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AILET-04 (VIOM - 06)

Duration: 120 Minutes
15th September 2024

Maximum Marks: 150

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 2. There are 150 multiple choice objective type questions. Answer **ALL** the questions.
 3. Each question carries **ONE** mark. **Total marks are 150.**
 4. There will be **negative marking. 0.25 marks** will be deducted for every wrong answer.
 5. Candidates have to indicate the most appropriate answer by darkening one of the four responses provided, with **BLACK/BLUE BALL POINT PEN** in the **OMR** Answer Sheet.
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(a) Kolkata (b) Agra (c) Bhopal (d) Delhi

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6. Answering the question by any method other than the method indicated above shall be considered wrong answer.
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**Vidhigya India Open Mock
AILET 2025****VIOM-06****ENGLISH****Passage-I**

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. One of the guidelines issued by the West Bengal government calls for minimising 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? This regressive move will end up only removing women from the workforce, instead of ensuring a stop to violence. With the labour force participation rate for urban women in India, ages 15 and above, pegged at an abysmal 25.2% in April-June 2024, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey's quarterly bulletin, 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. Reducing their time at work will only lead to women losing jobs and their financial independence. The other guidelines, as part of the programme called ‘Rattirer Shaathi (helpers of the night)’, include the call for separate rest rooms and toilets for women, creating safe zones with CCTVs, and a special mobile phone app — measures which should have been already in place.

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. Gender violence should be a matter of serious concern in every sphere, not least the informal sector, where women are employed in large numbers. The sweeping changes brought into the system after the 2012 Delhi rape, such as harsher laws and stringent punishment, have not been enough. The National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) annual report of 2022, the latest one available, shows that 4.45 lakh cases of crimes against women were registered, which is equivalent to nearly 51 FIRs every hour. Protocols cannot be just on paper, the Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said. In 2017, when the Court was confirming the death penalty of four men, who were accused in the 2012 Delhi rape, 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, _____ “reclaim the night” in Kolkata and other parts of the country, should

serve as wake-up calls _____ governments, and society, to do it right
 _____ women.

1. Which of the following appropriately indicates the theme of the passage?
 - (a) Minimizing night duty for women to the extent possible.
 - (b) Reducing work hours of women is not the way to ensure their safety.
 - (c) Ensuring that women are able to work safely, anywhere, and at any time.
 - (d) Making harsher laws and giving stringent punishment.
2. What does the term 'suo motu cognisance' imply in the second paragraph?
 - (a) Initiating legal action on a matter formally brought to the court's attention.
 - (b) An authority taking notice of an issue without a formal complaint from the parties involved.
 - (c) Bringing the court's attention to an issue.
 - (d) Actions of the official that are not taken independently to address an issue.
3. The author implies that to combat violence against women the country needs all of the following except
 - (a) ensuring effective enforcement of laws.
 - (b) raising public awareness about gender justice.
 - (c) transforming societal attitudes and beliefs about gender justice.
 - (d) increase the registering and reporting of such crimes.
4. Select the option that correctly analyses the idea conveyed in the sentence "The last thing that a rape and murder need are platitudes, and a predictably tiresome one is being peddled".
 - (a) The grave matter of rape and murder needed clichéd remarks as a response.
 - (b) Substantive, thoughtful and meaningful responses have been forwarded in this grave matter of rape and murder.
 - (c) Distressing issue of rape and murder was given considerable serious thought.
 - (d) Superficial and insincere comments were inappropriately being forwarded in addressing serious crimes.
5. Which of the following sets of words is suitable for the blanks in the last sentence of the passage?

(a) to, for, for	(b) for, for, for
(c) to, to, by	(d) for, to, by
6. Which part of the sentence contains an error?

(a) This regressive move	(b) will end up only removing
(c) women from the workforce,	(d) instead of ensuring a stop to violence.

PASSAGE – II

I was always obsessed with music. I would play, badly, in bands, go to all the gigs and festivals I could, and lie about my age as a teenager so I could DJ in clubs. I would have loved to have worked in music, but I left school at 14 and set up a building and decorating business. By my early 20s, my partner and I had bought a house and we had two young children, but I still wanted to be involved in music in some way.

In 2001, I went to the festival All Tomorrow's Parties, where the lineup was curated by bands and artists. I was jealous. I thought I should either work at being in a band big enough to be invited to create our own lineup, or somehow try to create a festival myself. The latter seemed more doable. I came to that realisation after we had been watching the American indie rock band Yo La Tengo. I stood at the bar with my friend Jason, working out on the back of a cigarette packet how much it would cost. We thought it would be about £120,000. I looked around, and there were 1,500 or 2,000 people at the festival, so it seemed within my grasp. Before then, I'd been going to big festivals and I wouldn't have had a clue how to put on something of that size.

Back at home in East Sussex, it felt like a drunken idea but I couldn't shake it. For the next couple of years, every time I went to a smaller festival, I thought: "I could do this." Eventually, after visiting another one in 2004, I went home and spent two weeks doing research, calling security firms and portable toilet companies. It felt like it could become a reality. 'It was stressful and at one point I was drinking every evening'

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. It was exciting to get responses – I heard from Stuart Murdoch from Belle and Sebastian and singer-songwriter Devendra Banhart. They didn't seem as untouchable as I'd thought, and they were interested, which felt motivating. The record shop Rough Trade, where I was a regular customer, helped out with contacts.

....I worried about the weather and about making sure we had enough people for an atmosphere. We had sold 1,300 tickets, when we'd budgeted for 4,000, and we ended up giving away another 1,200 just to have enough people there. I knew we would be losing a lot of money – it ended up being about £350,000. I was 25, and if I had been older, I'd have been more cautious. I still had my decorating business, and if I worked really hard for five or six years, I should be able to pay everyone back, I thought.

It was stressful and at one point I was drinking every evening. Just over a week until the festival, I was on the site, driving across a field in the dark. I crashed into a fence, the car flipped over and was a write off. It was a wake-up call that I had to get it together.

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.

Lots of people said I should pull out, or take a year off to reset, but I felt that if we didn't keep momentum, we'd never go back. The second year, we lost £50,000. By the fourth year, the festival had just about become profitable and I started to pay the debts back. 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 any more. 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.

Two years into a seven-year degree, I walked away. Now I no longer feel the need to deny my working-class background or change my accent to fit in.

7. The word 'atmosphere' as used in the sentence '....I worried about the weather and about making sure we had enough people for an atmosphere.' refers to:

- (a) impression created on the number of people.
- (b) weather changing events.
- (c) ambience created by the presence of people.
- (d) a lively mood of the people present.

8. Which of the following is the feeling reflected in the sentence, 'On the day we opened, the first band played and I just burst into tears from the emotion and relief. It was finally happening.'?

- (a) Emotional
- (b) Anxiety
- (c) Relief
- (d) Nostalgia

9. Identify the sentence that contains a participial phrase except?

- (a) 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.
- (b) Eventually, after visiting another one in 2004, I went home and spent two weeks doing research, calling security firms and portable toilet companies.
- (c) The record shop Rough Trade, where I was a regular customer, helped out with contacts.
- (d) Now I no longer feel the need to deny my working-class background or change my accent to fit in.

10. Which of the following is not true according to the passage?

- (a) The state councilors eventually gave a nod to hold the festival at Larmer Tree.
- (b) The author was persistent enough to materialize her dreams.
- (c) The festival enrolled bands that were well established and popular.
- (d) None of the above.

11. Which of the following is not used in the sentence 'I was on the site, driving across a field in the dark. I crashed into a fence, the car flipped over and was a write off. It was a wake-up call that I had to get it together?'

- (a) Analogy (b) Imagery (c) Phrasal Verb (d) Idiomatic expression

12. Which of the following sentences does not contain a phrasal verb?

- (a) I stood at the bar with my friend Jason, working out on the back of a cigarette packet how much it would cost.
(b) Before then, I'd been going to big festivals and I wouldn't have had a clue how to put on something of that size.
(c) I Googled "festival site to rent", and the only place that came up was Larmer Tree on the border of Wiltshire and Dorset.
(d) All the stress and anxiety was worth it – I had created the festival I dreamed of.

PASSAGE – III

The county had recently put in a light at the intersection of 14 and 273, because of all the semis that were coming through. The Old Spot was a little south of that. It was a bar in what had once been a Mexican place, and a big wooden board with the old menu, painted by hand, was still standing in the empty lot beside it.

When Jane drove by, on her way home, she was pretty sure she saw her husband's truck parked out front. A red Ford F-150. But it was almost dark, and she wasn't sure. This would be the third night in a row, if it was him. There was no red F-150 in her and Lindy's carport when she got home.

She pushed open the back door of the house, and their cat, Gray, trotted toward her on stiff legs. "Lindy?" she said into the empty rooms. During his shift, he got so bored, he had once explained. He had never been one for sitting in a chair, and at the motel that was pretty much all he had to do. "Weeyeh," Gray sighed. Jane put a can of his food into the machine to open it. Behind the machine was where she tucked the bills she hadn't paid yet.

She would take Gray with her if she ever decided to leave. It wasn't as though Lindy would starve. His mother was always ready to bring over a casserole she'd made or a roast chicken she'd picked up at the H-E-B in Fuller. Jane couldn't actually see herself leaving, of course. A future where she left wouldn't have a yellow sofa in it, for one thing, she thought, as she sat down on their yellow sofa, having poured herself a glass of water. She and Lindy had bought it at Modry's around the same time they bought the house, seven years before. His parents had helped with the house, but the two of them had bought the sofa on their own. Lindy had been working at the dealership then. She fingered the sofa's slightly rough waffle pattern. She wasn't strongly attached to it for its own sake. But the texture of things as they actually were made them convincing. Made it a little easier to continue believing in them.

Gray was bolting down his food in gobbets, as if until she arrived he had believed he'd been abandoned. When he finished, Jane took up his bowl. She washed it and then set about frying a couple of pork chops. When Lindy did get home, he would need to eat right away and go straight to bed if he was going to get any sleep at all. His shift started at 4 A.M.

Source: Clay, newyorker.com, August 4, 2024

13. The author's primary purpose in this passage is:

- (a) To explore the dynamics of Jane's internal conflict about her marriage.
- (b) To describe the monotony of Jane's daily life and her dissatisfaction with it.
- (c) To emphasize the significance of material possessions in Jane's life.
- (d) To illustrate the challenges of living in a small town.

