

# CLAT Practice Set

**Direction :** The questions in this section are based on a single passage. The questions are to be answered on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage. Please note that for some of the questions, more than one of the choices could conceivably answer the question. However, you are to choose the best answer; that is, the response that most accurately and completely answers the question.

In 1954, a Bombay economist named A.D. Shroff began a Forum of Free Enterprise, whose ideas on economic development were somewhat at odds with those then influentially articulated by the Planning Commission of the Government of India. Shroff complained against the 'indifference, if not discouragement' with which the state treated entrepreneurs. At the same time, as Shroff, but independently of him, a journalist named Philip Spratt was writing a series of essays in favor of free enterprise. Spratt was a Cambridge communist who was sent by the party in the 1920s to foment revolution in the sub-continent. Detained in the act, he spent many years in an Indian jail. The books he read in the prison, and his marriage to an Indian woman afterwards, inspired a steady move rightwards. By the 1950s, he was editing a pro-American weekly from Bangalore, called Mysindia. There he inveighed against the economic policies of the Government of India. These, he said, treated the entrepreneur 'as a criminal who has dared to use his brains independently of the state to create wealth and give employment'. The state's chief planner, P.C. Mahalanobis, had surrounded himself with Western leftists and Soviet academicians, who reinforced his belief in 'rigid control by the government over all activities'. The result, said Spratt, would be 'the smothering of free enterprise, a famine of consumer goods, and the tying down of millions of workers to soul-deadening techniques'. The voices of men like Spratt and Shroff were drowned in the chorus of popular support for a model of heavy industrialization, funded and directed by the governments. The 1950s were certainly not propitious times for free marketers in India. But from time-to-time their ideas were revived. After the rupee was devalued in 1966, there were some moves toward freeing the trade regime, and hopes that the licensing system would also be liberalized. However, after Indira Gandhi split the Congress Party in 1969, her government took its 'left turn', nationalizing a fresh range of industries and returning to economic autarky.

**Q1.** Which of the following statements can most reasonably be inferred from the information available in the passage?

- (a) P.C. Mahalanobis believed in empowering private entrepreneurs and promoting free market.
- (b) Phillip Spratt preferred plans that would create economic conditions favorable for a forward march by the private enterprise.
- (c) Restrictions on free markets enriched large Indian companies.
- (d) Philip Spratt opposed the devaluation of rupee in 1966.

**Q2.** Which of the following statements is least likely to be inferred from the passage?

- (a) Acceptance of A.D. Shroff's plans in the official circles smothered free enterprise in India.
- (b) The views of the Forum of Free Enterprise ran against the conception of development then prevalent among the policy makers.
- (c) A.D. Shroff believed that state should actively support the private sector.
- (d) Philip Spratt had been educated in Cambridge.

**Q3.** Select the statement that best captures the central purpose of this passage.

- (a) Highlight that even though there were advocates for free-market and private enterprise in the early years of independent India, they were crowded out by others who supported a dominant role for state over private enterprise.
- (b) Explain the politics behind Indira Gandhi's decision to nationalize the banks.
- (c) Demonstrate with the help of statistics how the preference of policy makers for Soviet-style economic policies prevented India's economic growth.
- (d) Establish that devaluation of rupee in 1966 was vindicated by subsequent experience.

**Q4.** Philip Spratt came to India because he

- (a) fell in love with an Indian woman.
- (b) wanted to protest against the economic policies of the Indian government.
- (c) was offered the editorship of Mysindia.
- (d) had been instructed to work toward the goal of inciting a revolution in India.

**Q5.** The author avers that A.D. Shroff's ideas were somewhat at odds with the views of the Planning Commission because

- (a) A.D. Shroff was in favor of rigid governmental control over all economic activities.
- (b) Shroff had opposed the government's decision to devalue Indian rupee.
- (c) The hostility of the government to private entrepreneurs was complained against by A.D. Shroff.
- (d) A.D. Shroff had been critical of the influence of Soviet academicians over India's economic policy.

**Q6.** The ideological shift of Philip Spratt to the right was caused by

- (a) the demise of the Soviet Union.
- (b) the start of the weekly called Mysindia.
- (c) the books that he encountered in the prison.
- (d) the dissolution of his first marriage to his college friend.

**Q7.** Select the statement that could be most plausibly inferred from this passage.

- (a) Philip Spratt and A.D. Shroff were members of the Forum for Free Enterprise.
- (b) The first two Five-Year Plans emphasized on the importance of private enterprise as the spearhead of economic growth.
- (c) P.C. Mahalanobis had mooted the expulsion of foreign firms like Coca Cola and IBM from India.

(d) The hopes that the licensing regime would be liberalized after the devaluation of Indian rupee were belied in the aftermath of the split in the Congress Party.

**Q8.** The author alludes to nationalization of industries in 1969 in order to

- (a) show the contradictions between A.D. Shroff's economic views and the official economic policies of the Government of India.
- (b) exemplify the shift of the Indira Gandhi led government to the 'left'.
- (c) demonstrate the ideological changes in the world-view of Philip Spratt.
- (d) highlight the negative political repercussions of the decision to devalue the Indian currency.

