing that the situation is not just a physical challenge but a potentially life-threatening one. Option (d) is incorrect because there is no suggestion that Cain sees this as an opportunity to negotiate; he is more concerned with the threat the figures represent. Hence (c).

45. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. It incorrectly infers that Cain feels relieved, whereas the passage suggests that he is cautious and aware of the potential danger, not relieved. Option (a) is incorrect because it accurately reflects Cain's suspicion that the streetlamp was intentionally disrupted. Option (b) is incorrect because it correctly infers that Cain

thinks the figures might want to communicate something important. Option (c) is incorrect because it accurately captures the sense of ambush or threat rather than a friendly encounter. Hence (d).

46. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage describes Cain's cautious behavior in assessing the situation, but it ultimately leads to a confrontation with the figures surrounding him. Option (a) is incorrect because there is no indication that Cain escapes the situation. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not suggest that Cain successfully negotiates with the figures. Option (d) is incorrect because there is no retreat mentioned; the scene builds towards a confrontation. Hence (b).

47. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. It is incorrect with respect to the passage. While Cain did consider his concealed dagger, he ultimately decided against using force due to being outnumbered, so he did not immediately reach for his weapon to fight his way out. Option (a) is incorrect because the streetlamp did go out, which is implied to be a deliberate act. Option (b) is incorrect because Cain was indeed surrounded by multiple figures, making escape difficult. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage describes the woman as likely carrying hidden weapons despite appearing unarmed. Hence (d).

48. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. The sequence of events as described in the passage is: Cain notices the streetlamp go out, then he feels the cold gust of wind, hears muffled footsteps, and finally, the figures surround him. Option (b) is incorrect because the order of the streetlamp going out and the cold gust of wind is reversed. Option (c) is incorrect because it incorrectly places the muffled footsteps before the cold gust of wind. Option (d) is incorrect because it incorrectly places the cold gust of wind before the streetlamp going out. Hence (a).

49. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The writer describes the surroundings in detail to emphasize Cain's heightened awareness of his environment, which is crucial in a potentially dangerous situation. The detailed description helps convey Cain's cautious and observant nature as he navigates the tense situation. Option (a) is incorrect because while the capital may be dangerous, the primary focus is on Cain's awareness rather than the general danger of the area. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage is not intended to create confusion or disorientation for the reader; rather, it provides clarity about the tension Cain feels. Option (d) is incorrect because the passage does not focus

on illustrating the beauty of the alleyways; instead, it highlights the ominous atmosphere. Hence (b).

50. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The use of the word "melted" emphasizes the gradual and eerie transition from light to darkness, creating a haunting atmosphere in the alley. Option (a) is incorrect because there is no sense of relief in the passage; the tone remains tense and foreboding. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not suggest that the shadows were an illusion; they are described as "ghost-like," contributing to the eerie mood. Option (d) is incorrect because "melted" implies a slow, almost seamless transition, rather than a sudden or rapid overtaking of the alley by darkness. Hence (b).

CURRENT AFFAIRS WITH GK

51. Ans. a

Exp. Recently, on World Environment Day, the Nagi and Nakti Bird Sanctuaries in Bihar have been recognised as wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. This brings the total number of such wetlands in India to 82. Both the bird sanctuaries are built on human-made wetlands primarily developed for irrigation through the construction of the Nakti Dam. Both sanctuaries were designated as Bird Sanctuaries in 1984 due to their importance as wintering habitats for migratory species. The catchment area features dry deciduous forests surrounded by hills.

(b) Uttar Pradesh has several wetlands, including: Haiderpur Wetland This artificial wetland is located in the Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary near the Bijnor Ganga Barrage. Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary- This wetland is located in the Sant Kabir Nagar district, west of the Rapti river. It's the largest natural floodplain wetland in eastern Uttar Pradesh and covers 2,894 hectares.

(c) The East Kolkata Wetlands (officially known as East Calcutta Wetlands) are a complex of natural and human-made wetlands lying east of the city of Calcutta (Kolkata), of West Bengal in India.

(d) The total number of wetlands identified in Jharkhand was 2436 covering an area of 1568.27 sq. Udhwa Bird Sanctuary, located in the Sahebganj district in Jharkhand, is the state's only bird sanctuary. For a place that's popularly known for illegal mining, a nature pocket like Udhwa Bird Sanctuary is a much-needed change. At present, Udhwa Bird Sanctuary is hoping to get the prestigious Ramsar Site status.

52. Ans. c

Exp. The UNCED, also known as the 'Earth Summit', was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 3-14 June 1992. This global conference was held on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the first Human Environment Conference in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1972. The results of the Conference were the following documents: The Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), The Convention on Biological Diversity, The Statement on Forest Principles, The Rio Declaration and Agenda 21. There was no term like Agenda 2030 that time.

53. Ans. c

Exp. The Reserve Bank of India, abbreviated as RBI, is India's central bank and regulatory body responsible for regulation of the Indian banking system. It is responsible for the control, issue and maintaining supply of the Indian rupee. The RBI was established in 1934, under the Reserve Bank of India Act. The bank was set up based on the recommendations of the 1926 Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance, also known as the Hilton Young Commission. Though privately owned initially, it was nationalized in 1949 and since then fully owned by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India. (a) Simon Commission, group appointed in November 1927 by the British Conservative government under Stanley Baldwin to report on the working of the Indian constitution established by the Government of India Act of 1919. (b) The Mandal Commission or the second Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Commission, was established in India in 1979 with a mandate to "identify the socially or educationally backward classes" of India. (d) The Sachar Committee was a seven-member high-level committee established in March 2005 by former Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The committee was headed by former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court Rajinder Sachar to study the social, economic and educational condition of Muslims in India.

54. Ans. c

Exp. The original Constitution of India only contained fundamental rights, and not fundamental duties. The fundamental duties were added to the Constitution in 1976 through the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, based on the recommendations of the Swaran Singh Committee. Therefore, following are not part of Original constitution: - To uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India" is a fundamental duty of every citizen of India. It is mentioned in Article 51-A of the Constitution. Article 51-A (g), says that "It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers, and wildlife and to have compassion for living creatures. the 42nd Amendment of the Indian Constitution added four new Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSPs): - Article 39: To ensure that children have opportunities for healthy development, Article 39 A: To promote equal justice and

provide free legal aid to the poor, Article 43 A: To ensure that workers are involved in the management of industries, Article 48 A: To protect and improve the environment and safeguard forests and wildlife. To separate the Judiciary from the executive in the public services of the state is from starting of constitution means it was part of original constitution.

55. Ans. c

Exp. The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which commits its parties to internationally binding emission reduction targets. Adopted in 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, the protocol came into force in 2005. It acknowledges that developed countries bear the primary responsibility for the current high levels of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, due to over 150 years of industrial activity. The detailed rules for implementing the protocol, known as the Marrakesh Accords, were adopted at the 7th Conference of the Parties (COP-7) in Marrakesh in 2001. During Phase 1 of the Kyoto Protocol (2005-2012), countries committed to reducing GHG emissions by 5% compared to 1990 levels. In the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol, known as the Doha Amendment, industrialized countries aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 18% compared to 1990 levels. This phase spanned from 2013 to 2020.

56. Ans. b

Exp. Statements (a) (c) and (d) are correct. World Bank was created in 1944, as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) along with the IMF. The World Bank Group is a unique global partnership of five institutions working for sustainable solutions that reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries. The World Bank is one of the United Nations' specialized agencies. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) is located United States. The IBRD is part of the World Bank Group, which is the world's largest source of financial assistance to developing countries. IMF is also headquartered at Washington. The United States is the largest single shareholder, with 16.41% of the votes, followed by Japan (7.87%), Germany (4.49%), the United Kingdom (4.31%), and France (4.31%). The rest of the shares are divided among the other member countries.

Statement b is incorrect. World Bank was created in 1944, as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) along with the IMF. The IBRD later became the World Bank. Its Five Development Institutions: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Development Association (IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Multilateral Guarantee Agency (MIGA), International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). The World Bank Group is a unique

global partnership of five institutions working for sustainable solutions that reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries.

57. Ans. d

Exp. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Central Government jointly decide on changes to the design and form of banknotes and coins. Any modifications to the design of currency notes must be approved by both the RBI's Central Board and the central government. However, changes in coin design are solely the prerogative of the central government. The RBI's role in relation to coins is limited to their distribution, which is managed based on the quantities supplied by the central government. The government determines the amount of coins to be minted based on annual indents received from the RBI. Coins are minted in four government-owned mints located in Mumbai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Noida.