14. Identify the sequence of events that ultimately led to Jane questioning whether her husband was at the bar. Choose the appropriate option:

- (a) Seeing the red F-150 → Driving by the Old Spot → Finding the empty carport at home
- (b) Driving by the Old Spot → Seeing the red F-150 → Finding the empty carport at home
- (c) Finding the empty carport at home → Driving by the Old Spot → Seeing the red F-150
- (d) Driving by the Old Spot → Finding the empty carport at home → Seeing the red F-150

15. In the passage, which sentence correctly uses the past perfect tense?

- (a) "When Jane drove by, on her way home, she was pretty sure she saw her husband's truck parked out front."
- (b) "She and Lindy had bought it at Modry's around the same time they bought the house, seven years before."
- (c) "She fingered the sofa's slightly rough waffle pattern."
- (d) "Gray was bolting down his food in gobbets, as if until she arrived he had believed he'd been abandoned."

16. The writer had to emphasize Jane's attachment to the yellow sofa because?

- (a) It symbolizes the comfort and stability in her marriage despite her doubts.
- (b) It represents her reluctance to leave Lindy due to financial constraints.
- (c) It reflects her desire to hold onto material possessions in times of uncertainty.
- (d) It illustrates the futility of trying to change her current situation.

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

- (a) Jane suspects that her husband has been spending his evenings at The Old Spot.
- (b) The yellow sofa holds sentimental value for Jane and Lindy.
- (c) Jane is certain that she saw her husband's truck outside the bar.
- (d) Jane considers taking the cat with her if she ever decides to leave.

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

- (a) She believed in the importance of honesty above all else.
- (b) He believed that he had left his wallet at home, but it was actually in his car.
- (c) They believed every word of the politician's speech without question.
- (d) She believed herself to be capable of handling the difficult task.

PASSAGE – IV

There's no end to the woes that mothers face come summer vacation. All the children are at home. When they're not in front of the TV, they're either climbing the guava tree in the front yard or perched on the compound wall. What if one of them falls and breaks an arm or a leg? Then there's the crying, the laughter, the punishments they inflict on one another based on some arcane system of justice ... This was why Razia's headaches worsened when the summer holidays started. The nerves in her temples throbbed, her hot head felt like it would burst, and it seemed as if the veins at the back of her neck might snap at any moment. One after the other the children rushed in with their complaints, crying and screaming ... and then there were their games ... *abbabbaa* ... battles with swords and machine guns, bomb attacks ... ! Enough is enough, she thought, and lay on the divan cot in the hall with a piece of cloth wound tightly around her head. She couldn't bear the noise. The TV was on, though at a low volume. She had warned the children sternly, and was just beginning to hope that she could finally relax and put her feet up when one of them wailed, "Doddammaaaa ... Doddamma, she's pinching me!" Fuming, Razia jumped to her feet, silently cursing them. Her husband, Latif Ahmad, entered the room just as she was thinking, Six brats are already here. Each brother-in-law has two-two ... three-three ... and all of them have landed up for the holidays. And my two younger sisters' children are here too—for God's sake, what am I supposed to do! Seeing the state his wife was in, he grew alert. She had always been allergic to children. There were the terrible headaches, to begin with, and the noisy children only rubbed masala on the wound ... Glancing helplessly at them out of the corner of his eye, he mentally counted ... one, two, three, four ... eighteen in all, all between three and twelve.

Source: Red Lung, theparisreview, Issue 248, Summer 2024

19. What is the tone of the passage?

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) Light-hearted and humorous | (b) Anxious and exasperated |
| (c) Reflective and nostalgic | (d) Calm and detached |

20. Which of the following substitutions for 'woes' in the given sentence would NOT change the meaning of the quoted sentence? "There's no end to the woes that mothers face come summer vacation."

- (a) Troubles (b) Griefs (c) Challenges (d) Complaints

21. The author's primary purpose in this passage is:

- (a) To describe the joys and challenges of summer vacations for children.
 (b) To highlight the overwhelming stress that mothers face during summer vacations.
 (c) To compare the experiences of different families during the summer.
 (d) To emphasize the importance of discipline during children's holidays.

22. How can the relationship between Razia and the children be described as 'strained'?

- (a) Razia enjoys the children's company but wishes they were more independent.
 (b) Razia is indifferent to the children's activities as long as they stay out of trouble.
 (c) Razia takes pleasure in managing the children's activities and ensuring they are safe.
 (d) Razia feels overwhelmed and frustrated by the constant noise and demands of the children.

23. 'The summer holidays' posed _____ for Razia.

- (a) an opportunity to bond with the children
 (b) a chance to teach the children responsibility
 (c) a source of stress and headaches
 (d) a welcome break from routine

24. This passage most likely appeared as part of a _____

- (a) Parenting guide discussing the challenges of raising multiple children.
 (b) Novel or short story focusing on family dynamics.
 (c) Health article about managing stress and headaches.
 (d) Diary entry reflecting on a particularly difficult day.

PASSAGE – V

Martha got the knife away from her mother and shut her in the garage. The garage was not for cars; it had been converted by the house's previous owners into what the broker called a "mother-in-law apartment." Martha assumed it was called that because mothers were more likely to move in with daughters, and men were more likely to own houses. She wasn't married, though, and her sister, Molly, who was, didn't have a mother-in-law apartment in her garage in Los Angeles, where real estate was much more expensive than it was in Baltimore. Also, Molly was busy with her children and hadn't spoken to their mother in more than a year. "Let's take a break," Martha told her mother. "You rest here." "What are you going to do?" "I have to clean out the fridge." In the past, that kind of excuse would never have fooled her mother. Judy had been an expert liar and always recognized her daughters' amateur attempts for what they were. She would have watched from the window and seen that, instead of crossing to the house, Martha had

sat down on the garage step and started looking at her phone. Someone Martha knew had read forty biographies and taken a picture of the stack; someone else had hiked to a hot spring in Iceland.

The house was small, but it included this unusual converted garage. The broker had made much of the potential for extra income, and for a while Martha had rented it to a Croatian couple who were grad students in design. The design students were extremely neat and almost never home, and once left a surprisingly delicious loaf of gluten-free zucchini bread in her mailbox. It had been hard to ask them to leave, when she and Molly had decided that their mother would move in with her. For what had happened this morning, Martha was to blame. She'd neglected to put Attila in his cage for the night and also neglected to make sure that her mother had coffee in her apartment. Her mother, who usually woke up at five, had padded across to the house at first light, wearing her bathrobe and the red slipper socks that Molly had given her one Christmas, and started rooting around in the kitchen. Martha hadn't heard her come in, but the rabbit had. He must have been hiding under the counter, where her mother was likely attempting to operate the coffee machine, when he spotted a safer hiding spot and tore across the room. Her mother shrieked. By the time Martha got downstairs, she was brandishing the knife.

Source: newyorker.com, Attila, July 28, 2024

25. 'Brandishing the knife' means:

- (a) Carefully holding the knife while cooking.
- (b) Waving the knife aggressively in the air.
- (c) Using the knife to prepare food.
- (d) Cleaning the knife hidden in her hand.

26. What broader implications can be drawn from the fact that Martha had to lock her mother in the garage after the incident with the knife?

- (a) Martha's mother might be suffering from a mental health issue that requires closer supervision.
- (b) Martha's relationship with her mother is built on distrust and manipulation.
- (c) Martha is overly controlling and struggles to maintain a healthy relationship with her mother.
- (d) Martha is not equipped to handle the responsibilities of caring for her aging mother.

27. Statement 1: Martha locked her mother in the garage after she brandished a knife.

Statement 2: Martha's mother is unable to care for herself and needs constant supervision.

Choose the most appropriate answer.

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

28. This passage most likely appeared as part of a _____.

- (a) Psychological thriller novel exploring family dynamics.
- (b) Real estate brochure describing unique property features.
- (c) Memoir detailing the author's childhood experiences.
- (d) Instructional manual on how to care for elderly parents.

29. What is the tone of the passage?

- (a) Lighthearted and humorous
- (b) Tense and unsettling
- (c) Optimistic and hopeful
- (d) Formal and detached

30. Select the option that correctly analyzes the impact of the writer's use of words like "brandishing" and "padded" in the passage.

- (a) They create a sense of calm and routine in the narrative.
- (b) They emphasize the danger and vulnerability in the situation.
- (c) They highlight the loving relationship between Martha and her mother.
- (d) They suggest that Martha's mother is playful and harmless.

31. Which of the following substitutions for 'shut' in the given sentence would NOT change the meaning of the quoted sentence? "Martha got the knife away from her mother and shut her in the garage."

- (a) Locked
- (b) Closed
- (c) Sealed
- (d) Confined

32. Identify the sentence in the passage that contains a participial phrase.

- (a) "Martha got the knife away from her mother and shut her in the garage."
- (b) "Her mother, who usually woke up at five, had padded across to the house at first light."
- (c) "By the time Martha got downstairs, she was brandishing the knife."
- (d) "It had been hard to ask them to leave, when she and Molly had decided that their mother would move in with her."

33. What is the significance of the converted garage in the passage?

- (a) It symbolizes Martha's isolation from her family.
- (b) It represents a place of refuge for Martha's mother.
- (c) It highlights the financial decisions Martha has had to make.
- (d) It serves as a reminder of the sacrifices Martha has made for her mother.

34. Based on the passage, what could be a potential consequence for Martha if she doesn't find a better way to manage her mother's behavior?

- (a) Martha might lose her job due to increased stress at home.
- (b) Her relationship with her sister Molly could deteriorate further.
- (c) Her mother could accidentally harm herself or others.
- (d) Martha might decide to leave her mother in a care facility.

PASSAGE – VI

Some natural flowers had been allowed to bloom across the field. Sunflowers, the big ones, he couldn't remember the name, *Giganteus blah blah*. Buttercups, he at least knew those. A pinkish type. Fine petals drawn upward like bunched fingertips. Bees bounced from one to the next. The field was bright green. Unnaturally so, as if it had been dyed, which he supposed it might have been. The rest of the flowers were fakes. Made from a light plastic able to sway in the breeze, and if there was no breeze, the breeze might also have to be reproduced, an industrial fan clattering in the background of the opening scenes. Michael wore his costume, everything except the head, which waited upside down at his feet. He was hungover. No point in putting on the head until the director was exactly ready. His body below the neck had already entered that familiar and strange dissociation, brain struggling lightly against the sight of his hands, now enormous and blue. A stomach also enormous and blue. In the early days of the job he had found this moment fascinating. Stroking his blue stomach with his blue hands, nerve endings firing as if each were his own.