**Q9.** 'Neither Philip Spratt nor A.D. Shroff \_\_\_\_\_ able to convince Mahalanobis'. Select the most appropriate phrase out of the four options for filling the blank space in the aforesaid sentence

- (a) were
- (b) are
- (c) was
- (d) is

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**Q10.** The word 'inveighed' in this passage

- (a) Praised
- (b) Recited
- (c) Proclaimed
- (d) Remonstrated

**Direction :** These are based on the following passage. In Mann Joseph's debut novel *Serious Men*, the protagonist, Ayyan Mani, is a scheming Dalit Buddhist who almost gets away with passing off his partially deaf son, Adi, as a prodigy, a genius who can recite the first 1,000 prime numbers. The garb of satire—where almost every character cuts a sorry figure—gives the author the licence to offer one of the most bleak and pessimistic portrayals of urban Dalits. Despite his savage portrayal of Dalits (and female) characters—or perhaps because of it—*Serious Men* has won critical appreciation from a cross-section of readers and critics. At a time when a formidable body of Dalit literature—writing by Dalits about Dalit lives—has created a distinct space for itself, how and why is it that a novel such as *Serious Men*, with its gleefully skewed portrayal of an angry Dalit man, manages to win such accolades? In American literature—and particularly in the case of African-American authors and characters—these issues of representation have been debated for decades. But in India, the sustained refusal to address issues related to caste in everyday life—and the continued and unquestioned predominance of a Brahminical stranglehold over cultural production—have led us to a place where non-Dalit portrayal of Dalits in literature, cinema, and art remains the norm. The journey of modern Dalit literature has been a difficult one. But even though it has not

necessarily enjoyed the support of numbers, we must engage with what Dalits are writing—not simply for reasons of authenticity, or as a concession to identity politics, but simply because of the aesthetic value of this body of writing, and for the insights it offers into the human condition. In a society that is still largely unwilling to recognize Dalits as equal, rights-bearing human beings, in a society that is inherently indifferent to the everyday violence against Dalits, in a society unwilling to share social and cultural resources equitably with Dalits unless mandated by law (as seen in the anti-reservation discourse), Dalit literature has the potential to humanize non-Dalits and sensitize them to a world into which they have no insight. But before we can understand what Dalit literature is seeking to accomplish, we need first to come to terms with the stranglehold of non-Dalit representations of Dalits. Rohinton Mistry's *A Fine Balance*, published 15 years ago, chronicles the travails of two Dalit characters—uncle Ishvar and nephew Om Prakash—who migrate to Bombay and yet cannot escape brutality. While the present of the novel is set at the time of the Emergency, Ishvar's father Dukhi belongs to the era of the anti-colonial nationalist movement. During one of Dukhi's visits to the town, he chances upon a meeting of the Indian National Congress, where speakers spread the 'Mahatma's message regarding the freedom struggle, the struggle for justice', and wiping out 'the disease of untouchability; ravaging us for centuries, denying dignity to our fellow human beings'. Neither in the 1940s, where the novel's past is set, nor in the Emergency period of the 1970s—when the minds and bodies Ishvar and Omprakash, are savaged by the state—do we find any mention of a figure like B.R. Ambedkar or of Dalit movements. In his 'nationalist' understanding of modern Indian history, Mistry seems to have not veered too far from the road charted by his predecessors like Mulk Raj Anand and Premchand. Sixty years after Premchand, Mistry's literary imagination seems stuck in the empathy-realism mode, trapping Dalits in abjection. Mistry happily continues the broad stereotype of the Dalit as a passive sufferer, without consciousness of caste politics.

**Q11.** Which of the following is the closest description of the central argument of this passage?

- (a) Manu Joseph's novel presents a scathing portrayal of the Dalits.
- (b) Contemporary American literature is very cautious on politically correct representation of minorities.
- (c) The last two decades have witnessed the rise of a very vibrant Dalit literature.
- (d) Portrayal of Dalits by non-Dalits merely as passive victims has been the dominant norm in Indian literature, cinema, and art.

**Q12.** According to this passage, Premchand and Mulk Raj Anand

- (a) presented a stereotyped version of Dalit characters in their writings.
- (b) excelled in writing satires on social inequality.
- (c) were politically opposed to the views of B.R. Ambedkar.
- (d) were closely involved with the leadership of the nationalist movement.

**Q13.** The writer refers to the 'anti-reservation discourse' in order to argue that

- (a) Dalit literature has had a very difficult journey since its origins.
- (b) manu Joseph is viscerally opposed to the Dalits.
- (c) persons belonging to the upper castes are inherently indifferent to routine violence against the Dalits.
- (d) Indian society is not yet ready to equitably share, on its own, social, cultural, and political space with the Dalits.

**Q14.** Which of the following statements is least likely to be inferred from this passage?

- (a) The author of *Serious Men* has used the literary device of satire to present an unflattering picture of women characters.
- (b) Issues of representation of minorities have been debated extensively in American literature.
- (c) The writer of this passage believes that engagement with Dalits is necessary only because such engagement affirms the importance of identity politics.
- (d) The writer believes that Rohinton Mistry presented a stereotypical representation of Dalits character in his book.

**Q15.** According to the information available in the passage, the writer attributes the prevalence of representation of Dalits by non-Dalits in literature, art, and media to

- (a) the nationalist understanding of Indian history.
- (b) marginalization of B.R Ambedkar from nationalist movement.
- (c) the anti-reservation discourse.
- (d) brahminical control over cultural production.

**Q16.** Which of the following is not among the reasons suggested by the writer for engaging with Dalit writing?

- (a) Dalit literature has the potential to sensitize non-Dalits about the experiences of the former.
- (b) Dalit writing is more authentic than representation of Dalits by non-Dalits.
- (c) Dalit literature does not have the support of numbers.
- (d) The aesthetic value of Dalit writing.

**Q17.** Which of the following statement cannot be inferred from the passage?

- (a) Upper-castes have dominated the instruments of cultural production in Indian society.
- (b) Indian society is unwilling to recognize Dalits as equal, rights-bearing human beings.
- (c) Dalit writers have carved out a space for writings on Dalit experience and world view.
- (d) The judiciary in India, in its opposition to reservation, has betrayed its unwillingness to acknowledge Dalits as equal bearer of rights.