58. Ans. c

Exp. In a historic visit to Ukraine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged extensive humanitarian support and handed over four BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri) Cubes to the Ukrainian government. This marks the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Ukraine since its independence in 1991, emphasizing India's stance for peace amidst the ongoing conflict with Russia. The BHISHM Cubes, part of India's Project Aarogya Maitri, are innovative, compact units designed for rapid deployment in conflict zones and disaster-affected areas. Each cube, weighing up to 20 kg, is packed with essential medicines, medical equipment, and supplies. The cubes are organized to address various medical emergencies and are easily transportable via air, sea, land, or drones. The BHISHM Cubes consist of smaller units called mini cubes, which are assembled into larger mother cubes. The first mother cube is equipped for initial medical response, including injury care and provisions for a team of five for 48 hours. The second mother cube contains surgical instruments, enabling the setup of a basic operating room capable of performing 10-15 surgeries daily.

59. Ans. b

Exp. The United States has designated Kenya as a major non-NATO ally for arms. United States President Joe Biden pledged to designate Kenya as a major non-NATO ally which will make Kenya the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to hold the designation. This was during Kenyan President William Ruto's three-day visit to the US. A major non-NATO ally (MNNA) refers to a country that is not part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), yet has a deep strategic and security partnership with the US. It is a designation that denotes a high level of trust, but falls short of involving commitments

that full-fledged treaty allies agree to. In particular, this status would not bind the US and Kenya to mutual defence of each other, if either one of them were under attack.

60. Ans. c

Sol. Statement I is correct. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, commonly known as the Quad, is a strategic alliance involving four nations: the United States, Japan, India, and Australia. Its primary objective is to enhance regional security and foster economic cooperation within the Indo-Pacific region. These countries share a mutual commitment to ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific, advocating for democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, while countering China's growing influence in the area. Over time, the Quad has conducted numerous high-level meetings, both at the ministerial and leadership levels, to address critical issues such as maritime security, infrastructure development, and strengthening supply chain resilience.

Statement II is correct. The IPMDA (Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness) Initiative was launched during the Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo in 2022. Its focus is on enhancing maritime security by integrating the Pacific Islands, Southeast Asia, and the Indian Ocean region (IOR) within the broader Indo-Pacific framework. A key objective of the initiative is to track dark shipping vessels—those that switch off their Automatic Identification System (AIS) to avoid detection—thereby improving the ability to monitor illicit maritime activities. The IPMDA represents a vital step in strengthening security and stability across the Indo-Pacific, a region that holds immense geopolitical significance. For India, this initiative aligns with its strategic interest in maintaining maritime security. With its navy currently operating over 140 ships and submarines, India is set to bolster its maritime capabilities, aiming for a fleet of 170 to 180 vessels by 2028.

61. Ans. c

Exp. World Wildlife Day, observed on March 3rd each year, is a global initiative established by the United Nations to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation and promote sustainable practices to protect biodiversity.

(a) February 28th is celebrated as National Science Day in India to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on February 28, 1928. (b) Every March 1st, we celebrate the World Civil Defence Day to raise public awareness about the importance of civil defence. This day recognises the efforts, sacrifices, and successes of all disaster relief services. (d) National Maritime Day is celebrated every year on April 5 to honour the individuals for their lifetime distinguished and exceptional achievements in the Indian maritime sector.

62. Ans. a

Exp. The United Nations Security Council, established under the UN Charter in 1945, constitutes one of the UN's six principal organs. It comprises 15 members (5 permanent (P5) and 10 non-permanent members). Out of the 10 non-permanent members, five are elected each year by the General Assembly for a two-year term. The permanent members are the United States, the Russian Federation, France, China, and the United Kingdom.

63. Ans. b

Exp. The Gevra opencast mine in Korba, Chhattisgarh is the largest coal mine in India. It's one of the world's largest coal mines, along with the Kusbunda mine, and together they produce about 10% of India's coal. Production- In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the Gevra mine produced 59 million tons of coal. The mine has a strike length of around 10 kilometers and a breadth of 4 kilometers. (a) Khetri: A famous copper mine in Rajasthan that is owned by Hindustan Copper Limited. (c) Majhgawan mine located in Madhya Pradesh produces diamonds. These are located in the Panna district of Madhya Pradesh. Majhgawan mine is the only Diamond mine in Asia. NDMC Panna is the only diamond mine in the country with more than 74 hectares of mechanised mining.

64. Ans. c

Exp. China became the first country to successfully bring rock and soil samples from the far side of the moon as its Chang'e 6 probe returned on Earth. The samples "are expected to answer one of the most fundamental scientific questions in lunar science research: what geologic activity is responsible for the differences between the two sides. The near side of the moon is visible from the Earth and the far side faces outer space. The far side of the moon is known to have mountains and impact craters, contrasting with the relatively flat expanses visible on the near side. In recent years, with the launch of missions by India, Japan etc., moon exploration has taken centre stage. Earlier, countries like US and Russia (erstwhile Soviet Union) collected samples from the moon's near side. Amid growing rivalry with the US in various sectors of the world, China is also flexing its might in space technology. China has launched its own space station in orbit and regularly sends crews there.

65. Ans. c

Exp. TRISHNA mission is a joint infrared earth observation satellite mission between India and France. TRISHNA refers to Thermal Infra-Red Imaging Satellite for High-Resolution Natural Resource Assessment. Objectives: The Primary Goal of TRISHNA mission is to monitor surface temperature and water management globally. It will address extreme heat issues in India and Europe. Launch Details Tentative Launch: 2025 Mission Lifespan: 5 years

66. Ans. a

Exp. Vitamin is a micronutrient that is not prepared by the body in sufficient amounts. This is the reason why it is necessary to take in from outside sources for the normal functioning of the body. Inadequate intake of vitamins results in vitamin deficiency diseases. Vitamin A deficiency causes xerophthalmia (A-2), Vitamin B1 deficiency leads to beriberi (B-4), Vitamin C deficiency results in scurvy (C-1), Vitamin K deficiency, particularly in infants, can cause excessive bleeding due to blood clotting.

67. Ans. b

Exp. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) It is the UN's leading institution dealing with trade and development. It is a permanent intergovernmental body established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1964. Its objective is to assist developing countries, especially the least developed countries, and countries with economies in transition, to integrate beneficially into the global economy. Headquarter: Geneva, Switzerland.

(a) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is a special program of the United Nations (UN) devoted to aiding national efforts to improve the health, nutrition, education, and general welfare of children. Headquarters: New York City. It works in over 190 countries and territories with 7 regional offices.

(c) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN). It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture. UNESCO's Headquarters are located in Paris and the Organization has more than 50 field offices around the world.

(d) The United Nations University is the think tank and academic arm of the United Nations. Headquartered in Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan, with diplomatic status as a UN institution, its mission is to help resolve global issues related to human development and welfare through collaborative research and education.

68. Ans. b

Exp. The Military Demarcation Line (MDL), sometimes referred to as the Armistice Line. The 38th parallel is used to demarcate the central part of the Demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. (a) The 31st northern latitude marks the border between Iraq and Iran. It also demarcates the border between the US states of Louisiana and Mississippi. (c) 49th Parallel- USA and Canada. It is located 49 degrees north of the equator. Demarcated after the Anglo-American Convention of 1818 and the Oregon Treaty of 1846, it forms the international border between the northern USA (Excluding Alaska) and Canada. (d) The Oder-Neisse Line is the unofficial term for the border

between Germany and Poland. The line is drawn along the Oder and Lusatian Neisse rivers, and it meets the Baltic Sea in the north.

69. Ans. b

Exp. The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) owns the laws of cricket, which are codified in The Laws of Cricket. The MCC is a private club based in London, England. The MCC is responsible for maintaining the laws. The MCC is the custodian of the laws, which are debated, decided upon, and drafted by the MCC. The MCC amends the laws through a process that includes a sub-committee, a drafting group, and the MCC Cricket Committee and World Cricket Committee. (a) The International Cricket Council (ICC) is the global governing body of cricket. It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England, and South Africa. It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965 and adopted its current name in 1987. The ICC has its headquarters in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. (c) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is the governing body for all cricket-related activities in India.

Headquartered at the Cricket Centre near Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, it is the richest cricket governing body in the world, forming a part of the “Big Three” of international cricket – Cricket Australia and the England and Wales Cricket Board. (d) The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for cricket in England and Wales. The ECB is responsible for all aspects of cricket in England and Wales, from grassroots to elite level. The ECB is taking action to make cricket more inclusive, including adding victimization as an offense in its Anti-Discrimination Code.

70. Ans. b

Exp. A school in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala has unveiled a groundbreaking innovation in education with the introduction of India's first Generative Artificial Intelligence(AI) teacher robot named 'Iris'. Developed in collaboration with Makerlabs Edutech, Iris aims to transform traditional teaching methods through personalised learning experiences for students. (c) Scientists recently detected water molecules on the surface of two asteroids for the first time ever, using the data from NASA's now-retired SOFIA airborne observatory. SOFIA was a telescope mounted on a Boeing 747 SP aircraft that studied infrared light, essentially heat, emitted by objects in the universe. SOFIA is operated jointly by NASA and the German space agency. It is the world's largest airborne astronomical observatory, complementing NASA's space telescopes as well as major Earth-based telescopes. (d) Zeta, a global provider of cutting-edge banking technology, has unveiled its Digital Credit as a Service offering at Democratizing Credit 2024. Leveraging NPCI's Credit Line on UPI scheme, Zeta aims to tap into the burgeoning credit market in India, projecting transaction volumes to surpass \$1 trillion by 2030.