The director clapped his hands. Right, assemble! He was secretly sweet, Michael thought. The way he sucked in his paunch, still visible through those black T-shirts he preferred. The director clapped again, impatient, although everyone was already falling into place. A large and horrible lamp was used to intensify the sunlight. The other actors appeared beside Michael, heads tucked against the sides of their chests. Red, Purple, Green. Colors given the personalities of feral children. Left to live inside what looked like a metal bunker on this fake green hillside. Here we go again. Gio, the other man, half-heartedly sexist, saving up asides for Michael. He believed the women who played Red and Purple were better built to survive the costumes, that for men it was harder, more torturous. Michael tried to respond only in disinterested smiles, though he found Gio's bitterness attractive. His silence hadn't yet put Gio off. A woman from costume, her name momentarily gone from Michael's mind, brushed down their bright fur. Tutted at Michael, picked his head up off the ground, wiped the top with a heavy hand. Try not to, if you can, gets very mucky very quickly. Michael nodded, loyal. They were not stars. No one much gave a shit about the people inside the characters. The director waved his hand. A wedding ring, Michael noticed for the first time, winking in the harnessed sun.

Perhaps he didn't always wear it, perhaps he only wanted to be heterosexual on special occasions.

Source: Blue, theparisreview, Issue 248, Summer 2024

35. The author's primary purpose in this passage is:

- (a) To explore the surreal and often dehumanizing aspects of acting in costume.
- (b) To depict the beauty of a natural landscape contrasted with artificial elements.
- (c) To criticize the film industry's focus on appearances rather than substance.
- (d) To highlight the camaraderie and teamwork among the actors on set.

36. What is the significance of Michael noticing the director's wedding ring for the first time?

- (a) It reveals a new depth to the director's character that Michael had not previously considered.
- (b) It symbolizes the director's commitment to his job and the actors.
- (c) It distracts Michael from his discomfort in the costume.
- (d) It suggests that Michael is becoming more observant of the small details in his environment.

37. Based on the passage, what could be a potential consequence for Michael if he doesn't maintain his detachment from the job?

- (a) He might develop deeper resentment towards the film industry.
- (b) He could lose his sense of identity and become too absorbed in the character.
- (c) He may start to perform poorly and risk losing his job.
- (d) He might begin to bond too closely with his fellow actors, disrupting the group dynamic.

38. Which of the following options does NOT correctly infer the meaning based on the sentence, "Michael wore his costume, everything except the head, which waited upside down at his feet"?

- (a) Michael was partially dressed in his costume, with only the headpiece left to put on.
- (b) The headpiece was resting on the ground near Michael, ready to be worn.
- (c) Michael was not yet fully prepared for the scene because the headpiece was still on the ground.
- (d) Michael was intentionally delaying putting on the headpiece because it was uncomfortable.

39. How can the relationship between Michael and Gio be described as 'strained'?

- (a) Michael and Gio constantly argue about their roles on set.
- (b) Gio's sexist comments make Michael uncomfortable, but Michael still finds Gio somewhat attractive.
- (c) Michael and Gio have a strong professional rivalry that affects their performances.
- (d) Gio and Michael are close friends but disagree on minor issues.

40. Identify the sentence/s in the passage that contain/s a participial phrase.

- (i) "Michael wore his costume, everything except the head, which waited upside down at his feet."
 - (ii) "The other actors appeared beside Michael, heads tucked against the sides of their chests."
 - (iii) "A woman from costume, her name momentarily gone from Michael's mind, brushed down their bright fur."
 - (iv) "The director clapped his hands, impatient, although everyone was already falling into place."
- (a) Sentence (i) and (iii)
 - (b) Sentence (i) and (ii)
 - (c) Sentence (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Sentence (iii) and (iv)

PASSAGE – VII

Cain had just stepped into the alley that would take him home when the blue light of the streetlamp behind him blinked once before going out completely. A gust of winter cold rustled his old tan coat. The ghost-like shadows that haunted the buildings melted into the dark, and now the only light came from a smattering of candles in the windows above the alley. The Power generator in this run-down part of the Imperial Capital was low-grade, and old at that, so simply covering the fuses with a thin lead panel could disrupt the lamps for a while. A method commonly used by muggers, but no mugger or thief in this vicinity would dare make a mark of Cain. Someone must want to talk to him. Perhaps it had something to do with Fienna. Maybe it was going to be violent. Cain pinched a leg of his spectacles but decided against stashing them in their steel case. Whatever was going to happen, he couldn't afford to miss any details. In the alley ahead, a man appeared, his face hidden by the hood of a black cloak. Another person materialized from the shadows at Cain's right, from the main street he'd just turned off of, and he could hear muffled footsteps farther down the alley from approaching figures he couldn't yet see. Cain had a concealed dagger in the inner pocket of his coat, his hand unconsciously creeping toward it, but he paused—he could make out at least five shrouded figures blocking his exit from all angles now. This was not a situation he could get out of by force. "Cain?" an unfamiliar voice asked. "Cain, of the oil shop?" Cain turned to face the speaker. A tall woman with short hair stood at the entrance of the alley. No weapons were visible on her person, but the iron in her voice and stance made it clear she'd once served in the legions. And like any ex-legionary, she was bound to be carrying at least one weapon, or to even be wearing armor under her coat. Cain delayed answering as he glanced at the walls of the alley, noting how smooth they were despite their grime, with nary a handhold to aid his escape. He turned his head back down the alley where a man had come to a stop just six or seven steps away, face still in shadow. Not even his nose or mouth was discernible by the light of the stars and the weak

candlelight. “And who wishes to know?” Cain finally answered, wondering if talking could buy him the time he would need. “You’ve been asking after that woman all day.” This was spoken by the man nearest to him in the alley, behind whom now stood two more hooded figures.

Source: Excerpt From Sung-il Kim’s Blood of the Old Kings, reactormag, August 14, 2024

41. The writer’s attitude towards the “situation” formed by the group surrounding Cain in the alley is?

- (a) Sympathetic, as the writer seems to feel pity for Cain's precarious position.
- (b) Neutral, as the writer merely describes the events without showing any emotion.
- (c) Tense, as the writer builds a sense of suspense and danger around Cain.
- (d) Dismissive, as the writer downplays the seriousness of Cain’s predicament.

42. How can the relationship between Cain and the figures surrounding him be described as ‘menacing’?

- (a) The figures are attempting to rob Cain of his valuables.
- (b) The figures are surrounding Cain with unknown intentions, creating an atmosphere of threat.
- (c) Cain is engaging in a negotiation with the figures for information.
- (d) The figures are protecting Cain from an unseen danger.

43. The primary reason for Cain's hesitation to use force against the figures surrounding him is?

- (a) He is unsure if they are armed and dangerous.
- (b) He is outnumbered and realizes he cannot win by force.
- (c) He hopes to negotiate his way out of the situation.
- (d) He is waiting for backup from allies.

44. ‘The appearance of multiple shrouded figures’ posed _____ for Cain.

- (a) an opportunity to gather information about Fienna
- (b) a challenge to his physical strength and combat skills
- (c) a potential threat to his life that required careful assessment
- (d) an unexpected chance to negotiate his freedom

45. Which of the following options does NOT correctly infer the meaning based on the sentence, “Someone must want to talk to him”?

- (a) Cain suspects that the disruption of the streetlamp was intentional and not random.
- (b) Cain believes that the figures surrounding him might have important information to share.
- (c) Cain assumes that the gathering of figures is an ambush rather than a friendly encounter.

(d) Cain feels relieved that the figures intend to engage in a conversation rather than attack him.

46. Although the writer described Cain's cautious behavior, the eventual outcome is one of _____.

- (a) escape (b) confrontation (c) negotiation (d) retreat

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

- (a) The streetlamp went out as Cain entered the alley, suggesting a deliberate act.
(b) Cain was surrounded by multiple figures, making an escape by force unlikely.
(c) The woman who spoke to Cain appeared unarmed but was likely carrying hidden weapons.
(d) Cain immediately reached for his dagger, prepared to fight his way out of the situation.

48. Identify the sequence of events that ultimately led to Cain being surrounded by the figures in the alley. Choose the appropriate option:

- (a) Cain notices the streetlamp go out → He senses a cold gust of wind → He hears muffled footsteps → The figures surround him
(b) Cain senses a cold gust of wind → He hears muffled footsteps → He notices the streetlamp go out → The figures surround him
(c) Cain notices the streetlamp go out → He hears muffled footsteps → He senses a cold gust of wind → The figures surround him
(d) Cain senses a cold gust of wind → He notices the streetlamp go out → He hears muffled footsteps → The figures surround him

49. The writer had to describe the surroundings in such detail in order to:

- (a) Show how dangerous the Imperial Capital is at night.
(b) Emphasize Cain's heightened awareness of his environment.
(c) Create a sense of confusion and disorientation for the reader.
(d) Illustrate the beauty of the old alleyways.

50. Why has the writer used the word "melted" in the phrase "the ghost-like shadows that haunted the buildings melted into the dark"?

- (a) To convey a sense of relief as the shadows disappear.
(b) To emphasize the gradual and eerie transition from light to darkness.
(c) To suggest that the shadows were not real, but just an illusion.
(d) To highlight the speed at which the darkness overtakes the alley.

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51. Recently, the Nagi and Nakti Bird Sanctuaries were recognized as wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. In which Indian state are these bird sanctuaries located?

- (a) Bihar (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) West Bengal (d) Jharkhand

52. Which of the following documents was not a result of the Earth Summit also known as The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED)?

- (a) The Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
(b) The Convention on Biological Diversity
(c) Agenda 2030
(d) The Rio Declaration

53. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was set up based on the recommendations of which commission?

- (a) Simon Commission (b) Mandal Commission
(c) Hilton Young Commission (d) Sachar Commission

54. Consider the following provisions of Indian Constitution:

1. To uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India
2. To promote and improve natural environment
3. To promote equal justice and provide free legal aid to poor
4. To separate the Judiciary from the executive in the public services of the state

How many of the above provisions were not part of Original constitution?