**Q18.** The writer of this passage is critical of Rohinton Mistry's *A Fine Balance* for the reason that

- (a) it is an example of a book on Dalit characters by a non-Dalit.
- (b) the book suggests that Dalits are nothing more than passive sufferers without any agency.
- (c) the book ignores the everyday violence that Dalits have to confront with.

(d) it bares the passive literary style of the author, Rohinton Mistry.

**Q19.** Which of the following words would be the best substitute for the word 'formidable' in this passage?

- (a) Bright
- (b) Impressive
- (c) Devious
- (d) Dim

**Q20.** 'It is not as if Dalit movements \_\_\_\_\_ not active during the periods that form *A Fine Balance's* backdrop.' Select the most appropriate choice, to fill in the blank in the above sentence.

- (a) is
- (b) was
- (c) were
- (d) are

**Direction :** These are based on the following passage. In

recent weeks, the writers William Dalrymple and Patrick French, among others, have come before a fusillade of criticism in India, much of it questioning not their facts, not their interpretations, but their foreignness. 'Who gets to write about India?' The Wall Street Journal asked on Wednesday in its own report on this Indian literary feuding. It is a complicated question, not least because to decide who gets to write about India, you would need to decide who gets to decide who gets to write about India. Rather than conjecturing some Committee for the Deciding of Who Gets to Write about India, it might be easier to let writers write what they please and readers read what they wish. The accusations pouring forth from a section of the Indian commentariat are varied. Some criticism is of a genuine literary nature, fair game, customary, and expected. But lately a good amount of the reproaching has been about identity. In the case of Mr Dalrymple, a Briton who lives in New Delhi, it is—in the critics' view—that his writing is an act of re-colonization. In the case of Mr French, it is that he belongs to a group of foreign writers who use business-class lounges and see some merit in capitalist and therefore do not know the real India, which only the commentariat member in question does. What is most interesting about these appraisals is that their essential nature makes reading the book superfluous, as one of my Indian reviewers openly admitted. (His review was not about the book but about his refusal to read the book.) The book is not necessary in these cases, for the argument is about who can write about India, not what has been written. For critics of this persuasion, India surely seems a lonely land. A country with a millennial history of Hindus, Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists living peaceably together; a country of hundreds of dialects in which so many Indians are linguistic foreigners to each other, and happily, tolerantly so; a country that welcomes foreign seekers (of yoga poses, of spiritual wisdom, of ancestral roots) with open arms: a country where, outside the elite world of South. Delhi and south Bombay, I have not heard an Indian ask whether outsiders have a right to write, think, or exist on their soil. But it is not just this deep-in-the-bones pluralism that challenges the who-gets-to-write-about-India contingent. It is also that at the very

heart of India's multifarious changes today is this glimmering idea: that Indians must be rewarded for what they do, not who they are. Identities you never chose—caste, gender, birth order—are becoming less important determinants of fate. Your deeds—how hard you work, what risks you take—are becoming more important. It is this idea, which I have found pulsating throughout the Indian layers, that leaves a certain portion of the intelligentsia out of sync with the surrounding country. As Mr French has observed, there is a tendency in some of these writers to value social mobility only for themselves. When the new economy lifts up the huddled masses, then it becomes tawdry capitalism and rapacious imperialism and soulless globalization. Fortunately for those without Indian passports, the nativists' vision of India is under demographic siege. The young and the relentless are India's future. They could not think more differently from these literates. They savor the freedom they are gaining to seek their own level in the society and to find their voice; and they tend to be delighted at the thought that some foreigners do the same in India and love their country as much as they do.

**Q21.** Which of the following statements is least likely to be inferred from the passage?

- (a) Younger generations of Indians are more tolerant of foreign scribes who write about their country.
- (b) The writer believes that a section of Indian intelligentsia is very hostile to upward economic mobility.
- (c) Mr William Dalrymple has been accused of recolonizing India through his writings.
- (d) Most of the criticism that has been recently directed at Patrick French has emphasized mainly on the writer's underwhelming literary style.

**Q22.** Which of the following would be the best substitute for the word 'fusillade' in the passage?

- (a) Barrage
- (b) Breach
- (c) Temper
- (d) Row

**Q23.** The writer uses the phrase, 'who-gets-to-write-about-India contingent' in this passage to refer to

- (a) foreign writers who have written books on India.
- (b) critics who have attacked foreign writers writing on India for their mere foreignness.
- (c) elite residents of south Delhi and south Bombay.
- (d) cultural pluralists.

**Q24.** The writer believes that the most peculiar aspect of the criticisms that Patrick French and William Dalrymple have received is that

- (a) most such condemnation has emerged from elite Indians.
- (b) such critics are hostile to upward immobility.
- (c) these censures are not centered on the books of such writers or their literary styles but are targeted at their identity instead.
- (d) these critics ignore the plural ethos of India.

**Q25.** Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?

- (a) Ascriptive identities like caste, tribe, etc. are becoming more and more important with the passage of time.
- (b) Patrick French believes that the new market friendly economic policies followed for the last decades have resulted in the rise of tawdry capitalism and rapacious imperialism.
- (c) The writer is of the opinion that a section of the intelligentsia is divorced from the views of their compatriots.
- (d) While India has historically been very hospitable to a variety of religions, it has not been equally open to linguistic foreigners.