71. Ans. b

Exp. Indian Biological Data Centre is the first national repository for life science data in India, where the data will not only be submitted from across India but can be accessed by researchers from across India. government has set up 'Indian Biological Data Bank' at the Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Faridabad. Indian Biological Data Bank is better known as 'Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC)'. The digitised data will be stored on a four-petabyte supercomputer called 'Brahm. (a) Mission Shakti' is a scheme of Ministry of Women and Child Development aimed at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. (c) Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched the first indigenous server, Rudra, developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM). The server design can be used for manufacturing classical standalone commercial servers and also as building blocks for building large supercomputing systems of tens of petaflops of computing performance.

72. Ans. c

Exp. India's first Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman in 1930 for his discovery of the Raman Effect, a phenomenon related to the scattering of light. The Raman Effect is the inelastic scattering of a photon, which occurs when light passes through a material and the wavelength of the scattered light changes. This happens because the light causes an energy state transition in the material's molecules In 1954, the Government of India awarded Raman the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. The Government of India also celebrates February 28 as National Science Day to commemorate Raman's discovery.

73. Ans. c

Exp. Post-Independence, the first three gallantry awards namely Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, and Vir Chakra were instituted by the government of India on 26th January 1950 and were deemed to have effect from 15th August 1947. Thereafter, three other gallantry awards — the Ashoka Chakra Class-I, the Ashoka Chakra Class-II, and the Ashoka Chakra Class-III — were instituted in 1952 and were deemed to have effect from 15th August 1947. These awards were renamed Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra, and Shaurya Chakra respectively in January 1967. Order of precedence of these awards is the Param Vir Chakra, the Ashoka Chakra, the Mahavir Chakra, the Kirti Chakra, the Vir Chakra, and the Shaurya Chakra.

74. Ans. d

Exp. Major Dhyan Chand Sport Jewel Award) or formerly known as the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, is the highest sporting honour of India. It is awarded annually by the

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The award is given to recognize outstanding performances in sports over a four-year period, at the international level.

75. Ans. c

Exp. The longest mountain range in the world is the Andes. Located in South America, the mountain range spreads across seven countries — Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina. Spreading across the West coast of South America with a length of 4,300 miles,

(a) Himalayas- The Himalayas, or Himalaya is a mountain range in Asia, separating the plains of the Indian subcontinent from the Tibetan Plateau. The range has some of the Earth's highest peaks, including the highest, Mount Everest. More than 100 peaks exceeding elevations of 7,200 m above sea level lie in the Himalayas

(b) Rockies- These mountains are massive mountain ranges that stretch from Canada to central New Mexico. The Rocky Mountains cast a fairly substantial rain shadow - a dry area on the leeward side of the mountain range, where wind does not hit, which forms because the mountains block rain-producing weather systems and create a metaphorical shadow of dryness.

(d) Alps- The Alps are the highest and most extensive mountain range system that lie in south-central Europe. The mountain range stretches approximately 750 miles (1,200 kilometers) in a crescent shape across eight Alpine countries: France, Switzerland, Monaco, Italy, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, and Slovenia.

76. Ans. c

Exp. As of August 28, 2024, B. Srinivasan is the Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG). Srinivasan is a senior IPS officer whose experience and strategic insight will help the NSG in its mission to counter terrorism and ensure national security.

(a) Rakesh Asthana is an Indian police officer, known for investigating various cases, including embezzlement, bribery, and bombings. He joined the Indian Police Service in 1984 and was part of the Gujarat cadre. He served as the Special Director at the Central Bureau of Investigation.

(b) Anil Dhasmana is former Chief of National Technical Research Organisation. He was also the Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing, India's foreign intelligence service. He was appointed as the Chief of R&AW as the post fell vacant on 31 January 2017 following the retirement of the incumbent.

(d) Samant Kumar Goel is a retired Indian civil servant, intelligence officer, who served as the Secretary of Research and Analysis Wing.

77. Ans. b

Exp. Aman Sehrawat won the bronze in the men's freestyle 57kg event at the Paris 2024 Olympics wrestling tournament to become India's youngest medal winner at the Summer Games. At the age of 21 years and 24 days, Aman Sehrawat bettered PV Sindhu's record of 21 years, one month and 14 days when she bagged the silver medal at the Rio 2016 Olympics. On his Olympic debut, Aman Sehrawat, an Asian champion, got the better of Puerto Rico's Darian Cruz, a Pan American Games bronze medallist, with a convincing 13-5 scoreline.

78. Ans. c

Exp. Bhand Pather is a traditional folk theater form of Jammu and Kashmir, India that combines dance, drama, and acting. The word "bhand" comes from the word "bhavana", which is a satirical and realistic drama that is usually a monologue. "Pather" is the word for the plays performed by the bhandas, which may come from the word "patra", a dramatic character. Bhand Pather performances are usually held in open spaces and don't have written scripts. (a) Nati is a traditional folk dance practiced in the Western and Central Hills of the Indian subcontinent. It is primarily native to the state of Himachal Pradesh. Nati is the most famous dance of Himachal Pradesh. (b) Giddha is a popular folk dance of women in the Punjab region of India and Pakistan. (d) The Pandava Nritya, Namesake dance, Choliya dance, Jhora, Mukhota are famous dances of Uttarakhand.

79. Ans. b

Exp. South Button Island National Park, nestled in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, holds the title of India's smallest national park. Among the 108 national parks in the country, this marine sanctuary spans a mere 5 square kilometers. (a) Fossil National Park is a regional park in Madhya Pradesh that showcases a rich collection of plant fossils. It is also known as Dindori Plant Fossils National Park or Ghughua Fossil Park. (c) Middle Button Island National Park is an Indian national park located in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The park was created in 1979 and is situated about 200 km northeast of Port Blair, capital of the island group. (d) Hemis National Park is a high-elevation national park in Hemis in Leh district of Ladakh, India. It is approx. 50 km from Leh, the capital of Ladakh. Globally famous for its snow leopards, it is believed to have the highest density of them in any protected area in the world.

80. Ans. a

Exp. Agriculture-related subsidies that fit in WTO's green box are policies that are not restricted by the trade agreement because they are not considered trade distorting. To qualify for the green box, WTO says a subsidy must not distort trade, or at most cause

minimal distortion. (b) Agriculture's amber box, according to the WTO, is used for all domestic support measures considered to distort production and trade. As a result, the trade agreement calls for 30 WTO members, including the United States, to commit to reducing their trade-distorting domestic supports that fall into the amber box.

(c) Included in the blue box are any support payments that are not subject to the amber box reduction agreement because they are direct payments under a production limiting program. To be blue box policies, Hudson says, direct payments must be made on fixed areas and yields, or payments must be made on 85 percent or less of the base level of production. Livestock payments must be on a fixed number of head. (d) There is no red box.

LOGICAL REASONING

81. Ans. a

Sol. 22 Vidhan ↑ Vidushi 7 Vidya 12 = 45

82. Ans. a

Sol. 11 Vihaan 5 Vidyut 5 Vidhan 26. According to Question Vihaan position is 12th from the left

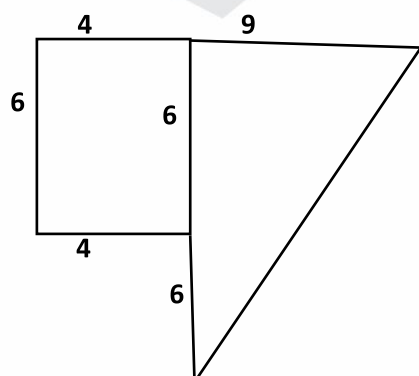
83. Ans. b

Sol.



84. Ans. a

Sol. According to Pythagoras theorem perpendicular = 12 and base = 9 so the hypotenuse is 15 so the answer is 15 km (North-East), because we calculate the direction from the starting point.



85. Ans. d

Sol. So we have calculate 1st April 2001 that is Sunday, so the first Thursday come on 5th April and then we add 7 to calculate all the Thursday, So the answer is 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.

86. Ans. c

Sol. $\frac{2006}{4}$ So we get the remainder 2 so we add 11 in 2006, that is 2017, so the answer is 2017.

87. Ans. C

Sol. $18-9=9=I$ But the opposite of I is R so the answer is R.

88. Ans. C

Sol. In first letters the sequence is +3, +4, +5 so $S+6=Y$ and for Second letters the sequence is -3, -3, -3 so the Second letter is $O-3=L$ so the answer is YL.