- (a) Only one
(b) Only two
(c) Only three
(d) All four were not part of original constitution.

55. The Kyoto Protocol was adopted in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997 during the 3rd Conference of the Parties (CoP3) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). During Phase 2 (2013-2020) of the Kyoto Protocol, industrialized countries were given the target to reduce emissions by at least what percentage?

- (a) 10% (b) 15% (c) 18% (d) 20%

56. Which of the following statements is not correct:

- (a) IMF and IBRD have headquarters in Washington.
(b) The International Development Association (IDA) later became the World Bank.
(c) The United States is the largest single shareholder of World Bank
(d) India is not a member of International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

57. The Coinage Act, 2011 gives the central government the power to design and mint coins in various denominations. In which of the following cities is a government-owned mint NOT located?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Hyderabad (c) Kolkata (d) Bangalore

58. To which country did Prime Minister Narendra Modi present the BHISHM Cubes during his historic visit?

- (a) Russia (b) China (c) Ukraine (d) USA

59. Recently, what status has the United States given to Kenya in relation to arms exports?

- (a) Major NATO ally (b) Major non-NATO ally
(c) Strategic partner (d) Security collaborator

60. Consider the following statements regarding the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad):

I. The Quad consists of four member countries: the United States, Japan, India, and Australia.

II. Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) Initiative focuses on integrating the Pacific Islands, Southeast Asia, and the Indian Ocean region (IOR) in the Indo-Pacific.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) I only (b) II only (c) Both I and II (d) Neither I nor II

61. On which date is World Wildlife Day observed each year?

- (a) February 28 (b) March 1 (c) March 3 (d) April 5

62. Which countries are the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council?

- (a) United States, Russia, France, China, and the United Kingdom
(b) United States, Germany, Japan, China, and India
(c) France, Russia, Brazil, Australia, and the United Kingdom
(d) United States, Canada, Italy, China, and Japan

63. Which mine is known as the largest coal mine in India?

- (a) Khetri (b) Gevra (c) Majhgawan (d) None of the Above

64. Which country became the first to successfully bring rock and soil samples from the far side of the moon?

- (a) United States (b) Russia
(c) China (d) India

65. What is the name of the joint infrared Earth observation satellite mission between India and France?

- (a) GAGAN (b) NIRVANA
(c) TRISHNA (d) TARUNYA

66. Match the following vitamins with their associated deficiencies or health conditions:

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| A. Vitamin A | 1. Scurvy |
| B. Vitamin B1 | 2. Xerophthalmia |
| C. Vitamin C | 3. Excessive bleeding in infants |
| D. Vitamin K | 4. Beriberi |

(a) A-2, B-4, C-1, D-3

(b) A-1, B-3, C-4, D-2

(c) A-4, B-2, C-3, D-1

(d) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4

67. Where is the headquarters of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) located?

(a) New York, USA

(b) Geneva, Switzerland

(c) Paris, France

(d) Tokyo, Japan

68. What does the 38th Parallel primarily demarcate?

(a) Marks the border between Iraq and Iran.

(b) The central part of the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea

(c) The boundary between the U.S. and Canada

(d) Demarcates the Polish-German border

69. Which entity is responsible for owning the official codified Laws of Cricket?

(a) International Cricket Council (ICC)

(b) Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)

(c) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

(d) England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)

70. What is the name of India's first Generative AI teacher robot?

(a) Ava

(b) Iris

(c) Sophia

(d) Zeta

71. Indian Biological Data Centre is the first national repository for life science data in India. What is the name of the supercomputer used to store data at the Indian Biological Data Centre?

(a) Shakti

(b) Brahm

(c) Rudra

(d) None of the Above

72. India received its first Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930 for which discovery?

(a) Theory of Relativity

(b) Quantum Mechanics

(c) Raman Effect

(d) Black Hole Theory

73. Arrange the following gallantry awards in the correct order of precedence:

(a) Param Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra, Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra

(b) Ashoka Chakra, Param Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Mahavir Chakra

(c) Param Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra, Mahavir Chakra, Kirti Chakra

(d) Mahavir Chakra, Param Vir Chakra, Vir Chakra, Ashoka Chakra

74. The Major Dhyan Chand Sport Jewel Award recognizes outstanding performances in sports over a _____ period.

(a) one-year

(b) two-year

(c) three-year

(d) four-year

75. Which is longest mountain range in world?

- (a) Himalayas (b) Rockies (c) Andes (d) Alps

76. Recently, who has been appointed a the new Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

- (a) Rakesh Asthana (b) Anil Dhasmana (c) B Srinivasan (d) Samant Goel

77. Aman Sehrawat, who recently won bronze medal at Paris Olympics 2024, is associated with which sports?

- (a) Boxing (b) Wrestling (c) Weightlifting (d) Judo

78. Bhand Pather is a traditional folk theater form from which Indian state?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Punjab
(c) Jammu and Kashmir (d) Uttarakhand

79. Which of the following holds the title of the smallest national park in India?

- (a) Fossil National Park
(b) South Button Island National Park
(c) Middle Button Island National Park
(d) Hemis National Park

80. Which box category in WTO agriculture-related subsidies includes policies that are not considered trade distorting?

- (a) Green box (b) Amber box (c) Blue box (d) Red box

LOGICAL REASONING

81. Vidya is eighth to the right of Vidushi who is twenty-one from right. Vidhan is tenth to the left of Vidya and is 23rd from left. Then how many students are there in the row?

- (a) 45 (b) 54 (c) 55 (d) None of these

82. Vidhan is twenty-fourth from left and is sixth to right of Vidyut who is thirty-third from right and he is just between Vidhan and Vihaan. Then what will be Vihaan's position from left?

- (a) 12 (b) 13 (c) 39 (d) None of these

83. Eight students A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are planning to enjoy car racing. There are only two cars and following are the conditions: One car can accommodate only four students. A will sit in the same car in which D is sitting but H is not in the same car, B and C can't sit in the same car in which D is sitting. F will sit in the car of four people only along with A and E but certainly not with G. If H and G are sitting in the same car, who are other two students sitting in the same car?

- (a) AD (b) BC (c) EF (d) None of these

84. In an evening when Vihaan started walking from his house, his shadow was exactly towards his right and walked 6 km. Then he turned to his left and walked 4 km then he

turned to his right and walked 6 km and again he turned to his right and walked 13 km. How far is he and in which direction from the starting point?

- (a) 15 km (North-East) (b) 15 Km (South-West)
 (c) 13 Km (East) (d) None of these

85. On what dates of April, 2001 did Thursday fall?

- (a) 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th (b) 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
 (c) 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th (d) 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

86. The calendar for the year 2006 will be the same for the year:

- (a) 2014 (b) 2016 (c) 2017 (d) 2018

87. Which letter will be 9th to the right of the 18th letter from the right end?

- (a) A (b) I (c) R (d) None of these

88. Find out Next Two letters GX JU NR SO?

- (a) ZL (b) XM (c) YL (d) None of these

Direction: (89-90) A, B, C, D, E, F and G are seven members in a family out of which there are three females and four males. There are two managers, two lawyers, one teacher, one engineer and one doctor. No lady is teacher or engineer. C is a lawyer and married to A who is a teacher. F, the engineer, is married to D who is neither lawyer nor doctor. No two ladies have the same profession. B is the sister of G, who is manager and grandson of F. A is the brother of E who is son of F. E is unmarried.

89. How E is related to B and also find out the Profession of E?

- (a) Paternal Uncle, Lawyer (b) Maternal Uncle, Lawyer
 (c) Cousin, Manager (d) None of these

90. Three of the following four are alike in a certain way so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to the group?

- (a) F (b) A (c) E (d) B

91. Six friends, P, Q, R, S, T, and U, are sitting in a row facing north. S is between P and U. T is between Q and U. R is sitting second to the right of S then who is sitting at the extreme left?

- (a) P (b) Q (c) R (d) S

92. if the word 'PLANT' is coded as 'WFFJW', how will the word 'STOLE' be coded?

- (a) ZNTHH (b) ZNTHI (c) ZNTIG (d) None of these

93. Find the next number in the series: 90, 261, 1028, 5115, ?

- (a) 30,655 (b) 30,654 (c) 36,654 (d) 29,655

94. ab_ abb _ bba _ b find the pattern?

- (a) baa (b) aba (c) bba (d) bab

95. In the row of 40 Students Vidhan is twenty-eight from left and Vidyut is twenty fifth from right. If Vihaan is sitting just exactly in between them so what will be Vihaan's position from left?

- (a) 22 (b) 19 (c) 21 (d) None of these

96. Students line up in a queue in which Vidhan stands fifteenth from the left and Vidyut is seventh from the right. If they interchange their places, Vidyut would be fifteenth from the right. How many students are there in the queue?

- (a) 30 (b) 29 (c) 31 (d) None of these

97. find the value of ? In the Matrix.

?	13	49
9	17	69
13	11	59

- (a) 5 (b) 6 (c) 7 (d) None of these

98. Statement: All A are B. Some B are C. No C are D. Some D are E

Conclusion I: Some D are A.

Conclusion II: No D are A.

- (a) Only Conclusion I follows
 (b) Only Conclusion II follows
 (c) Either Conclusion I or Conclusion II follows
 (d) Neither Conclusion I nor Conclusion II follows

99. At what time between 7 and 8 o'clock will the hands of a clock be in the same straight line, but not together?

- (a) 5 min. past 7 (b) $5\frac{2}{11}$ min. past 7 (c) $5\frac{3}{11}$ min. past 7 (d) $5\frac{5}{11}$ min. past 7

100. Statement: Four siblings M, N, O, and P are playing a game. The following conditions apply:

- M always plays before O.
- N always plays after O.
- P always plays after M but before O.

Which of the following is the correct order in which the siblings play?

- (a) M, P, O, N (b) M, O, P, N (c) P, M, O, N (d) M, P, N, O

101. In today's digital age, the traditional brick-and-mortar retail model faces significant challenges. With the rise of e-commerce platforms, many consumers are opting to shop from the comfort of their own homes. This shift is driven by the ease with which products can be compared and purchased online, often at lower prices. Retail giants have noticed this trend and are rapidly adjusting their business strategies to enhance their online presence. As a result, online sales are expected to grow steadily over the next decade.