**Q26.** According to the information available in the passage, the writer is of the opinion that

- (a) writers like Patrick French do not know the real India.
- (b) most of the condemnation heaped on Dalrymple, French and himself has been on expected lines.
- (c) India's reputation of pluralism is cosmetic at best, one that hides deep-rooted hatred toward foreigners.
- (d) the new generation of Indians have internalized the idea that people should be rewarded for what they do and not who they are.

**Q27.** The writer refers to the history of Hindus, Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists living peaceably together in India for millions of years in order to

- (a) show India's openness to foreigners who have visited India in the quest for yoga.
- (b) argue that India is a country of hundreds of dialects.
- (c) demonstrate the religiosity pervading in an average Indian.
- (d) India's deep-in the bones pluralism.

**Q28.** The writer argues that the nature of criticism he, Dalrymple and French have received for their books renders reading their books superfluous because

- (a) such criticism has been limited to a very small minority of Indians.
- (b) these writers are popular among Indian youth, even among those who have not read their books.
- (c) the literary styles of these writers are not the sole focus of such criticism.
- (d) such criticism is less about what has been written in their books than about who can write on India.

**Q29.** According to the passage, the question 'who gets to write about India' is complicated because

- (a) India has been historically open to and tolerant of foreign writers and artists.
- (b) this issue can be satisfactorily resolved only if we can decide who gets to decide who gets to write about India.
- (c) ascriptive identities are becoming more and more important in a globalized world.
- (d) this would result in a shift of attention from what has been written to who has written.

**Q30.** 'But with many outsiders' India-related books recently hitting bookstores there, the sensitivity \_\_\_\_\_ flared into about of vigorous literary nativism, with equally vigorous counterpunches'. Select the most appropriate choice to fill in the blank in the above sentence

- (a) has
- (b) have
- (c) was
- (d) did

**Direction : These are based on the following passage.** If religion and community are associated with global violence in the trends of many people, then so are global poverty and inequality. There has, in fact, been an increasing tendency in recent years to justify policies of poverty removal on the ground that this is the surest way to prevent political strife and turmoil. Basing public policy—international as well as domestic—on such an understanding has some evident attractions. Given the public anxiety about wars and disorders in the rich countries in the world, the indirect justification of poverty removal—not for its own sake but for the sake of peace and quiet in the world—provides an argument that appeals to self-interest for helping the needy. It presents an argument for allocating more resources on poverty removal because of its presumed political, rather than moral, relevance. While the temptation to go in that direction is easy to understand, it is a perilous route to take even for a worthy cause. Part of the difficulty lies in the possibility that if wrong, economic reductionism would not only impair our understanding of the world, but would also tend to undermine the declared rationale of the public commitment to remove poverty. This is a particularly serious concern, since poverty and massive inequality are terrible enough in themselves, and deserve priority even if there were no connection whatsoever with violence. Just as virtue is its own reward, poverty is at least its own penalty. This is not to deny that poverty and inequality can—and do—have far-reaching consequences with conflict and strife, but these connections have to be examined and investigated with appropriate care and empirical scrutiny, rather than being casually invoked with unreasoned rapidity in support of ‘good cause’. Destitution can, of course, produce provocation for defying established laws and rules. But it need not give people the initiative, courage, and actual ability to do anything very violent. Destitution can be accompanied not only by economic debility, but also by political helplessness. A starving wretch can be too frail and too dejected to fight and battle, and even to protest and holler. It is thus not surprising that often enough intense and widespread suffering and misery have been accompanied by unusual peace and silence. Indeed, many famines have occurred without there being much political rebellion or civil strife or intergroup warfare. For example, the famine years in the 1840s in Ireland were among the most peaceful, and there was little attempt by the hungry masses to intervene even as ship after ship sailed down the river Shannon with rich food. Looking elsewhere, my own childhood memories in Calcutta during the Bengal famine of 1943 include the sight of starving people dying in front of sweetshops with various layers of luscious food displayed behind the glass windows, without a single glass being broken, or law or order being disrupted.

**Q31.** Select the statement that can be most plausibly inferred from the aforesaid passage.

- (a) A society plagued by recurrent famines can never witness political revolution.
- (b) Religious discrimination inevitably leads to violence and strife.
- (c) Destitution of the masses leads to peace and social stability.
- (d) Famines and starvation do not necessarily result in political rebellion.

**Q32.** The author believes that it may not be advisable to emphasize on the connection between poverty and violence as

- (a) emphasis on such connection appeals only to self-interest of persons.
- (b) linking poverty and violence undermines the moral character of anti-poverty measures.
- (c) the absence of any essential connection between poverty and violence may then weaken the very rationale of anti-poverty policies.
- (d) there is no necessary link between poverty and inequality.

**Q33.** Which of the following best captures the central argument of this passage?

- (a) Religion is inextricably linked with violence.
- (b) Famines may not necessarily result in civil unrest.
- (c) Global poverty and inequality are one of the fundamental causes of global violence and strife.
- (d) Basing anti-poverty programs on the need for avoidance of violence and strife is dotted with many pitfalls.

**Q34.** In the given passage, the word ‘perilous’ means

- (a) scared.
- (b) costly.
- (c) futile.
- (d) dangerous.

**Q35.** The author refers to his own experience as a child during the Bengal famine of 1943 in order to

- (a) illustrate how religiosity may instill passive acceptance of even the worst forms of starvation among people.
- (b) repudiate the argument that religious discrimination usually tends to inspire violent protests.
- (c) substantiate his assertion that it is not unusual to have the most intense suffering and misery coexist with complete peace.
- (d) demonstrate that people confronted with acute starvation are rendered too helpless to protest ever at all.

**Q36.** The word ‘destitution’ in this passage can be best substituted by

- (a) dejection.
- (b) indigence.
- (c) default.
- (d) dereliction.