89. Ans. a

Sol. F - ENGINEER

D - MANAGER

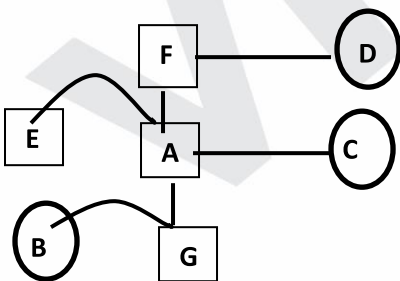
A - TEACHER

C - LAWYER

E - LAWYER

G - MANAGER

B - DOCTOR

**90. Ans. d**

Sol. F,A,E are male members but B is a female member so answer is B.

91. Ans. b

Sol. Following the clues, we get the arrangement: Q, T, U, S, P, R. The extreme left is Q.

92. Ans. a

Sol. Pattern is +7,-6,+5,-4,+3 so the answer is ZNTHH .

93. Ans. b

The pattern is $-3 \times 3, -4 \times 4, -5 \times 5$ so the answer is $5115 - 6 = 5109 \times 6 = 30,654$

94. Ans. d

Sol. abb/abb/abb/abb

95. Ans. a

Sol. According to the Question Vihaan's position is 22 from the left.

96. Ans. b

Sol. 14 Vidhan Vidyut 6
 $14 \text{ Vidyut } 7 \text{ Vidhan } 6 = 29$

97. Ans. a

Sol. in the first column multiply it by 2, and in the second column multiply it by 3 than add both the values like $9 \times 2 + 17 \times 3 = 69$ so let the value be x so $2x + 13 \times 3 = 49$ so $2x = 10$, $x = 5$.

98. Ans. c

Sol. We know that all A are B, but only some B are C and No C are D This doesn't provide any information about the relationship between A and D directly. Therefore, both conclusions I and II are possibilities but neither can be confirmed with certainty based on the given premises.

99. Ans. d

Sol. 30 Minutes cover by straight line. At 7:00 clock there are 35 Minutes spaces apart
 \therefore Minute hand will have to gain only 5 minute spaces. 55 Minute spaces are gain In 60 Minute, so 5 minute spaces are gain in $= \frac{60}{55} \times 5 = 5 \frac{5}{11}$

Required time = $5 \frac{5}{11} \text{ min. past } 7$

100. Ans. a

Sol. MPON

101. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The passage clearly suggests that the shift from brick-and-mortar stores to e-commerce is driven by the convenience of shopping from home. This assumption underpins the entire argument that the ease of comparing and purchasing products online is influencing consumer behavior, leading to the growth of online sales. The passage discusses the rapid adjustments by retail giants to enhance online operations, further supporting the assumption that convenience is a key factor. Option (a) is incorrect because, although it might be true, the passage does not specifically mention a wider variety of products as a reason for the shift to online shopping. Option (b) is incorrect because the passage states that products can often be purchased online at lower prices, but it does not claim that e-commerce always offers the best prices. Option (d) is incorrect because the passage does not predict the extinction of physical stores; rather, it highlights the challenges they face and the need for adaptation. Hence (c).

102. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The passage explicitly links global efforts to reduce carbon emissions with the goal to curb climate change. The passage describes the international commitments to carbon cuts as a response to the threat of climate change, indicating that the primary motivation for these efforts is to halt the progression of global warming. This assumption is foundational to understanding why such rigorous and often costly measures are being undertaken globally. Option (a) is incorrect because the passage does not discuss the technological capacities of countries to reduce emissions, so it cannot be assumed based on the provided text. Option (b) is incorrect because, although reducing carbon emissions is linked to controlling temperature rise, the passage does not claim a direct cause-effect relationship between these specific actions and global temperature changes. Option (d) is incorrect because the passage does not address economic factors at all, focusing solely on the environmental motivations and implications of carbon reduction efforts. Hence (c).

103. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage specifically focuses on how online learning platforms cater to students seeking flexibility in their educational pursuits. It highlights the trend of students who need to manage multiple commitments and prefer to control their learning schedule, indicating that the primary appeal of these platforms lies in their ability to offer flexible learning options. This assumption is foundational to the passage's argument about the rise in popularity of online education in India. Options (a), (c), and (d) do not directly relate to the core argument of the passage: option (a) introduces the aspect of cost-effectiveness, which the passage does not address; option

(c) overgeneralizes the preference for online learning, which the passage does not claim applies to all students; and option (d) suggests a quality comparison that the passage does not make. Hence (b).

104. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The passage directly ties the government's promotion of electric vehicles to its broader strategy to combat urban pollution, indicating that reducing pollution is a fundamental motivation behind the policy. The passage outlines specific measures like subsidies and tax benefits, suggesting these are means to support the adoption of EVs, which in turn relates back to the goal of reducing pollution. This directly supports the assumption that the push for electric vehicles is intended to address environmental concerns specifically regarding urban pollution. Option (a) is incorrect because, while it may be true, the passage does not provide sufficient information to confirm that EVs are less polluting as an inherent quality—rather, it focuses on the policy intent. Option (b) introduces the effectiveness of financial incentives which, although plausible, is not explicitly validated by the passage as the reason for the policy's success. Option (d) is incorrect because it extends beyond the passage's scope, which does not claim that the development of new technologies solely depends on government policy but suggests it could be spurred by such. Hence (c).

105. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The passage explicitly connects the adoption of remote work policies by companies to their goals of enhancing productivity and improving employee satisfaction. It discusses how remote working arrangements allow for better time management and reduced stress among employees, which are directly linked to the reasons companies are choosing this model. It can be derived that increasing productivity and employee satisfaction are the primary motivators for the shift toward remote work in India. Option (a) is incorrect because, while the passage mentions technological advancements, it does not state that this technology is affordable or widely available, only that it supports remote collaboration. Option (b) is incorrect as it details a benefit of remote work but does not encompass the broader scope of why companies are making this shift, which includes but is not limited to flexible schedules. Option (d) is incorrect because it generalizes the adoption of remote work to all companies, which the passage does not claim. Hence (c).

106. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage directly ties India's investment in renewable energy to its goal of achieving energy independence. It highlights the government's strategy to reduce dependency on imported fossil fuels by boosting the renewable sector,

indicating that the primary motivation is national energy security. This alignment with the aim of energy self-sufficiency underscores the assumption that securing a stable and independent energy supply is the driving force behind the growth in the renewable energy sector. Option (a) is incorrect as the passage does not claim renewable energy is more cost-effective than traditional sources, only that it is part of a strategic push for independence. Option (c) is incorrect because profitability is not discussed; the focus is on strategic investment for security, not necessarily profit. Option (d) is incorrect as the passage implies that India's energy demands are escalating, not decreasing, reinforcing the need for sustainable energy investments. Hence (b).

107. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The passage clearly states that the recent reforms in Indian agriculture are designed to boost farmers' incomes by providing them better access to markets and increasing profitability. This direct link between the reforms and the intended increase in farmers' incomes underlines that enhancing farmers' economic status is a key goal of these policy changes. The passage discusses the introduction of market-driven mechanisms and technology to empower farmers, suggesting that these are means to achieve the primary objective of increasing their incomes. Option (a) is incorrect because the passage does not claim that all farmers will benefit equally, which would require an assumption about the uniform impact across diverse agricultural contexts. Option (b), while plausible as a general statement, is not explicitly stated as the primary assumption; rather, it is a supporting element to achieve the main goal of income enhancement. Option (d) is incorrect because the passage does not evaluate the effectiveness of traditional farming methods per se; it focuses on the benefits of new reforms rather than critiquing old methods. Hence (c).

108. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. The passage directly states that the government's promotion of digital payment systems is aimed at increasing financial inclusion. It highlights how these digital platforms are intended to help integrate the underbanked segments of society into the formal financial system, illustrating that enhancing financial inclusion is a primary motivation behind these initiatives. The passage describes the benefits of digital payment solutions in making transactions easier, faster, and more secure, which supports the broader goal of economic equality and access to banking services for all, particularly targeting geographic disparities. Option (a) is incorrect because, although the passage mentions increased security, it does not assert that digital platforms are inherently more secure than traditional methods. Option (b), while it may be a factual context implied by the initiatives, is not stated as the primary assumption behind the introduction of digital payments. Option (d) is incorrect because the passage does not

claim that all Indian citizens currently have internet access or the ability to use digital payments, rather it implies an effort toward this goal. Hence (c).

109. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. The passage directly links the growing popularity of regional cinema with its authentic portrayal of local cultures and traditions. It states that audiences favor regional films due to their realistic representations, which are seen as more relatable compared to the glamorized narratives of mainstream Bollywood cinema. This trend is further aiding the growth of local film industries by attracting investments and talented filmmakers interested in regional themes. This directly supports the assumption that authenticity in depicting local life is a primary reason for the surge in regional cinema's popularity. Option (a) is incorrect as the passage does not suggest that Bollywood films are unpopular overall, only that regional films are gaining relative popularity. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not claim that all regional films succeed commercially; it highlights a general trend rather than universal success. Option (d) is incorrect as there is no comparison of skills between regional and Bollywood filmmakers made in the passage; it focuses on the thematic appeal and authenticity of the films rather than filmmaking skills. Hence (b).

110. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. The passage directly connects the migration of rural populations to urban areas with the search for better economic opportunities, such as higher wages and more stable employment. It highlights that these economic incentives are a key driver behind the decision of rural inhabitants to relocate to cities, suggesting that this is the primary motivation for the increasing urbanization seen in India. Option (a) is incorrect because, although it might be implied that rural areas have fewer opportunities, the passage does not explicitly state this as a fact; rather, it focuses on the attractions of the city. Option (b) is incorrect because the passage does not discuss social services or compare them between rural and urban areas. Option (c) is incorrect because the passage does not claim that migration is the sole factor driving urbanization; it simply points out it as a significant factor. Hence (d).

111. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. It directly undermines the core assertion made by proponents of the plastic bans—that these bans lead to a noticeable decrease in plastic waste in urban areas. If many cities with such bans in place report no significant reduction in plastic waste, it directly contradicts the effectiveness of the bans, challenging the claim that they are crucial for environmental sustainability. This fact would suggest that the bans might not be as effective as argued, either due to issues in implementation,

enforcement, or alternative factors not addressed by simply banning single-use plastics. Option (b) discusses the economic and practical aspects of alternatives to plastics, which, while challenging, does not directly weaken the argument about the effectiveness of the bans themselves. Option (c) shows public support, which strengthens rather than weakens the argument. Option (d) also supports the argument by showing effective enforcement. Therefore, option (a) most effectively weakens the argument by providing evidence that the intended outcomes of the bans—reduction in plastic waste—are not being realized, hence undermining the effectiveness of these environmental policies. Hence (a).

112. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. It directly counters the primary claim made by proponents of metro rail expansion—that such expansions will alleviate traffic congestion. If cities that have previously expanded their metro systems actually experienced an increase in traffic congestion, this fact would significantly undermine the argument that metro expansions will effectively reduce vehicular load on roads. It suggests that the expected benefits may not materialize or that other factors, such as increased urbanization or inadequate planning, might negate the positive impacts of metro expansions on traffic conditions. This directly weakens the argument that metro expansions are a viable solution to traffic congestion. Option (b) discusses cost efficiency but does not address the effectiveness of traffic reduction, thus it does not weaken the argument about traffic congestion. Option (c) shows public support, which strengthens rather than weakens the argument. Option (d) also supports the argument by highlighting environmental benefits, not addressing traffic congestion directly. Therefore, option (a) most effectively weakens the argument by providing evidence contrary to the proponents' claims, thereby questioning the validity of expanding metro systems as an effective strategy for reducing traffic congestion in Indian cities. Hence (a).

113. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. It presents a direct contradiction to the study's conclusion by providing evidence from similar studies in comparable climates where increased greenery did not lead to significant changes in air pollution levels. This fact challenges the purported effectiveness of urban green spaces as natural air filters, as claimed by the study highlighted in the passage. If true, it suggests that other factors might be at play in the observed correlation between green space expansion and improved air quality indices, or that the impact of green spaces on air quality may not be as substantial or direct as suggested. Option (a) is incorrect because while it supports the notion of additional benefits from green spaces, it does not directly address their impact on air pollution. Option (b) supports the study's conclusions rather than undermines them,

making it incorrect for this question. Option (d) discusses the economic aspect of green spaces, which, although positive, does not challenge the effectiveness of green spaces in reducing air pollution. Therefore, option (c) most effectively undermines the study's conclusion by suggesting that the expected outcomes (reduction in pollution levels) might not actually be attributable to the intervention (expansion of green spaces) discussed in the passage. Hence (c).

114. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. It provides direct evidence that contradicts the claim made about telecommuting's impact on productivity. If data shows that telecommuting employees work fewer total hours resulting in lower overall productivity, this fact directly challenges the assumption that telecommuting enhances productivity. It suggests that despite the perceived benefits of flexibility and reduced stress, the actual amount of work being completed may be less, which undermines the fundamental argument that telecommuting boosts productivity in Indian businesses. Option (a) is incorrect as it supports the idea that telecommuting is beneficial, reflected by higher retention rates, and does not address productivity directly. Option (b) is also incorrect for this context because employee preference for telecommuting does not necessarily equate to higher productivity—it simply indicates a liking for the arrangement. Option (d) mentions reduced operational costs, which, while beneficial, do not directly speak to productivity levels among employees. Therefore, option (c) most effectively undermines the study's conclusion by presenting a scenario where the expected increase in productivity due to telecommuting does not materialize, instead revealing a reduction in the amount of work completed, directly contradicting the productivity claims. Hence (c).

115. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. It directly supports the claim that UBI could contribute positively to society by showing that recipients are more likely to invest in education and health. These investments can improve long-term economic stability and individual productivity, reinforcing the argument that UBI not only supports basic living standards but also empowers individuals to improve their socio-economic conditions, thus reducing poverty and promoting economic growth. This fact aligns with the proponents' view that UBI can be a transformative tool for societal improvement, making it a compelling argument in favor of implementing such a policy. Option (a) is incorrect as it suggests a negative consequence of UBI programs, which would undermine rather than support the argument for UBI. Option (b) also presents a potential downside by indicating a trade-off that could make UBI less appealing if it means cutting other essential services. Option (d) is directly against the argument for UBI, stating that there has been no observed improvement in economic disparities where it has been

implemented. Therefore, option (c) most effectively provides a rationale supporting the adoption of UBI by demonstrating how it can lead to positive, proactive behaviour among recipients, bolstering the broader argument that UBI can be a crucial instrument for reducing poverty and enhancing economic stability in India. Hence (c).

116. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. It directly supports the assumption and the goals of the AI integration initiative by providing an example where similar technology has successfully expanded healthcare access in other developing countries. If remote consultations using AI have enhanced healthcare reach effectively in similar settings, this serves as a strong argument in favor of the initiative, suggesting that the same benefits can be expected in India. This fact aligns with the initiative's objectives to streamline patient care and mitigate the impact of medical staff shortages, thereby supporting the claim that AI can significantly improve healthcare delivery in rural areas. Option (a) undermines the initiative by suggesting infrastructural inadequacies, which contradicts the support needed for the argument. Option (b) also undermines the initiative by highlighting potential faults in AI technology, which would argue against its implementation. Option (d) suggests a socio-cultural barrier to the adoption of AI in healthcare, which, while important, does not strengthen the argument that AI technology itself can improve healthcare delivery. Therefore, option (c) most effectively provides a rationale that supports the adoption and potential success of the AI initiative, making it the best choice to favorably argue for the integration of AI in public health management in rural India. Hence (c).

117. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. Statement 1 directly supports the claims made in the passage that urban farming reduces reliance on long supply chains and carbon emissions. The reduction in grocery store visits and fossil fuel use directly correlates with the idea of decreasing carbon emissions through local food production, thus validating the argument that urban farming can enhance environmental sustainability by minimizing transportation needs. Statement 1 is a direct indicator of changing consumer habits that promote sustainability, as mentioned in the passage. Statement 2, while interesting, does not directly support the primary claims about carbon emissions and local food security enhanced by urban farming. It provides information on consumer preferences for organic products, which, although related to sustainability, does not directly address the benefits of urban farming in reducing carbon emissions or improving local food access specifically. Therefore, while both statements relate to sustainability, only Statement 1 directly supports the passage's claims about the environmental and local food security benefits of urban farming, making option (a) the correct answer. Option (b)

is incorrect because it doesn't directly support the key arguments, and option (c) includes an unrelated statement, thus making option (a) the best choice for specifically supporting the passage's assertions. Hence (a).

118. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. Statement 2 directly supports the claims made in the passage that adopting electric vehicles significantly reduces urban air pollution. This statement provides empirical evidence that cities with higher rates of EV adoption have experienced a measurable decrease in air pollution, which aligns directly with the environmental benefits described. It illustrates the effectiveness of EVs in contributing to better air quality, thereby supporting the passage's assertions about EVs' role in meeting sustainability targets. Statement 1, while positive and related to the broader acceptance of EVs, does not directly support the specific claims about reducing air pollution or meeting sustainability goals. It speaks more to the economic feasibility of EVs rather than their environmental impact. Therefore, while Statement 1 is beneficial for understanding the market dynamics and potential growth of EV adoption, it does not directly support the passage's focus on environmental impact. Option (a) is thus incorrect because it doesn't directly bolster the specific environmental claims, and option (c) is incorrect because it includes an unrelated statement. Option (d) is not correct as Statement 2 clearly supports the passage's claims. Therefore, option (a) is the best choice for specifically supporting the passage's assertions about the positive environmental impact of electric vehicles on urban air quality. Hence (b).

119. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. It provides concrete evidence that supports the argument made in the passage regarding the effectiveness of telemedicine in improving healthcare access and patient outcomes in rural communities. The statistic of a 40% decrease in hospital admissions directly demonstrates that telemedicine is not just a substitute for traditional healthcare but an effective means of reducing serious medical issues that would require hospitalization. This indicates successful early intervention and treatment, aligning perfectly with the passage's claim that telemedicine helps in managing treatable diseases more effectively and preventing them from becoming severe. Option (a), while positive, primarily highlights patient satisfaction and convenience, which supports the usefulness of telemedicine but does not directly measure its impact on health outcomes. Option (b) focuses on the efficiency of telemedicine in terms of time savings, which, although beneficial, does not directly address improvements in patient health outcomes. Option (d) indicates economic success for providers but does not contribute to a discussion on the effectiveness of telemedicine in enhancing healthcare access or outcomes for patients. Therefore, option (c) most effectively strengthens the

argument by providing quantifiable health benefits associated with the adoption of telemedicine in rural Indian communities, underscoring its critical role in enhancing healthcare delivery and patient health. Hence (c).

120. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. It can be reasonably inferred from the passage that there is a growing demand for fresh produce in urban areas, which vertical farming aims to meet. The passage mentions that vertical farming is seen as a solution to meet the rising demand for fresh produce as cities continue to grow. This inference aligns with the overall context of the passage that discusses the advantages of vertical farming in terms of space and resource efficiency, specifically in urban settings where the need for fresh produce is increasing due to population growth and urban expansion. Option (a) is incorrect because the passage does not state that vertical farming will completely replace traditional farming methods, only that it is a sustainable alternative. Option (c) is also incorrect because the passage explicitly states that vertical farming uses minimal water due to hydroponic systems, which contradicts the statement that it uses more water. Option (d) is incorrect as the passage does not claim that all urban areas are suitable for vertical farming; rather, it presents vertical farming as a solution in limited urban settings, implying variability in suitability. Therefore, option (b) most accurately reflects an inference that can be drawn from the passage, supporting the view that the trend towards vertical farming is driven by the need to address the demands of urban populations for fresh produce efficiently. Hence (b).

121. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. It directly reflects a conclusion that can be drawn from the passage regarding the impact of co-working spaces on startups. The passage details how these spaces not only provide physical office solutions but also create an ecosystem that supports networking, collaboration, and innovation among startups. The claim that co-working spaces contribute to the growth and success of startups by enhancing these aspects is a logical conclusion based on the described benefits of such environments, including resource sharing, state-of-the-art facilities, and flexible terms that facilitate greater focus on innovation rather than operational challenges. Option (a) is incorrect as it overstates the necessity of co-working spaces by implying they are essential for all startups, which the passage does not claim. Option (b) is also incorrect because, while venture capital attraction might be influenced by many factors, the passage does not specifically link co-working spaces to increased likelihood of attracting venture funding. Option (d) is incorrect as it simplifies the success factors of startups to just the quality of business ideas, ignoring the nuanced argument made about the supportive role of co-working environments. Thus, option (c) most accurately encapsulates a conclusion that

aligns with the overall theme of the passage, highlighting the beneficial role of co-working spaces in fostering a productive and innovative environment for startups in India. Hence (c).

122. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. It states an incorrect observation about TikTok. TikTok is primarily known for its short-form video content that spans a wide range of categories including entertainment, DIY, educational content, and more, but it is not predominantly a platform for video gaming streaming. While gaming content does exist on the platform, it is not the primary focus, unlike platforms specifically dedicated to gaming like Twitch or YouTube Gaming. Options (a), (c), and (d) are all correct observations: TikTok's algorithm indeed prioritizes user engagement and novelty, influencing content creation and visibility option (a); the platform has significantly impacted entertainment, marketing, and even political realms globally, affecting how issues and campaigns are discussed and engaged with option (c); and brands specifically target TikTok to tap into its predominantly younger demographic with creative marketing strategies that cater to the content consumption habits of this group, option (d). Hence (b).

123. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. It provides direct evidence supporting the claim that digital classrooms improve student engagement and enhance learning outcomes. The mention of improved exam results and higher retention rates directly correlates with the anticipated benefits of digital classrooms, as stated in the passage. This evidence confirms that the integration of technology in education not only meets the intended goals of increasing engagement but also tangibly improves academic performance, which is a critical measure of educational success. Option (a) strengthens the argument by suggesting that students enjoy learning more in digital settings, but it does not directly measure engagement or academic outcomes. Option (c) reveals that teachers are happier, which is beneficial but does not necessarily correlate with student performance or engagement. Option (d) indicates strong parental support, which, while positive, does not provide concrete evidence of the effectiveness of digital classrooms in improving learning outcomes. Option (b) most effectively supports the claim by providing specific, measurable results that demonstrate the success of digital classrooms in achieving their primary educational objectives, hence reinforcing the argument's validity. Hence (b).

124. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. It provides direct empirical evidence that supports the claim made in the passage about the economic benefits of renewable energy projects in rural areas. The data showing a decrease in poverty rates and an increase in employment directly correlates with the assertion that these projects boost the local economy by creating jobs and reducing energy costs. This information validates the claim that renewable energy investments contribute significantly to improving the financial health of rural communities and can help stem the tide of migration to urban areas by providing sustainable and economically beneficial opportunities locally. Option (a) supports the idea of technological advancement but does not directly relate to economic impact or job creation. Option (b) indicates support from local governments but doesn't provide evidence of the actual economic improvement that results from these projects. Option (c) suggests an enhanced quality of life but lacks specific economic data to confirm the passage's claim about economic stimulation. Thus, option (d) most effectively supports the claim by demonstrating tangible economic improvements, making it the best choice to confirm the passage's assertions about the positive impact of renewable energy projects on rural economies. Hence (d).

125. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. It presents an incorrect observation about the reasons behind the resurgence of vinyl records. Vinyl records are not known for their practicality and convenience; in fact, they are less practical in many ways compared to digital formats due to their size, the need for a record player, and their general maintenance requirements. The key appeals of vinyl, as noted in the passage and correctly reflected in the other options, lie in their unique sound quality, the tactile experience they offer, and the aesthetic value of their presentation, not in practicality or convenience. Option (a) is correct because many enthusiasts do prefer the sound quality of vinyl over digital formats, which they claim is richer and fuller. Option (c) is also correct as it highlights the tangible, physical experience of handling and playing vinyl records, which is a significant part of their appeal that digital formats cannot replicate. Option (d) correctly notes that part of the allure of vinyl records is the artwork and the overall physical presence, which are highly valued by collectors and music enthusiasts alike. Therefore, option (b) is the only incorrect observation among the choices provided, as it mischaracterizes the nature of vinyl records' resurgence in the modern digital age. Hence (b).

126. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. Sentence in option (c) states that the arms race will be disconnected from militarisation, whereas the passage states that, 'But while India is investing in and building on its space assets, the element of securing the space assets will always trickle down to the issue of militarisation. So the given option is an incorrect statement and thus the answer. Option (a) is justified in the sentence 'India has reiterated that it has no intention of entering an arms race in outer space but regional instability forces it to develop its outer space military capabilities. Option (b) is also understood from the sentence that states, 'arms race in outer space while remaining committed to protecting the country's national security interests.' Option (d) can also be in support of the author's argument as it speaks about, 'India expects to play a key role in the future in the drafting of international law on the prevention of an arms race in outer space.....' Hence (c).

127. Ans. d

Sol: Option (d) is correct. The author wonders in the last two sentences whether the life of the parliamentarians is dull and uninteresting because of the internal reasons between the factions of a divided party. 'Is the experience of a divided party more wearing from the inside than it is from the outside? Or are they just absolutely certain of defeat?' This is in contradiction to what is given in the passage. The rest of the sentences can be inferred from the paragraph. Hence (d).

128. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. It is inferred from the following lines, 'Perhaps the world has enough entitled white men making unreasonable demands. While the meek might not inherit the Earth, they also won't cause an obstruction in the Pret queue haggling for a discount, or clutter up John Lewis napping on the merchandise. 'Option (a) is ruled out because the paragraph states that the meek might not inherit the earth' but that does not suggest that they cannot do so. Option (b) is also ruled out on the grounds provided in the same sentence, 'While the meek might not inherit the Earth, they also won't cause an obstruction in the Pret queue haggling for a discount, or clutter up John Lewis napping on the merchandise.' Hence (c).

129. Ans. a

Sol: Option (a) is correct. It can be inferred from the first two lines of the paragraph, 'The momentum in public sector capex has sustained and in some sectors the PLI scheme is showing healthy results. Investors expect political and policy continuity going into the general elections next year and seem increasingly optimistic about the economic prospects.' Option (b) is ruled out on the basis of the following lines, 'For one, job

creation remains a challenge. A sizeable section of the new entrants to the labour force is not employed in the more productive sectors of the economy.’ Option (c) is contradicted in the following sentence, ‘Rural demand remains subdued. And despite healthy corporate and bank balance sheets, there is little indication of a broad-based pickup in the private investment cycle.’ Option (d) is incorrect as it is refuted in the last line that is given above. Hence (a).

130. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. Sentence B is correct as it can be inferred from the sentence ‘In 2024, society needs to drive technology, rather than the other way around.’ It indicates that the society should understand and direct the use of technology, how it is to be used and where, and that society should not become a servant to the technology. Sentence D can also be inferred as the sentence states that ‘The use of machine learning software for surveillance, facial recognition and predictive policing has major implications for privacy and human rights.’ The rest of the sentences are not according to what is stated in the passage. Sentence A cannot be stated with certainty. Sentence D is clearly contradicted in the passage that states that ‘Addressing these concerns requires more than the expertise of the engineer and the technologist.’ Hence (b).

131. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. Sentence A is an Inference because it considers ‘Moscow’s engagement with Beijing is rapidly expanding’ but in a situation ‘when Delhi’s ties with China are in deep freeze’. So what can be understood from the sentence is that the situation between Delhi and China is almost stagnant, in such circumstances Moscow and Beijing are getting cosier. The sentence is all judgement but it is based on the situation between India and China. Sentence B is a Judgement as it states that refinements are possible, they may or may not be possible. Sentence C is a judgement as it focusses on ‘that could explain why’. now whether the circumstances can explain the cause of less panic or not is a subjective matter. Sentence D is an Inference that expresses wonder and amazement at how can any image be believed to be authentic, if it is considered that an image can be manufactured -and manipulated. Hence (b).

132. Ans. b

Sol: Option (b) is correct. Bilateral trade has grown, because the oil imports from Moscow have increased massively because Moscow could no longer sell oil in its traditional European markets because of sanctions. Sanctions on Moscow proves to be the reason the bilateral trade between India and Moscow increased. The increased trade is a consequence of the sanctions applied on Moscow. The reason why India increased

the trade was that it did not want to spoil its relations with Moscow that was facing the wrath of the West. Option (c) gives all three statements in their exact relation. Hence (b).

133. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct. Conclusion 1 may not necessarily be reached at from what is given in the Statement. Though the passage only mentions that fuel costs could increase, but that is understood from the shipping companies taking a longer route than the usual one, thus increased fuel costs (not prices) are a consequence of the longer journeys. Therefore, Conclusion 1 is incorrect. If that is the case, the option (d) is also eliminated.

Conclusion 4 is understood from the part of the sentence that states, 'this is serious for India which depends on the region for the bulk of its oil supplies.' And because this is a serious matter for India, which could have dire consequences, the conclusion that the matter is 'critically important' and 'could have a significant impact' can also be derived. Hence (c).

134. Ans. b

Sol. The principle declares a second marriage during the lifetime of Husband or wife of a previous marriage as null and void. However, the latter part of the principle makes an addition stating a person unheard for 7 years shall not be considered alive. Since Vidhi was untraceable for seven years, a presumption can be made in law that she was no more alive. Hence Vidhan's marriage with Vidushi will not be considered null and void.

135. Ans. c

Sol. Option (c) is correct because it aligns with the principle that corporations are responsible for preventing environmental degradation resulting from their operations. Given that Vijendra Industries has been found to contribute directly to the pollution of the Sabarmati River, the company is liable for rectifying the damage caused and compensating the affected local fishermen for their economic losses. This includes both remediation of the river and financial compensation to restore the livelihoods of those impacted by the pollution. Option (b) is incorrect because compliance with environmental standards is required regardless of prevailing practices. The implementation of stricter regulations necessitates immediate compliance, and historical practices do not justify continued harm to the environment. Option (a) is incorrect.. Option (d) is incorrect because the lack of active enforcement by local government does not absolve a company from its fundamental responsibilities to operate in an environmentally sustainable manner. The company's direct actions have caused demonstrable harm, making it responsible for mitigation regardless of government enforcement practices.

136. Ans. c

Sol: Option (c) is correct because it aligns with the principle that any infringement on privacy rights must be proportionate and necessary for the achievement of a legitimate aim. Vasudha Telecom's extensive surveillance system, which analyzes communication content, exceeds what is necessary to prevent fraud and thus constitutes an excessive breach of privacy. This lack of proportionality in surveillance intensity makes the telecom operator liable for violating the fundamental right to privacy. Option (a) is incorrect because, although preventing fraud is a legitimate aim, the means used to achieve this aim must be proportionate and minimally intrusive. The surveillance implemented by Vasudha Telecom goes beyond what is reasonable or necessary for fraud prevention. Option (b) is incorrect because the liability does not solely extend to the unauthorized tracking of call details. The entire surveillance system, which includes both content analysis and call detail monitoring without proper justification or user consent, infringes on privacy rights. Option (d) is incorrect because journalists, due to their profession, may actually have a heightened need for confidentiality in communications. However, irrespective of professional status, the fundamental right to privacy protects all citizens from undue surveillance, making the telecom's actions indefensible.

137. Ans. b

Sol. Option (a) is incorrect because it only addresses the principle that any action which unreasonably interferes with the use and enjoyment of any other person's property by that other person, especially when it affects the community at large, can be classified as a public nuisance. The significant disturbance or annoyance caused by the music festival to all the local residents' peace clearly meets the criteria for public nuisance, irrespective of the legality or temporary nature of the event. Further as per the principle any person suffers some special or particular damage, different from what is inflicted upon public as whole due to public nuisance, has a right to compensation. Hence, Option (b) is correct. The law requires that property be used without causing substantial interference or harm to others. Option (c) is incorrect because liability for public nuisance constitute a crime and not civil wrong for which compensation can be sought. Option (d) is incorrect as even temporary events can constitute a public nuisance if they cause significant disruption during their occurrence. The temporary nature of an event does not automatically exempt it from being a nuisance if the interference it causes is substantial and unreasonable.

138. Ans. d

Sol. Option (d) is correct because it directly relates to the legal principle requiring medical practitioners to adhere to a standard of care that includes thoroughly reviewing a patient's medical history before prescribing medication. Dr. Varun's failure to review Vidya's full medical history, particularly given her severe pre-existing condition, represents a breach of this duty. The harm Vidya suffered was a foreseeable consequence of such negligence, establishing a clear link between Dr. Varun's oversight and the patient's adverse health outcome. Option (a) is incorrect because external factors such as hospital environment and patient volume do not absolve a medical professional of their fundamental duties. The standard of care must be maintained irrespective of these challenges, as the primary responsibility is patient safety. Option (b) is incorrect because the core issue was not just the lack of follow-up but the initial act of prescribing medication without adequate review of the patient's specific health risks. The prescription itself, under these circumstances, constituted negligence. Option (c) is incorrect because the harm was not the result of the double dose which she had taken at the first date. No harm was suffered immediately after 1st date but after two weeks. Therefore, the harm suffered by her cannot be linked to the double dosage.

139. Ans. b

Sol. Option (b) is correct because it aligns with the data protection principle that stresses the necessity of explicit consent and full transparency in data collection and usage practices. Vasudha Enterprises violated this principle by not adequately informing users that their data would be shared with third-party marketers, nor did it seek explicit consent for such sharing, which is a clear breach of established data protection regulations. The misuse of personal health data, particularly sensitive information, without clear and informed consent from the users constitutes a significant infringement. Option (a) is incorrect because implicit consent, especially in the context of sensitive health data, is not considered adequate under data protection laws. The law requires explicit consent for data processing activities, particularly when they involve sharing with third parties. Option (c) is incorrect because even if the terms and conditions hinted at data sharing, the principle of explicit consent requires that users are clearly informed and agree specifically to each data sharing and processing activity. General clauses in terms and conditions do not suffice for compliance with strict data protection standards. Option (d) is incorrect because the optional nature of the service does not exempt Vasudha Enterprises from adhering to data protection laws when they choose to offer such services. All data collected and processed, regardless of the service's nature (optional or mandatory), must comply with legal requirements concerning user consent and data security.

140. Ans. d

Sol. Option (d) is correct option because the principle provides that Consumer Protection Act, 2019 provides for the protection of consumers against unfair trade practices and deceptive advertisements, ensuring that consumers can make informed choices based on truthful information. Not specifying the particular ingredients used in the product and merely writing that it has “essential ingredients” required for the result constitutes deceptive advertisements. Option (a) is incorrect as the action fulfils the requirement of the principles. Option (b) is incorrect because not publishing that the medication might cause meager and ordinary headache to some does not constitute violation of the principle as it cannot be considered to make the medication unsafe for human usage. Option (c) is incorrect because it fulfills all the requirements and does not violate any of the principles provided. It demonstrates a comprehensive adherence to the principles laid out in the Food Safety and Standards Act and aligns well with the Consumer Protection Act's requirements. Gourmet Foods not only follows mandatory labeling laws, which helps consumers make informed choices, but also proactively verifies product quality through internal audits, thereby enhancing consumer trust and safety—key objectives of both acts.