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

- (a) Online shopping provides a wider variety of products than physical stores.
- (b) E-commerce platforms offer the best prices compared to physical stores.
- (c) Consumers find online shopping more convenient than visiting physical stores.
- (d) Physical stores will cease to exist in the future.

102. The international community has galvanized its efforts to combat the escalating threat of climate change. Through a variety of treaties and initiatives, countries are committing to significant cuts in their carbon footprints. These measures, often rigorous and costly, underscore the urgency with which nations are attempting to halt the progression of global warming. Experts argue that without such aggressive strategies, the planet's average temperatures could rise to catastrophic levels, affecting millions. Which of the following assumptions is made in the above passage?

- (a) Most countries have the technological capacity to reduce carbon emissions.
- (b) Lower carbon emissions will directly lead to lower average global temperatures.
- (c) Curbing climate change is the primary motivator for reducing carbon emissions.
- (d) Economic factors have little significance in decisions to reduce carbon emissions.

103. As the demand for tailored education experiences grows, India sees a significant surge in the adoption of online learning platforms. These platforms offer courses that are not only diverse but also customizable, catering to a wide range of learning preferences and schedules. This trend is particularly noticeable among students who juggle multiple commitments and prioritize convenience and control over their education. The flexibility of online education allows learners to engage with content on their own terms, revolutionizing the traditional educational model.

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

- (a) Online education is more cost-effective than traditional classroom education.
- (b) The primary appeal of online platforms is their flexibility for learners.
- (c) Most of the students prefer online learning to traditional methods.
- (d) Online platforms offer better quality education than traditional schools.

104. Amidst growing concerns over air quality in urban areas, the Indian government has intensified its promotion of electric vehicles. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to cut down on urban pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Authorities are providing various incentives, including subsidies and tax benefits, to encourage the adoption of EVs by the public. This policy shift is expected to not only improve air quality but also spur the development of new technologies in the automotive sector.

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

- (a) Electric vehicles are inherently less polluting than combustion engines.
- (b) Subsidies and tax benefits are effective in increasing EV adoption.
- (c) Reducing urban pollution is a key goal of promoting electric vehicles.
- (d) The development of new technologies is contingent on government policy.

105. As the landscape of work evolves in India, more organizations are adopting remote work policies. This trend is largely attributed to the realization that remote working can lead to enhanced productivity and higher employee satisfaction. Companies are noticing that flexible work arrangements allow employees to manage their time more effectively and reduce stress, which in turn often results in better performance and lower turnover rates. The shift is supported by advancements in technology that make remote collaboration more feasible than ever before.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above passage?

- (a) Remote work technology is readily available and affordable for most companies.
- (b) Remote work increases employee satisfaction by offering flexible schedules.
- (c) Companies primarily shift to remote work to enhance productivity and employee satisfaction.
- (d) All companies will eventually adopt remote working policies.

106. India's renewable energy sector is experiencing a remarkable boom, underpinned by the country's need to secure its energy future. With a burgeoning population and escalating energy demands, the government is pushing for investments in sustainable energy sources like solar and wind power. This strategy not only aims to mitigate dependency on imported fossil fuels but also positions India as a leader in green technology. The move is seen as essential for maintaining energy self-sufficiency and supporting economic growth in the decades to come.

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

- (a) Renewable energy is more cost-effective than traditional energy sources.
- (b) The primary goal of investing in renewable energy is to achieve energy independence.
- (c) All renewable energy projects in India are profitable.
- (d) India's energy demand will decrease in the future.

107. Recent reforms in Indian agriculture aim to transform the sector by introducing more market-driven mechanisms and reducing reliance on traditional state-controlled systems. These changes are designed to encourage private investment and technological adoption, providing farmers with better access to markets and higher profitability. The government asserts that these reforms will empower farmers, boosting their income significantly and bringing modern technologies into the agricultural framework to improve overall productivity and sustainability.

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

- (a) All farmers in India will benefit equally from the agricultural reforms.
- (b) Private investments and technological advancements are crucial for agricultural progress.
- (c) The primary objective of the agricultural reforms is to increase farmers' incomes.
- (d) Traditional farming methods are ineffective and outdated.

108. In an effort to bring more of India's population into the formal financial system, the government has heavily promoted digital payment solutions. These initiatives aim to extend financial services to the underbanked segments of society, helping bridge the gap between urban and rural financial access. By facilitating easier, faster, and more secure transactions, digital platforms are seen as key tools in promoting economic equality and ensuring every citizen has access to banking services, regardless of their geographic location.

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

- (a) Digital payment platforms inherently offer greater security than traditional banking methods.
- (b) Rural populations in India have been significantly underserved by traditional financial institutions.
- (c) The main goal of promoting digital payment systems is to enhance financial inclusion.
- (d) All Indian citizens have access to the internet and can use digital payment systems.

109. Indian cinema has seen a notable shift towards regional films, which are now outperforming mainstream Bollywood releases in several states. Audiences increasingly favor these films for their authentic representation of local life and customs, a contrast to the often glamorized narratives presented in larger productions. This trend is supporting the growth of local film industries, enabling them to invest in higher quality productions and attract talented filmmakers who wish to explore regional stories and identities.

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

- (a) Bollywood films are not popular among Indian audiences.
- (b) Regional cinema is popular because it authentically portrays local cultures.
- (c) All regional films are commercially successful.
- (d) Regional filmmakers possess superior skills compared to Bollywood filmmakers.

110. As India's urban landscapes expand, the influx of rural migrants into cities continues to rise. These migrants are drawn by the promise of higher wages and more stable employment opportunities unavailable in their native villages. This migration trend is reshaping the demographic and economic fabric of cities, leading to the growth of urban economies but also exacerbating challenges such as housing shortages and increased demand for city services.

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

- (a) Rural areas in India lack sufficient employment opportunities.
- (b) Urban areas offer better social services than rural areas.
- (c) Migration is the sole factor contributing to urbanization in India.
- (d) Economic incentives are the main reason rural populations move to urban areas.

111. Recent measures in several Indian cities to ban single-use plastics have been heralded as crucial steps towards environmental sustainability. Proponents argue that these bans quickly lead to a noticeable decrease in plastic waste, helping urban centers combat pollution and encouraging shifts to more sustainable alternatives. Critics, however, caution that without proper enforcement and public education, such bans may fail to achieve their intended effects. Despite these concerns, supporters maintain that the bans are essential for reducing the environmental impact of plastic waste.

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

- (a) Many cities with plastic bans have reported no significant decrease in plastic waste.
- (b) Alternative materials to plastic are often more expensive and less durable.
- (c) Public support for plastic bans is generally high in urban areas.
- (d) Some cities have effectively enforced plastic bans through stringent penalties.

112. Urban planners and local governments across India are advocating for the expansion of metro rail systems as a solution to the chronic traffic congestion plaguing major cities. They argue that by providing a reliable and efficient alternative to road-based transportation, metro systems will reduce the number of vehicles on the road. Additionally, the proposed expansions are expected to cover underserved areas, potentially easing traffic bottlenecks. Supporters believe that these measures will not only decrease traffic congestion but also improve overall air quality by reducing vehicle emissions.

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

- (a) Cities that have expanded metro systems have seen an increase in traffic congestion.
- (b) The cost of expanding metro systems is significantly lower than building new roads.
- (c) Recent surveys show high public approval for expanding metro rail systems.
- (d) Metro systems significantly reduce vehicle emissions in urban areas.

113. Recent studies suggest that the expansion of urban green spaces, such as parks and street trees, in Indian cities can play a critical role in reducing air pollution. Researchers argue that these green spaces act as natural air filters, absorbing pollutants like carbon dioxide and particulate matter. The findings point to a correlation between increased urban greenery and marked improvements in air quality indices across several densely populated areas. Advocates for urban planning reform propose further investments in green infrastructure as a sustainable approach to environmental challenges.

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

- (a) Urban green spaces provide significant recreational benefits to city residents.
- (b) Many cities worldwide have successfully improved air quality through green space expansion.
- (c) Studies from similar climates show no significant change in pollution levels despite increased greenery.

(d) The cost of maintaining urban green spaces is substantially lower than other pollution control measures.

114. With the increasing adoption of telecommuting in Indian corporations, proponents argue that it boosts productivity by cutting down on long commute times and offering employees a more flexible work environment. They claim this flexibility allows employees to work when they are most productive, not just during traditional office hours. Companies that have embraced telecommuting report higher job satisfaction rates and note a visible increase in output and efficiency, attributing this success to the more tailored work schedules and reduced employee stress. Which of the following, if true, would undermine the study's conclusion?

- (a) Businesses that offer telecommuting have a higher employee retention rate.
- (b) A recent survey indicates that employees prefer telecommuting to traditional office settings.
- (c) Data shows that telecommuting employees tend to work fewer total hours, leading to lower overall productivity.
- (d) Many corporations report that telecommuting has significantly lowered their operational costs.

115. As economic disparities continue to widen in India, the idea of a Universal Basic Income (UBI) has gained traction among policymakers and social activists. They argue that a UBI would provide a safety net for the poorest, ensuring a minimum standard of living regardless of employment status. Proponents believe that this initiative could stimulate local economies by increasing consumer spending and reducing the burden of economic insecurity on low-income families. Furthermore, it is suggested that UBI could lead to a reduction in crime rates associated with poverty.

Which of the following facts, if true, would be an argument in favour of the UBI?

- (a) UBI programs have historically increased dependency on government aid in other countries.
- (b) Implementing UBI would require significant reductions in other welfare programs.
- (c) Studies show that UBI recipients are more likely to invest in education and health.
- (d) Most countries that have implemented UBI have seen no improvement in economic disparities.

116. In an ambitious move, the Indian government has launched a pilot project to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) technologies into public health systems in rural areas. This initiative is anticipated to transform healthcare by providing doctors with advanced diagnostic tools that reduce errors and expedite treatment processes. Supporters argue that AI will not only streamline patient care but also enable remote areas to overcome shortages of specialized medical staff. The long-term goal is to standardize high-quality healthcare across all regions, reducing disparities in medical services.

Which of the following facts, if true, would be an argument in favour of the AI initiative?

119. In rural India, where access to healthcare is often limited by geographic and economic barriers, telemedicine has been proposed as a transformative solution. It allows patients in remote areas to consult with doctors via video calls, thereby bypassing the need for physical travel to distant healthcare centers. Health officials argue that this not only enhances access to medical care but also ensures that residents receive timely advice and treatment, potentially reducing the incidence of treatable diseases becoming severe.