**Q37.** Which of the following statement is least likely to be inferred from the passage?

- (a) History is replete with instance of famines that have occurred without there being much violent protest.

- (b) Many writers and critics are increasingly advocating for stronger policies on poverty removal on the ground that this would help prevent political turmoil.
- (c) The author believes that the links between poverty and violence must never be emphasized at all.
- (d) Economic debility in turn inhibits political freedom.

**Q38.** The author asserts that basing anti-poverty measures on the avowed connections between poverty and violence has certain apparent benefits because

- (a) poverty is similar to religious exploitation in terms of the potential violent consequences.
- (b) it leads to allocation of more resources on anti-poverty policies.
- (c) the widespread concern about war and violence provides a rationale for poverty-removal that appeals to the 'selfinterest' of persons.
- (d) otherwise, there would not have been the tendency to justify anti-poverty policies on the ground that they prevent political turmoil.

**Q39.** 'Economic reductionism' in this passage means

- (a) neglecting the economic connection between poverty and violence.
- (b) excessive accent on poverty and inequality.
- (c) emphasizing on the linkage between violence, poverty, and economic equality.
- (d) the view that every conflict is caused by underlying economic tensions.

**Q40.** 'A sense of encroachment, degradation, and humiliation can be even easier \_\_\_ mobilize for rebellion and revolt'. Select the most appropriate word out of the four options for filling the blank space in the aforesaid sentence

- (a) for
- (b) as
- (c) into
- (d) to GENERAL KNOWLEDGE/ CURRENT AFFAIRS

**Q41.** Why was Arundhati Roy investigated for sedition?

- (a) For committing contempt of court.
- (b) For saying that Kashmir is not an integral part of India.
- (c) For sympathizing with the Maoists.
- (d) For condemning nuclear tests conducted by India.

**Q42.** Damon Galgut's *In a Strange Room* was recently in news for

- (a) man Booker Prize shortlist.
- (b) winning the Pulitzer Prize.
- (c) winning the Orange Prize for fiction.
- (d) none of the above.

**Q43.** Who was recently in the news when the Supreme Court of India rejected her plea for euthanasia, but paved the way for legalization of passive euthanasia?

- (a) Aruna Shanbaug
- (b) Aruna Roy
- (c) Mary Roy
- (d) Medha Patkar

**Q44.** Nagoya Protocol, signed by India on 30 October 2010 is

- (a) an international treaty of bilateral investment between India and Japan.
- (b) an international treaty to ensure that local produce are exploited only under license and for the common good of the mankind.
- (c) an international treaty to ensure that the benefits of natural resources and their commercial derivatives are shared with local communities.
- (d) None of the above.

**Q45.** Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, was arrested in which of the following nations?

- (a) The UK
- (b) Sweden
- (c) The USA
- (d) Denmark

**Q46.** Which of the following are the five countries that have decided to bid for 2017 World Athletics Championships?

- (a) Qatar, The USA, China, Sri Lanka, and Brazil
- (b) Germany, Britain, Hungary, Qatar, and Spain
- (c) Germany, Qatar, India, Spain, and China
- (d) Germany, Britain, China, Qatar, and Spain

**Q47.** The recent Tunisian revolution is known as

- (a) Orange Revolution.
- (b) Jasmine Revolution.
- (c) Purple Revolution.
- (d) Crescent Revolution.

**Q48.** *The Naive and the Sentimental Novelist* is a 2010 publication of Harvard University Press of which of the following authors?

- (a) Orhan Pamuk
- (b) J.M. Coetzee
- (c) Partha Chatterjee
- (d) Ben Okri

**Q49.** Who replaced Lalit Modi as the IPL Chairman and Commissioner from this year's edition of the IPL?

- (a) Chirayu Amin
- (b) Rajiv Shukla
- (c) Ratnakar Shetty
- (d) Shashank Manohar

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**Q50.** Which one of the following films was off- cially selected to compete in the Uncertain Regard (A Certain Glance) category at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival?

- (a) Udaan
- (b) My Name is Khan
- (c) Wednesday
- (d) Dhobi Ghat

**Q51.** Ram Kumudini Devi whose birth centenary is being celebrated in 2011, was the

- (a) first woman barrister of India.
- (b) first woman mayor of Hyderabad.
- (c) first woman photographer in India.
- (d) first woman doctor of India.

**Q52.** The Supreme Court in 2010 upheld an order of the Bombay High Court to lift a four-year-old ban imposed by the Maharashtra government on publication and circulation of a controversial book, authored by American scholar James Laine. Identify the book from the following.

- (a) Chatrapati Shivaji
- (b) Shivaji – The Warrior King
- (c) Shivaji – The Hindu King in Muslim India
- (d) None of the above

**Q53.** In which case did the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court on 14 July 2010 commuted the death sentence of six accused to rigorous life imprisonment?

- (a) Khairlanji case
- (b) Bhopal Gas Leak case
- (c) Bhagalpur case
- (d) Nithari case

**Q54.** The Shunglu panel was constituted for which of the following issues?

- (a) Investigate the 2G Spectrum Scam.
- (b) Suggest Civil Service Reforms.
- (c) Probe the Commonwealth Games Scam.
- (d) Suggest reforms on center–state relation ship.

**Q55.** Who was appointed as the Chairman of the National Innovation Council in August 2010?

- (a) Shashi Tharoor
- (b) Chetan Bhagat
- (c) Arindam Chaudhury
- (d) Sam Pitroda

**Q56.** Name the Kenya-born political lobbyist who runs a firm called Vaishnavi Corporate Communications, and has recently been in news?