141. Ans. d

Sol. Option (d) is correct because it most comprehensively adheres to the principles of accurate reporting and compliance as outlined in the principles. Sanvi Tech's diligent maintenance of financial records, including for foreign transactions, demonstrates transparency and integrity in both domestic taxation and foreign exchange matters, crucial for upholding the legal standards and ensuring financial stability and fairness. Option (a) is incorrect as the principle does not specify the requirement of meticulously reports all client transactions to the appropriate regulatory bodies. Option (b) is incorrect because, although Dhruv private Bank follows the Banking Regulation Act in terms of fee disclosure and record maintenance, its strategy of minimizing tax liability through less transparent means contradicts the transparency and integrity required under the Income Tax Act. Option (c) is clearly incorrect as it represents a direct violation of both the Income Tax Act and FEMA. Underreporting foreign earnings to evade tax liabilities undermines the principles of legal compliance and economic integrity these acts aim to uphold.

142. Ans. d

Sol. Option (d) is correct because it will be considered to have fulfilled the conditions for application of the exception as provided in the Principle I as the statement made was true and was made for public benefit. Option (a) is incorrect as Vikram's publication of false information about Vishal, claiming he accepted bribes, is defamatory as it likely

harms Vishal's reputation without evidence for its truthfulness or public benefit. This makes Vikram liable for defamation. Option (b) is incorrect based on Principle II because statements made within the Parliament are covered by absolute privilege, in this case it is a parliamentary debate competition, meaning Varun can be sued for defamation. Option (c) is incorrect as under Principle III, which provides that a defamatory statement is not actionable if it is expressed as a joke or satire understood as such by a reasonable person. Here no information is provided how the statement made by her in review board would be construed by reasonable man. Further writing the said statement may amount to defamation or not, cannot be concluded by the said information.

143. Ans. c

Sol. Option (c) is correct because it clearly violates Principle 2, which provides that consent given by the possessor of land negates the act of trespass, provided the consent covers the scope of activities carried out by the entrant. Here the consent was given to Vivek to be in garage but his entrance in the living room without permission amounts to trespass as it was without consent. Option (a) doesn't violate the principles of trespass. Hence, is the incorrect option. Option (b) is incorrect as it aligns with Principle 3, which allows trespass if the entry is made to avert an immediate danger, such as a fire. This makes Vijay's action a lawful excuse under the principle of necessity. Option (d), is incorrect as the act was done with mutual consent.

144. Ans. d

Sol. Option (a) is incorrect because it aligns with Principle 1, this option is not the best answer as it demonstrates the doctrine of necessity as clearly and broadly applicable. Option (c) involving human life and imminent disaster where an act that would normally be illegal (breaking window) becomes justified due to necessity. The act is done to prevent a significant and imminent harm, and there was no other lawful alternative available at that moment. The situation clearly demonstrates that the harm avoided (potential death or serious injury) outweighs the harm caused (trespassing into a house). Option (b) is incorrect because the act adheres to Principle 3, as this is a situation of accident as the driver was driving within the speed limit and the pedestrian came suddenly before him.

Option (d) is the correct option as per Principle 2 the wrong doer cannot claim the protection of private defence. Further apprehension of harm is sufficient to use private defence. Hence Vidhan was right in his act but Alok was not.

145. Ans. b

Sol. Option (b) is correct because it clearly aligns with Principle 1 and Principle 2 of negligence in Indian law. Vishal owed a duty of care to other road users while driving, which includes not engaging in distracting activities such as checking his phone. By failing to adhere to this duty, and as a direct result causing damage to Veer's car, Vishal's actions constitute a breach of duty that led to harm. This situation clearly establishes negligence, as the duty of care was breached and directly resulted in damage. Option (a) may seem like a case of negligence, but without clear evidence that the doctor's failure to inform Vandana directly caused her complications (rather than the known risks of the procedure itself), this might fall into a grey area where professional duty and patient consent overlap. Option (c) is incorrect because even though there was accidental damage, the duty of care and foreseeability of damage are questionable since Vivek was not aware of the book's rarity or value. This ambiguity makes it difficult to establish a clear breach of duty leading directly to the damage. Option (d) does illustrate negligence in not following security protocols, but the lack of direct physical or personal harm and the more complex nature of duties in cybersecurity incidents can complicate the direct application of standard negligence principles without additional context on expected security practices.

146. Ans. d

Sol. Option (d) is correct because it conforms with Principle 1 where Vivek's request pertains directly to the public interest concerning how public funds were spent during a health crisis. The information requested is clearly related to public activities, and providing such information would likely promote transparency and accountability in how the government managed funds during the outbreak. Option (a) is incorrect because though the request seems legitimate under Principle 1, the denial can be considered justified as it can impact the security of the state. Option (b) is incorrect because it violates Principle 3 as it involves requesting personal information unrelated to public activities, thereby constituting an unwarranted invasion of privacy. There is no larger public interest in disclosing personal emails of a government official that do not pertain to public activities. Option (c) is incorrect because it directly contravenes Principle 2, given that the release of detailed military locations could jeopardize national security and the strategic interests of the state. Such a request for sensitive information clearly falls under the exemptions listed in the RTI Act.

147. Ans. a

Sol. Option (a) is correct because it aligns with Principle 2, the fair use doctrine. Vikram's use of a short film clip in a video essay for educational and critical purposes typically falls under the fair use exception in copyright law. The usage is justified as it is for criticism and educational content, does not utilize a significant portion of the film, and is unlikely to affect the commercial value of the original work, as it serves a transformative and educational purpose rather than a commercial one. Option (b) is incorrect because copying several chapters of a copyrighted novel directly infringes on copyright under Principle 3 as it constitutes unauthorized reproduction of a significant part of the work, likely affecting its commercial value and does not meet any fair use criteria. Option (c), while a minor use, does not fall under fair use because live performances generally require licensing, especially if they contribute to a commercial activity like a café performance, thereby infringing on the copyright holder's exclusive rights under Principle 3. Option (d) is incorrect as using a copyrighted photograph in a commercial app involves reproduction and distribution without authorization, directly violating copyright laws under Principle 3 and does not qualify for any fair use exemptions, particularly as it contributes directly to commercial gain.

148. Ans. a

Sol. Option (a) is correct because it directly aligns with the principle that issuing a cheque without sufficient funds, whether due to negligence or oversight, is actionable under the Negotiable Instruments Act. The law is clear that the responsibility lies with the drawer to ensure that there are adequate funds in the account at the time the cheque is presented. Vishal's claim of relying on external payments does not absolve him from the duty of ensuring his account had sufficient funds to cover the cheque issued to Vinod. Option (b) is incorrect because even temporary financial mismanagement can result in liability if a cheque is dishonored. The law does not excuse negligence based on the temporary nature of the financial oversight. Option (c) is incorrect because the Negotiable Instruments Act allows for criminal prosecution in cases of cheque dishonor due to insufficient funds, reflecting the law's emphasis on the sanctity of financial transactions and the severe implications of cheque bounce. Option (d) is incorrect as external factors such as delayed payments from other sources do not exempt the drawer from liability for a cheque bounce. The issuer's responsibility is to manage funds such that all issued cheques are covered, regardless of other financial obligations or delays.

149. Ans. a

Sol. Option (a) is correct because it reflects the principles governing easements by prescription. An easement by prescription can be established if a path or route has been used openly, continuously, and without the landowner's express permission for a period that meets or exceeds the statutory duration, typically around 20 years in many jurisdictions. Vikram's family's use of the path for decades without objection likely qualifies this path as an easement by prescription, granting Vikram the legal right to continue using the original path despite Vivek's development plans. Option (b) is incorrect because the presence of an alternative route does not automatically negate an established easement by prescription. The original path's specific utility, developed over decades, and its necessity for Vikram's business operations make it more than a matter of mere convenience. Option (c) is incorrect as easement rights do not require the absence of all alternatives but rather focus on the established pattern of use and the reasonable necessity based on historical usage. The less convenient alternative does not disqualify the easement's validity. Option (d) is incorrect because owning the servient estate does not give Vivek unlimited rights to alter or revoke access if an easement by prescription is established. While property owners have broad rights over their land, these are curtailed by lawful easements that may prevent actions like rerouting paths without legal proceedings or mutual agreements.

150. Ans. d

Sol. Option (d) is correct because it most fully complies with the principles of all three mentioned acts. GreenBuild Enterprises not only adheres to the specific safety and welfare requirements of the Building and Other Construction Workers Act but also maintains the standards of the Factories Act and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code. This holistic approach ensures the safety, health, and welfare of workers, maintaining humane and legal working conditions across all facets of employment. Option (a), while maintaining safety standards, violates the regulations concerning overtime limits, which is a significant aspect of worker welfare under the Building and Other Construction Workers Act. Option (b) meets many of the requirements of the Factories Act but fails to fully implement the updated safety standards required under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, which is crucial for ensuring the current and comprehensive protection of workers' health and safety. Option (c) excels in safety and health training compliance with the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code but does not fully address wage issues, which are fundamental to the humane treatment and welfare of workers as outlined in the Factories Act.

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