Which of the following most strengthens the above argument?

- (a) Many rural residents have expressed satisfaction with the convenience of telemedicine services.
- (b) Surveys indicate that telemedicine consultations are 30% shorter than in-person visits.
- (c) Research shows a 40% decrease in hospital admissions among rural populations using telemedicine services.
- (d) Telemedicine technology companies report rising profits from increased usage in rural areas.

120. Vertical farming is becoming increasingly popular in India's urban landscapes as a sustainable alternative to traditional agriculture. By stacking crops in vertical layers, this innovative farming technique maximizes space in limited urban settings and utilizes hydroponic systems to grow plants with minimal water. Advocates claim that vertical farming not only reduces the urban footprint of agriculture but also conserves resources and can yield more crops per square meter than conventional methods. As cities continue to grow, vertical farming is seen as a vital solution to meet the rising demand for fresh produce.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above passage?

- (a) Vertical farming will completely replace traditional farming methods in urban areas.
- (b) Urban populations have an increasing demand for fresh produce.
- (c) Vertical farming uses more water than traditional farming methods.
- (d) All urban areas in India are suitable for vertical farming.

121. As the startup culture in India flourishes, co-working spaces have become increasingly popular, providing a dynamic environment where entrepreneurs can collaborate and share resources. These spaces are designed to offer not just a physical location but also a community that fosters networking and idea exchange among young companies. They often come equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and flexible leasing terms, which are attractive to startups that may not have the capital for traditional office spaces. Advocates for co-working spaces argue that these environments significantly enhance productivity and innovation by bringing diverse groups of people together.

What conclusion can most likely be drawn about the impact of co-working spaces on startups in India?

- (a) Co-working spaces are essential for all startups in India to succeed.
- (b) Startups that use co-working spaces are more likely to attract venture capital.
- (c) Co-working spaces contribute to the growth and success of startups by enhancing collaboration and innovation.
- (d) The success of startups in co-working spaces is dependent solely on the quality of their business ideas.

122. In the ever-evolving landscape of social media, TikTok has emerged as a powerhouse for global entertainment and information dissemination. As a platform that allows users to create short, engaging videos, TikTok has not only altered how content is consumed but also how it is created, influencing marketing strategies worldwide. With its algorithm that prioritizes user engagement and novelty, brands and creators optimize content to maximize visibility and engagement. Additionally, TikTok's impact extends beyond entertainment, influencing political discourse and social movements, as seen in various global events.

Which of the following observations about TikTok is incorrect?

- (a) TikTok's algorithm prioritizes content that is likely to increase user engagement.
- (b) TikTok primarily serves as a platform for video gaming streaming.
- (c) TikTok has influenced both entertainment industries and political discussions globally.
- (d) Brands use TikTok to reach a younger audience through tailored marketing strategies.

123. In response to the growing need for technological integration in education, many Indian schools have begun implementing digital classrooms. These initiatives are aimed at enhancing educational delivery by incorporating advanced tech tools such as interactive whiteboards and learning management systems. Proponents argue that such technologies not only make learning more interactive but also allow for personalized instruction, which is crucial in addressing the diverse learning needs of students. The expectation is that digital classrooms will lead to higher levels of student engagement and better academic performance. Which of the following, if true, would most support this claim?

- (a) Studies show that students in digital classrooms enjoy learning more than in traditional settings.
- (b) Research indicates that digital classrooms have led to improved exam results and higher retention rates.
- (c) Teachers report feeling more satisfied with their teaching experience in digital classrooms.
- (d) Parents have expressed overwhelming support for the use of technology in their children's education.

124. As India commits to renewable energy, rural areas are becoming focal points for new projects, such as solar farms and wind turbines. Advocates for these projects assert that they not only provide a sustainable energy source but also significantly contribute to local economies. They claim that such investments lead to job creation in construction and maintenance, alongside providing cheaper energy that can power local businesses and homes. This economic stimulus is seen as a vital step in elevating the financial health of rural communities, potentially reducing migration to urban centers. Which of the following, if true, would most support this claim?

- (a) Renewable energy projects have led to technological advancements in rural areas.
- (b) Local governments provide subsidies for the installation of renewable energy projects.
- (c) Residents report an increased quality of life with access to reliable energy sources.
- (d) Economic data shows a decrease in poverty rates and an increase in employment in areas with renewable energy projects.

125. The resurgence of vinyl records in a digital age is a testament to the timeless appeal of physical media. As digital platforms dominate the music industry, vinyl records have seen a surprising spike in sales, attributed to their unique sound quality and the nostalgia they evoke. Collectors and audiophiles argue that vinyl provides a richer, more authentic audio experience compared to compressed digital formats. This resurgence also underscores a cultural shift towards valuing tangibility and tradition in music consumption, where the ritual of playing a record and the artistry of album covers are cherished.

Which of the following observations about the resurgence of vinyl records is incorrect?

- (a) Vinyl records are appreciated for their superior sound quality over digital formats.
- (b) The rise in vinyl sales is due solely to their practicality and convenience.
- (c) Vinyl records offer a tangible connection to music that digital formats lack.
- (d) The artwork and physical presence of vinyl are valued by collectors.

126. 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 while remaining committed to protecting the country's national security interests. India also supported the 2014 UNGA resolution, 69/32, on 'No First Placement of Weapons on Outer Space'. 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. 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.

Which of the following best supports the author's argument except?

- (a) India has not initiated nor participated willingly in the arms race in outer space.
- (b) India's prime commitment is towards protecting national security interests.
- (c) Arms race in outer space is somehow disconnected from militarisation.

(d) India's role in the drafting of International Law on the prevention of arms race in outer space could be a pivotal one.

127. What's interesting is that MPs at all stages of their parliamentary careers are looking at life beyond them, unenticing and not at all revolving as it is, and choosing to leave anyway. Are they disillusioned with the Tory project? That would be fair, given that its current, lacklustre iteration is surely miles away from what anyone signed up for. 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?

Which of the following can be logically inferred from the passage except?

- (a) The lives of the parliamentarians do not revolve around their positions and careers.
- (b) Regardless of experiences and stages of their careers the MPs are considering changing careers.
- (c) The parliamentarians are contemplating a future beyond their present careers.
- (d) The various factions of a party are possibly more influenced by external factors rather than inherent ones.

128. I decide to become a full-time train announcer. The one time I tried to leverage the challenge for any material gain – by asking for an unrealistically high fee to syndicate one of my articles – the person never responded to my email. The experiment also didn't succeed in making me immune to fear, embarrassment or rejection, but that could be a good thing. 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. I guess you could say that I'm rejecting rejection therapy. It's what it would have wanted.

Which of the following will be an apt conclusion derived from the passage?

- (a) People of mild manners cannot achieve great influence over others.
- (b) People with passive attitudes cause disruptions and conflicts.
- (c) Demeanour may lead to a more harmonious and less assertive approach in various aspects of life.
- (d) All of the above

129. 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. After net outflows in September and October, foreign portfolio investors invested around \$7.8 billion in November and December, bringing full year investments to almost \$20 billion. Foreign direct investments, which had been falling since last year, have picked up over the past few months. However, pain points remain. 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. 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.

Which of the following can be reasonably inferred from the passage?

- (a) Noting the positive momentum in capital expenditures within certain sectors, the investors appear hopeful about the economic scenario.
- (b) The more productive sectors in the economy have mitigated the challenges faced in employment.
- (c) The private expenditure is also rising with the tide.
- (d) The economic scenario shows an overall healthy growth.

130. The use of machine learning software for surveillance, facial recognition and predictive policing has major implications for privacy and human rights. Addressing these concerns requires more than the expertise of the engineer and the technologist. In 2024, society needs to drive technology, rather than the other way around.

Which of the following statements is/are logically deduced from the passage?

- A. Modern AI has proved to be more harmful than beneficial.
 - B. Society should take an active role in directing any technological movement.
 - C. More expert engineers and technologists are required to address the recent issues posed by AI.
 - D. Rules to counter plagiarism need to be evolved.
- (a) Only A and C
 - (b) Only B and D
 - (c) Only B, C and D
 - (d) All of the above

131. Directions for question 131: Classify the following sentences carefully as Fact, Inference and Judgement.

Mark the sentence as F (Fact) if it is verifiable.

Mark the sentence as I (Inference) if it is logically deduced.

Mark the system as a J (Judgement) if it is an opinion.

- A. At a time when Delhi's ties with China are in deep freeze, Moscow's engagement with Beijing has rapidly expanded.
 - B. Within this overall framework, refinements are possible.
 - C. That could explain why there was less panic over mechanisation replacing manufacturing jobs than, say, machines replacing lawyers, doctors, artists and writers.
 - D. If any image can be manufactured -and manipulated - how can we believe anything we see?
- (a) FIJI
 - (b) IJJI
 - (c) FIJJ
 - (d) IJJF

132. Identify the relation between the given Statements.

Statement 1- Bilateral commercial economic engagement between Delhi and Moscow has surged in the last two years.

Statement 2- Moscow could no longer sell oil in its traditional European markets because of sanctions.

Statement 3 - Preserving a productive relationship with Moscow was a critical element of India's national security strategy.

- (a) Statement 2 is a Consequence, Statement 3 is a Cause, Statement 3 is a Cause
- (b) Statement 1 is a Consequence, Statement 2 is a Cause, Statement 3 is a Reason
- (c) Statement 3 is a Reason, Statement 2 is a Consequence, Statement 1 is a Consequence,
- (d) None of the above

133. Which of the following conclusions are correct as per the statement given?

Statement- Many shipping companies have started taking the longer journey, which could increase fuel costs, add days in deliveries and raise prices of imported goods, especially oil from West Asia- this is serious for India which depends on the region for the bulk of its oil supplies.

Conclusion 1- Crude prices have been rising since the conflict intensified.

Conclusion 2- The situation is critically important for India.

Conclusion 3- Any issues in the region could significantly impact India's oil availability.

Conclusion 4 – India's energy security might be threatened due to any changes in the region.