- (a) Barkha Dutt
- (b) Vir Sanghvi
- (c) Vina Ramani
- (d) Niira Radia

**Q57.** Irom Sharmila has been fasting for the last 10 years to protest against which of the following issues?

- (a) Rape cases against Indian Army in Manipur.
- (b) Emergency in Manipur.
- (c) Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2005
- (d) Application of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 in Manipur.

**Q58.** Thein Sein is the newly-appointed President of which of the following nations?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Thailand

**Q59.** Baglihar dam has been a matter of dispute between which nations?

- (a) Bangladesh and Myanmar
- (b) Myanmar and China
- (c) India and China
- (d) India and Pakistan

**Q60.** Who is the author of the book Tinderbox – The Past and Future of Pakistan?

- (a) Husain Haqqani
- (b) Yasmeen Niaz Mohiuddin
- (c) Ishrat Husain
- (d) M.J. Akbar

**Q61.** On 25th January 2011, BJP leaders Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley were prevented from entering Srinagar and unfurl the national flag. What was that Rath Yatra called?

- (a) Swabhimaan Yatra
- (b) Ekta Yatra
- (c) Mukti Yatra
- (d) Swaraj Yatra

**Q62.** Who is chairing the Joint Parliamentary Committee (UPC) on the 2G Spectrum allocation issue?

- (a) Murli Manohar Joshi
- (b) A Raja
- (c) M. Thambi Durai
- (d) P.C. Chacko

**Q63.** Saina Nehwal recently defeated Ji Hyun Sung of South Korea to win which of the following titles?

- (a) Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold Badminton
- (b) Commonwealth Games
- (c) Singapore Open
- (d) Hong Kong Open

**Q64.** Moller Manush, the film to win the 'Golden Peacock' at the 41st International Film Festival of India was based on the life of which legendary 19th century folk singer and spiritual leader?

- (a) Kabir
- (b) Surjya Sen
- (c) Kabir Suman
- (d) Lalan Fakir

**Q65.** Justice P.C. Phukan Commission of Inquiry was constituted to enquire into which of the following incidents?

- (a) Clashes between Nagas and Lepchas in Nagaland on 14th August, 2
- (b) Clashes between Bodos and Muslims in Northern Assam's Udalguri district on 14th August 2
- (c) Clashes between Assamese and Bengalis in Guwahati on 14th August 2
- (d) None of the above.

**Q66.** The first woman Secretary-General of SAARC is from which country?

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) India

**Q67.** Under whose premiership was the Women's Reservations Bill (to secure quotas for women in Parliament and State legislative assemblies) first introduced in Parliament?

- (a) Rajiv Gandhi
- (b) H.D. Deve Gowda
- (c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (d) Manmohan Singh

**Q68.** Which Irish player scored the fastest Century in the history of World Cup Cricket?

- (a) Niall 'O' Linn
- (b) Kevin O'Brien
- (c) A. Cusack
- (d) Ed Joyce

**Q69.** Which of the following report brought out the 2G Spectrum Scam?

- (a) CBI report
- (b) WikiLeaks
- (c) CAG report
- (d) None of the above

**Q70.** In February 2011, Gopa Sabharwal was appointed as the first Vice-Chancellor of which University of international stature?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- (b) Azim Premji University
- (c) Visva-Bharati University
- (d) Nalanda International University

**Q71.** With which Hindutva association are Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur and Swami Aseemanand allegedly associated?

- (a) Vishwa Hindu Parishad
- (b) Shri Ram Sena
- (c) Abhinav Bharat
- (d) Arya Samaj

**Q72.** With which of the following do you associate the name P.J. Thomas?

- (a) Central Vigilance Commission
- (b) Lokpal
- (c) Anti-corruption Ombudsman
- (d) Banking Ombudsman

**Q73.** The 17th Commonwealth Law Conference was held in which city?

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

**Q74.** Gustavo Santaolalla who composed the music to the song 'Stranger Lives' in the movie Dhobi Ghat, is from which of the following nations?

- (a) Chile
- (b) Peru
- (c) Argentina
- (d) Mexico

**Q75.** Which one of the following was not awarded a portion of the contested land by the judgment of the Allahabad High Court in 2010 pertaining to the Ayodhya dispute?

- (a) Nirmohi Akhada
- (b) Sunni Central Board of Waqfs
- (c) Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh
- (d) Bhagwan Sri Ram Lala Virajman

**Q76.** Sania Mirza claimed silver in the tennis mixed doubles category in the Asian Games in Guangzhou in November 2010. Who was her partner?

- (a) Mahesh Bhupathi
- (b) Somdev Devvarman
- (c) Leander Paes
- (d) Vishnu Vardhan

**Q77.** China objected to the Dalai Lama's recent visit to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. What was he visiting in Tawang?

- (a) A Buddhist monastery.
- (b) A memorial to Tibetans massacred by the Chinese army.
- (c) The residence of Panchen Lama.
- (d) None of the above.

**Q78.** Which one of the following tribes lives in the Niyamgiri Hills, which is at the heart of the controversy surrounding Vedanta Resources mining operations?

- (a) Manna Ohora
- (b) Oongria Kondh
- (c) Pardhan
- (d) Mal Pahariya

**Q79.** Which prominent Barrister-politician, who was closely linked with the emergency proclamation of 1975, breathed his last in Kolkata on 6th November 2010?

- (a) Jyoti Basu
- (b) Siddhartha Shankar Ray
- (c) Hiren Mukherjee
- (d) Indrajit Gupta

**Q80.** Who is the author of the book Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and his Struggle with India, criticized for its content?

- (a) Nirad C. Chaudhury
- (b) Joseph Lelyveld
- (c) Khushwant Singh
- (d) Hermann Kallenbach

**Q81.** Which Gharana of classical singing did Late Pandit Bhimsen Joshi belong to?

- (a) Ohrupad
- (b) Maihar
- (c) Kirana
- (d) Etawah

**Q82.** 14th March 2011 was the 80th Anniversary of the first Indian sound film (talkie). Which movie was it?

- (a) Jahan Ara
- (b) Alam Ara
- (c) Noorjehan
- (d) None of the above

**Q83.** Which internationally renowned musician collaborated with Rahul Sharma to release a music album titled 'Namaste India'?

- (a) Richard Clayderman
- (b) Kenny G
- (c) Yanni
- (d) Ricky Martin

**Q84.** War on Terrorism or American Strategy for Global Dominance is authored by which of the following authors?

- (a) Noam Chomsky
- (b) Oemetrios Caraley
- (c) Lea Brilmayer
- (d) Manzoor Alam

**Q85.** Mohammad Asif, Mohammad Amir, and Salman Butt (cricket players of Pakistan) have been banned for being found guilty of spot fixing. To which of the following institutions have they appealed?

- (a) Pakistan Cricket Board
- (b) Anti-Corruption Tribunal of the Asian Cricket Council
- (c) Court of Arbitration for Sport
- (d) Anti-Corruption Tribunal of the International Cricket Council

**Q86.** Indian driver Karun Chandok was recently in the news for which of the following?

- (a) Being selected as a reserve driver by Team Force India for the 2011 Formula One season.
- (b) Being selected as a reserve driver by Team Lotus for the 2011 Formula One season.
- (c) Being selected a reserve driver by Team Ferrari for the 2011 Formula One season.
- (d) None of the above.

**Q87.** The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meeting of 2010 December was held in which of the following places?

- (a) Colorado
- (b) Canberra
- (c) Cancun
- (d) None of the above

**Q88.** Which of the following pairings is incorrect?

- (a) Muammar Gaddafi–Syria
- (b) Fidel Castro–Cuba
- (c) Pol Pot–Cambodia
- (d) Hosni Mubarak–Egypt

**Q89.** The Right of Children to Full and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, requires private schools to ensure that \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of their students come from weaker sections and disadvantaged groups?

- (a) 2
- (b) 15
- (c) 25
- (d) 40

**Q90.** Srikrishna Committee, which recently submitted its report, was constituted for which of the following issues?

- (a) Mumbai bomb blast case
- (b) Malegaon blast case

- (c) Telengana issue
- (d) 2G Spectrum corruption issue

**Q91.** If A's height is 10% more than B's height, by how much per cent is B's height less than that of A?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 91/9%
- (c) 111/11 %
- (d) 100/9%

**Q92.** Speed of a boat is 5 km per hour in still water and the speed of the stream is 3 km per hour. If the boat takes 3 hours to go to a place and come back, the distance of the place is :

- (a) 3.75 km
- (b) 4 km
- (c) 4.8 km
- (d) 4.25 km

**Q93.** The difference between the compound interest and simple interest on Rs. 10000 for 2 years is 25. The rate of interest per annum is:

- (a) 5%
- (b) 7%
- (c) 10%
- (d) 12%

**Q94.** The difference between a discount of 30% on Rs.2,000 and two successive discounts of 25% and 5% on the same amount is

- (a) Rs. 30
- (b) Rs. 35
- (c) Rs.25
- (d) Rs. 40

**Q95.** The product of two numbers is 20736 and their HCF is 54. Find their LCM.

- (a) 685
- (b) 468
- (c) 648
- (d) 384

**Q96.** A starts some business with Rs. 50,000. After 3 months B joins him with Rs. 70,000. At the end of the year, in what ratio should they share the profit

- (a) 1 : 3
- (b) 3 : 2
- (c) 1 : 5
- (d) None of these

**Q97.** Two pipes can fill a tank in 15 hours and 20 hours respectively, while the third pipes can empty it in 30 hours. If all the pipes are opened simultaneously the empty tank will be filled in

- (a) 10 hours
- (b) 12 hours
- (c) 15 hours
- (d) 31/2 hours

**Q98.** A runs twice as fast as B and B runs thrice as fast as C. The distance covered by C in 72 minutes, will be covered by A in :

(a) 18 minutes  
(b) 24 minutes  
(c) 16 minutes  
(d) 12 minutes

**Q99.** The difference between the simple interest received from two different banks on rupees 500 for 2 years is Rs. 2.50 the difference between the rate of interest is: (per annum)

(a) 0.10 %  
(b) 0.25%  
(c) 0.50%  
(d) 1.00 %

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**Q100.** The monthly income of two persons are in the ratio 2 : 3 and their monthly expenses are in the ratio 5 : 9. If each of them saves Rs. 600 per Month, then their monthly incomes are

(a) Rs. 1,500 : Rs. 2,2250  
(b) Rs. 1,200 : Rs. 1,800  
(c) Rs. 1,600 : Rs. 2,400  
(d) Rs. 2,100 : Rs. 1,400

**Q101.** A can do a piece of work in 16 days and B in 24 days. They take the help of C and they all together finish the work in 6 days. If the total remuneration for the work is Rs. 400. The amount (in rupees) each will receive, in proportion, to do the work is

(a) A : 150, B : 100, C : 150  
(b) A : 100, B : 150, C : 150  
(c) A : 150, B : 150, C : 100  
(d) A : 100, B : 150, C : 100

**Q102.** The percentage of loss when an article is sold at Rs. 50 is the same as that of the profit when it is sold at Rs. 70. The above-mentioned percentage of profit or loss on the article is

(a) 10%  
(b) 50/3%  
(c) 20%  
(d) 68/3%

**Q103.** 380 mangoes are distributed among some boys and girls who are 85 in numbers. Each boys gets four mangoes and each girls gets five. The number of boys is :

(a) 15  
(b) 38  
(c) 40  
(d) 45

**Q104.** If  $(9/7)^3 \times (49/81)^{2x-6} = (7/9)^9$ , then the value of x is

(a) 12  
(b) 9.