- (a) Conclusions 1 and 2
- (b) Conclusions 2 and 3
- (c) Conclusions 2, 3 and 4
- (d) Conclusions 1,2,3 and 4

134. Consider the following legal principles:

I. Neither party should have a spouse living at the time of marriage.

II. A second marriage during the subsistence of husband or wife of a previous marriage is null and void.

III. A person unheard for 7 years shall not be considered alive.

Factual Situation: Vidhan is married to Vidhi. Both of them are very religious and undertake pilgrimages after every couple of months. On one such pilgrimage to Badrinath, Vidhi and Vidhan are separated in the crowd and in spite of many efforts made by Vidhan she cannot be traced. Vidhan uses all possible mediums including newspaper, radio and television but even after seven long years he is unable to find Vidhi. In the eighth year Vidhan marries Vidushi and a couple of months after the marriage, Vidhi returns. Decide.

- (a) Vidhan and Vidhushi's marriage is null and void.
- (b) Vidhan's marriage with Vidushi will not be considered null and void.
- (c) Vidhi was alive while Vidhan got married. Hence, Vidhan has committed the bigamy.

(d) Vidhan should have divorced Vidhi before marrying Vidushi.

135. Consider the following legal principles:

I: Corporations conducting activities that have a potential environmental impact must ensure these activities do not cause environmental degradation. Compliance with environmental regulations and mitigation of ecological damage are mandated.

II. It is the commonly accepted practice that those who produce pollution should bear the costs of managing it to prevent damage to human health or the environment. Failure to adhere to these standards results in legal liability for the restoration of the environment and possible compensatory damages to affected parties.

Factual Situation: Vijendra Industries, a large chemical manufacturing company in Gujarat, has been disposing of its waste into a river in the vicinity, a common practice done in the industrial area. This disposal has led to significant pollution affecting the water quality and adversely impacting the livelihoods of local fishermen, who rely on the river for their daily catch. Varun, a leader of the fishermen's association, has gathered evidence of increased pollutants directly linked to the waste from Vijendra Industries and averred this is in violation of environmental protection guidelines and initiated a lawsuit against Vijendra industries seeking remediation and compensation. Decide on Vijendra Industries's liability-

(a) Vijendra Industries along with other industries of that area, is liable for all environmental damage and must compensate the local community for livelihood losses and fund the river's remediation.

(b) Vijendra Industries is not liable because the chemical waste disposal was in line with disposal practices done by other industries.

(c) Vijendra Industries is liable for the environmental damage and must compensate the local community for livelihood losses and fund the river's remediation.

(d) Vijendra Industries is not liable as the local government did not enforce environmental regulations actively, absolving the company of direct responsibility.

136. Legal Principle I: The right to privacy is a fundamental right under the Constitution of India. It protects individuals from unauthorized or excessive surveillance by the state or its instrumentality. However the right is not absolute, it can be restricted if infringement of privacy is legally justified, necessary for a legitimate aim, and proportionate to the need that justifies the intrusion.

Legal Principle II: If the entire or majority share capital of the corporation is held by the government, it would go a long way towards indicating that the corporation is an instrumentality or agency of the State.

Factual Situation: Vasudha Public Telecom Ltd., a major telecom operator in New Delhi, implemented an advanced surveillance system to monitor the communications of its users, allegedly to identify and prevent fraudulent activities. This system not only tracks call details but also analyzes and records the content of the communications

without explicit consent from the users for quality, training and selling purposes. Vijay, a journalist known for his investigative reporting on government policies, finds that his communications were specifically targeted, leading to a breach of confidential information. He files a lawsuit against Vasudha Public Telecom Ltd., claiming an unreasonable invasion of his privacy rights. Decide.

- (a) Vasudha Public Telecom Ltd. is not liable as the surveillance was aimed at preventing fraud, serving a legitimate public interest.
- (b) Vasudha Public Telecom Ltd. is only liable for the tracking of call details, not for monitoring the content of the communications.
- (c) Vasudha Public Telecom Ltd. is liable because the surveillance was excessive and not proportionate to the intended purpose of preventing fraud.
- (d) Vasudha Public Telecom Ltd. is not liable because the journalist does not have a higher expectation of privacy than any other citizen under the law.

137. Legal Principle: I. Nuisance means any action by a person that unreasonably or unlawfully interferes with the use or enjoyment of any other person's property by that other person. Public nuisance is an act which causes any common injury, danger or annoyance to the people in general who dwell or occupy the property in the vicinity. Public nuisance is a crime whereas private nuisance is a civil wrong.

II. In certain cases, when any person suffers some special or particular damage, different from what is inflicted upon public as whole due to public nuisance, right to compensation is available to the person.

Factual Situation: Vinod owns a large plot of land in the outskirts of Hyderabad, which he uses for hosting large commercial events. His neighbor, Vishal, operates a small poultry farm that directly borders Vinod's property. Recently, Vinod organized a large music festival, which included heavy lighting and loud music throughout the night. The noise and light significantly disrupted the natural cycles of Vishal's livestock, leading to a decrease in farm productivity. Additionally, the local residents complained about the noise disturbing their peace during the event. Vishal has filed a lawsuit claiming that Vinod's activities constitute a public nuisance and seeks compensation for personal damage. Decide.

- (a) Vinod is liable for private nuisance because his actions unreasonably interfered with the neighboring properties' use and enjoyment.
- (b) Vinod is liable for public nuisance and to compensate to Vishal for poor farm productivity.
- (c) Vinod is not only liable for damages to Vishal's farm productivity but also to local residents for the disturbance caused.
- (d) Vinod is not liable for public nuisance because the music festival was a temporary event and such events do not constitute a penal offence.

138. Legal Principle I: Medical practitioners must exercise a standard of care that is reasonable, competent, and in accordance with the current medical practices recognized by law. Failure to meet this standard, which leads to patient harm, can be grounds for negligence.

II. In cases of medical negligence the principle of *Res Ipso loquitur* is applied. It is an evidential principle and it is intended to assist the claimant, who for no fault of his own is unable to adduce evidence as to how the accident occurred. The principle means the thing speaks for itself.

Factual Situation: Dr. Varun, a senior cardiologist at a leading hospital in Pune, prescribed a new medication to his patient, Vidya, who has a history of severe cardiac conditions. The medication, though effective for many, is known for potential severe side effects in patients with Vidya's specific condition—something Dr. Varun overlooked. On the first day, she at her own took double dose but continued with the prescribed dose for two weeks. After two weeks she suffered a significant health setback attributed directly to the medication's adverse effects. It was later revealed that Dr. Varun had failed to review Vidya's full medical history due to time constraints and the hospital's high patient volume. Vidya and her family decide to sue for medical negligence.

- (a) Dr. Varun is not liable as the hospital environment and high patient volume contributed to the oversight.
- (b) Dr. Varun is only liable for the lack of follow-up but not for the initial prescription of the medication.
- (c) Dr. Varun is not liable as Vidya herself took the double dose of the medication which worsened her situation.
- (d) Dr. Varun is liable for medical negligence because he failed to exercise the standard of care expected in reviewing the patient's medical history.

139. Legal Principle: Entities that collect and process personal data must ensure its protection against misuse, unauthorized access, and loss. They must also obtain explicit consent from individuals before collecting or using their data, provide clear information about the purpose of data collection, and allow individuals to access, correct, or request the deletion of their data. Non-compliance with these regulations attracts stringent penalties including fines and directives to cease processing activities.

Factual Situation: Vasudha Enterprises, a private health insurance company based in Mumbai, recently launched a health monitoring application that collects data on users' physical activities, dietary habits, and medical histories. This app is marketed primarily to existing policyholders to offer personalized health plans. However, it was found that the data collected was shared with third-party marketers without users consent, and a subsequent data breach exposed sensitive personal health information. Varun, a policyholder, discovers his personal data was misused and sues Vasudha Enterprises for violating data protection regulations.

- (a) Vasudha Enterprises is not liable because users implicitly consented to data sharing by agreeing to the app's terms and conditions.
- (b) Vasudha Enterprises is liable because it failed to explicitly inform and obtain consent from the users about the data sharing with third-party marketers.
- (c) Vasudha Enterprises is only liable for the data breach but not for sharing data with marketers, as the terms included a clause on potential data sharing for marketing.
- (d) Vasudha Enterprises is not liable since the health monitoring app is an optional service and not a mandatory part of the health insurance plan.

140. Consider the following legal principles:

I. Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006: The Act mandates accurate labeling, prohibits misleading practices, and ensures that food products meet set safety standards to protect consumer health.

II. 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.

III. Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940: Regulates the import, manufacturing, distribution, and sale of drugs and cosmetics to ensure that they are safe for human usage, effective, and comply with quality standards.

Which of the following actions violate the above-mentioned legal principle(s)?

- (a) Vidhi Nutrients, a health supplement company, accurately lists all active and inactive ingredients on its products and markets them with verified claims of curing chronic diseases.
- (b) Viraj Pharma, a pharmaceutical company, conducts tests and trials of its particular medication to ensure safety and efficacy standards, but it omits to publish that the usage of it might cause meager and ordinary headache to some users.
- (c) Gourmet Foods, a snack manufacturer, adheres to all labeling requirements under the Food Safety and Standards Act and goes beyond compliance by conducting regular internal audits to ensure product quality.
- (d) AyurHerb, a brand dealing in herbal cosmetics, advertises their product with the phrase "guaranteed fair tone in 7 days" and has mentioned on the product that it has "essential ingredients" required for the result.

141. Consider the following legal principles:

I. Income Tax Act, 1961: Requires all entities and individuals to accurately report income, expenses, and deductions to ensure fair taxation, and imposes penalties for tax evasion or misrepresentation.

II. Banking Regulation Act, 1949: Ensures that banking institutions maintain transparency with their customers about account terms, fees, and interest rates, and operate with the financial integrity necessary for customer trust and economic stability.

III. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA): Regulates transactions involving foreign exchange and foreign securities, requiring full compliance with all controls and norms to maintain the country's foreign exchange market integrity.

Which of these actions best adheres to the above-mentioned legal principles?

- (a) Avni FinServe, a financial services firm, meticulously reports all client transactions to the appropriate regulatory bodies and maintains detailed records to ensure transparency and compliance with FEMA.
- (b) Dhruv Private Bank, while maintaining adequate records and disclosure of fees as per the Banking Regulation Act, minimizes its tax liability by strategically placing investments in jurisdictions with lower tax rates, not fully disclosed in its public filings.
- (c) Rajat Exports, engaging in international trade, underreports its foreign earnings to minimize domestic tax obligations.
- (d) Sanvi Tech, an IT company, maintains clear and accurate financial records for all operations, including foreign transactions and tax liabilities.

142. Consider the following legal principles:

- I.** A statement that harms a person's reputation by publishing false information is defamatory unless it can be proven true and made for the public's benefit.
- II.** Statements made in the absolute privilege means that the person making the statement has the absolute right to make that statement at that time and are not considered defamatory regardless of their content. (e.g., statements made by members of the Parliament during session)
- III.** A defamatory statement is not actionable if it is expressed as a joke or satire understood as such by a reasonable person.

Which of these actions will not attract the liability under the principle of defamation as provided herein above?

- (a) Vikram, a journalist, publishes an article falsely claiming that Vishal, a public servant, accepted bribes for government contracts.
- (b) Varun, during a parliamentary debate competition, accuses Vidya, who is acting as a politician, of cheating without any proof.
- (c) Veena, in a restaurant review book, writes that Vivek's restaurant might have used ingredients from out of this world because her meal tasted unusually bad.
- (d) Vaibhav, when asked by few people, makes a statement that Vidhan cannot be trusted to be given goods on credit as he has a certified copy of the judgment under which Vidhan was declared insolvent.

143. Legal Principles on Trespass under Indian Law:

I. Trespass to land: Trespass to land means interference with the possession of land without consent of the person having the possession of the land. Act of trespass by a person makes him liable.

II. 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.

III. Exceptions: Entry onto land for the purpose of averting an immediate danger to life or property is often considered a lawful excuse for trespass.

Which of the following acts violates the above mentioned legal principles to attract the liability for trespass?

(a) Varsha living on rent in Vijay's house, drives nails into the wall of the house, adhering to the rental agreement.

(b) Vijay, firefighter, enters Vimal's property without explicit permission to put out a fire in an adjoining property.

(c) Vivek, a mason who was hired by Veena and permitted to work in the garage went to sit in Veena's living room as he was tired.

(d) Vipin uses Vinay's driveway to turn around his car, based on mutual assent.

144. Consider the following legal principles:

Legal Principle I: An act causing damage, if done under necessity to prevent a greater and imminent evil is not actionable even though harm was caused intentionally or infliction of harm was on an innocent person.

Legal Principle II: In private defence, harm is caused to a person who himself is a wrong doer. The harm is done to prevent the danger. It starts when the person is under a fear of harm by other person. It should not exceed the extent which is required to defend. The wrong doer does not have the right of private defence.

Legal Principle III: In necessity the harm is intended to done, whereas in inevitable accident, the harm is caused in spite of the best effort to avoid it.

Under which of the following cases, the defenses provided in the principles would not protect the accused from liability.

(a) Rajat, master of the ship disposed the cargo which belonged to Virat and all other passengers, to prevent the ship from sinking as being hit by a rock, water was filling in it. The act was done without communicating with Virat or any of the other passengers.

(b) Vijay driving under the speed limit on a highway hits a pedestrian, who suddenly tried to cross the road.

(c) Sumit, trapped in a room with a poisonous snake, breaks the window of someone else's property to escape.

(d) Alok threatened Vidhan by pointing towards him a pistol which he knows to be not loaded but the said fact was not known to Vidhan. Vidhan in response throws a knife

which was near him. Alok in response and to defend himself from knife throws the pistol towards Vidhan, which hits Vidhan.

145. Consider the following legal principles:

I: Negligence is the breach of a duty of care which results in damage unjustly caused to one party by another.

II: To establish negligence, the plaintiff must show that the defendant owed a duty of care, the duty was breached, and the breach directly caused the harm.

III: There is no negligence if the defendant could not reasonably foresee harming the plaintiff through his actions, or if the harm occurred due to the plaintiff's own actions.

Under the principles of negligence in tort law, who is most likely liable for negligence?

(a) Vinay, a doctor, fails to inform Vandana of the risks involved in a recommended surgical procedure. Vandana suffers complications that are known risks of the surgery.

(b) Vishal, while driving, checks his phone and accidentally hits Veer's car, which was parked legally on the street.

(c) Vivek borrows Vinita's rare book and returns it with 1 page accidentally water-damaged. Vinita had not mentioned that the book was rare or valuable.

(d) Varsha installs a new software on her company's network without reading the security manual, leading to a significant data breach.

146. Consider the following legal principles:

Principle I: Any citizen of India has the right to request information from a public authority, which is required to reply expeditiously or within thirty days. This right includes access to records, documents, and other information held by or under the control of any public authority.

Principle II: The RTI Act exempts certain categories of information from disclosure if such information can harm the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific, or economic interests of the State, relation with foreign States, or lead to incitement of an offense.

Principle III: Information that involves personal information, the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the larger public interest justifies the disclosure, shall not be disclosed.

Under the Right to Information Act, which information request should be granted?

(a) Vikas submits an RTI application asking for the blue print of a recent government infrastructure project, but the information is denied.

(b) Varsha requests information under the RTI Act about personal email communications of a government official, which are not related to any public activities.

(c) Vinay files an RTI to obtain documents that would reveal detailed locations of military installations near the border.

(d) Vivek applies under the RTI Act to know about the funds utilized in the government's public health campaign during a recent outbreak.

147. Consider the following legal principles:

I: Copyright law in India protects the original works of authors, composers, artists, and programmers, ensuring that their creations cannot be reproduced, distributed, or communicated to the public without their permission. This protection extends for the lifetime of the creator plus 60 years after their death, aligning with the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

II: Fair use doctrine under Indian copyright law allows for the reproduction of copyrighted material without the need for permission under specific circumstances, such as for criticism, review, research, or educational use, provided that such use is justified, does not constitute a significant portion of the work, and does not impact the commercial value of the original work.

III: Copyright infringement occurs when there is unauthorized use of a copyrighted work that falls outside of fair use exceptions. Infringement can result in civil and criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment, depending on the severity of the breach and the commercial benefit derived from the infringement.

Which of the following situations is in line with the above mentioned legal principles to not to attract liability?

- (a) Vikram uses a short clip from a copyrighted film in a video essay critiquing the film's cinematography, which he posts on his educational blog.
- (b) Varsha copies several chapters from a copyrighted novel to include in her own book that she sells online, without obtaining permission from the original author.
- (c) Vivek performs a cover of a copyrighted song during a live performance, which was also live-streamed on his personal YouTube channel, at a small café without obtaining a license from the copyright holder.
- (d) Vinay uses a copyrighted photograph as a background image for his new mobile app, which he then sells to the public.

148. Legal Principle: Under the Negotiable Instruments Act, the dishonor of a cheque due to insufficient funds or any other reason that implies negligence or fraudulent intent on the part of the drawer of the cheque can lead to both civil and criminal liabilities.

Factual Situation: Vishal, a contractor in Delhi, issued a cheque to Vinod, a supplier, for the purchase of building materials worth Rs. 5 lakh. The cheque was presented for payment within the valid period but was dishonored due to insufficient funds. Vishal claims that the dishonor was due to a temporary mismanagement of his bank account, as he was relying on receiving payments from another delayed project. Vinod, having faced significant financial strain from the delay, has decided to take legal action, alleging that Vishal had no reasonable ground to believe that the funds would be available in his account when the cheque was issued. Decide

- (a) Vishal is liable because issuing a cheque without ensuring sufficient funds constitutes negligence under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
- (b) Vishal is not liable because the dishonor of the cheque was due to a temporary financial mismanagement, not intentional fraud.
- (c) Vishal is only liable for civil damages to Vinod for the financial losses incurred, not criminal liability, as there was no fraudulent intent.
- (d) Vishal is not liable as the payment failure was due to external factors, namely the delayed payments from another project.

149. Legal Principle: I. Easementary right is a right possessed by the owner or occupier of the land on some other land, not his own, the purpose of which is to provide the beneficial enjoyment of the land which he possesses. This right is granted because without the existence of this right an occupier or owner cannot fully enjoy his own property. An easement is a right that benefits one piece of land (dominant estate) and burdens another (servient estate), allowing the holder of the easement the right to use the servient property for a specific purpose.

II. It includes the right to do or continue to do something or to prevent or to continue to prevent something in connection with or in respect of some other land, which is not his own, for the enjoyment of his own land.

Factual Situation: Vikram owns a large coffee plantation in Coorg, Karnataka, which is accessible only through a narrow path that crosses Vivek's property. This path has been used by Vikram's family for decades without objection. Recently, Vivek plans to build a small resort on his property and proposes to close the current path, offering Vikram a longer, less convenient alternative route. Vikram refuses, citing the historical usage and necessity of the original path for his coffee transport, especially during the harvest season. Decide.

- (a) Vikram is entitled to continue using the original path based on an established easement by prescription, given the prevailing and unchallenged use of the path.
- (b) Vikram has no right to insist on using the original path as there is an alternative, albeit less convenient, route provided by Vivek.
- (c) Vikram can only claim an easement if he proves that no alternative exists at all, not merely that the alternatives are less convenient.
- (d) Vivek has the right to reroute the path as he sees fit since the land belongs to him, and offering an alternative suffices his legal obligations.

150. Consider the following legal principles:

- I.** Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996: Ensures the welfare and safety of construction workers, regulating employment conditions and providing for health, safety, and welfare measures.
- II.** Factories Act, 1948: Protects workers in factories, regulating working conditions, hours of work, wages, and the health and safety of workers to ensure humane working conditions.
- III.** Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020: Consolidates and amends the laws regulating the occupational safety, health, and working conditions of persons employed in various sectors, aiming for a safer and more secure working environment.

Which of these actions best adheres to the above-mentioned legal principles?

- (a) BuildRight Construction, a large construction company, adheres strictly to safety standards in line with the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, providing all required health checks and safety gear but occasionally requires workers to do overtime beyond the legal limit.
- (b) TechAssembly Plant, an electronics assembly factory, complies with the Factories Act by maintaining optimal working conditions and regular wage audits but has not updated its safety protocols to match the new standards set by the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code.
- (c) SafeWorks, a manufacturing firm, rigorously applies the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code by providing comprehensive safety training and modern health facilities. However, the employers keep challenging the wage parity as per industry standards.
- (d) GreenBuild Enterprises, strictly ensures that its construction sites are safe, workers are adequately trained, health checks are regular, and working hours including overtime are within the legal requirements.

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