(c) 8.  
(d) 6.

**Q105.** Francis has 18 eggs out of which 12 eggs were sold at 10% loss than the cost price. At what mark up should he sell the remaining eggs to cover his losses?

(a) 5%  
(b) 10%  
(c) 15%  
(d) 20%

**Q106.** If the length and height of a brick increases by 10% each, respectively, and the breadth reduces by 20%, what is the percentage change in the volume of the brick?

(a) 2.8  
(b) 3.0  
(c) 3.2  
(d) 3

**Q107.** Akbar will turn 50 when his son Jehangir turns 18. What will be Akbar's age when it will be exactly 5 times that of Jehangir?

(a) 36  
(b) 40  
(c) 44  
(d) 48

**Q108.** Arun can climb a coconut tree by 1.5 feet by each lift; however, he slips 0.5 feet every time he makes the next lift. How many individual lifts he will have to reach the top of the coconut tree of 18.5 feet?

(a) 20  
(b) 19  
(c) 18  
(d) 17

**Q109.** Jogen's taxable income for 2010-11 is Rs. 5,00,000. The tax rates are

(i) nil for first 1,50,000,  
(ii) 10% for 1,50,001-3,00,000, and  
(iii) 20% for the remaining. His tax liability is

(a) Rs. 45,000.  
(b) Rs. 50,000.  
(c) Rs. 55,000.  
(d) Rs. 60,000.

**Q110.** The ratio of two numbers is 4:5. But, if each number is increased by 20, the ratio becomes 6:7. The sum of such numbers is

(a) 90.  
(b) 95.  
(c) 100.  
(d) 60.

**Q111. Directions:** The following six questions comprise of one or more statements. Please answer the questions on the basis of the given statements. Please make the **factual assumptions** required by the question even if you believe the statement is false.

'Where there is smoke, there is fire'. **Which of the following statements, if true, would show that the above statement is false?**

- (a) There is sometimes smoke where there is no fire.
- (b) There is sometimes fire where there is no smoke.
- (c) There is no fire where there is no smoke.
- (d) None of the above.

**Q112. Directions:** The following six questions comprise of one or more statements. Please answer the questions on the basis of the given statements. Please make the **factual assumptions** required by the question even if you believe the statement is false.

'Where there is poverty, there are always thieves'. **Which of the following statements, if true, would show that the above statement is false?**

- (a) America is a rich country and there are thieves in America.
- (b) Bhutan is a poor country and there are no thieves in Bhutan.
- (c) Bangladesh is a poor country and there are many thieves in Bangladesh.
- (d) Nepal is a rich country and there are no thieves in Nepal.

**Q113. Directions:** The following six questions comprise of one or more statements. Please answer the questions on the basis of the given statements. Please make the **factual assumptions** required by the question even if you believe the statement is false.

**Statement 1:** Sugar is bad for people with diabetes.

**Statement 2:** Leela does not eat sugar.

**Assuming that Statements 1 and 2 are true, which of the following statements follows?**

- (a) Leela has diabetes.
- (b) Sugar is bad for Leela.
- (c) People with diabetes do not eat sugar.
- (d) None of the above.

**Q114. Directions:** The following six questions comprise of one or more statements. Please answer the questions on the basis of the given statements. Please make the **factual assumptions** required by the question even if you believe the statement is false.

**Statement 1:** People who read fashion magazines do not like to read fiction.

**Statement 2:** Tenzin does not read fashion magazines.

**Assuming that Statements 1 and 2 are true, which of the following conclusions might be said to follow?**

- (a) Tenzin likes to read fiction.
- (b) Tenzin may or may not like to read fiction.
- (c) Tenzin does not like to read fiction.
- (d) Tenzin does not like fashion magazines.

**Q115. Directions:** The following six questions comprise of one or more statements. Please answer the questions on the basis of the given statements. Please make the **factual assumptions** required by the question even if you believe the statement is false.

Suleiman: All Communists are atheists. Sheeba: That is not true.

**Which of the following, if true, would make Sheeba's reply the most convincing?**

- (a) My uncle is an atheist but he is not a Communist.
- (b) My uncle is a Communist but he is not an atheist.
- (c) My uncle is a Communist and an atheist.
- (d) My uncle is **neither** a Communist nor an atheist.

**Q116. Statement 1:** All pingos are Byronic.

**Statement 2:** Shalisto is Byronic.

**Statement 3:** Therefore \_\_\_\_\_. Fill in the blank.

- (a) Shalisto is a pingo.
- (b) Shalisto is not a pingo.
- (c) Shalisto is not byronic.
- (d) None of the above.

**Q117.** A, B, D, G, K, P, \_\_\_\_\_. What is the last alphabet in this sequence?

- (a) Z
- (b) Y
- (c) V
- (d) X

**Q118.** B, C, E, G, K, M, Q, S, \_\_\_\_\_. What is the next alphabet in this sequence?

- (a) T
- (b) U
- (c) V
- (d) W

**Q119.** Z, X, T, N, \_\_\_\_\_. What is the next alphabet in this sequence?

- (a) E
- (b) F
- (c) G
- (d) H

**Q120.** Apple, Application, \_\_\_\_\_, Approval, Apricot, April  
Which of the following best fits in the blank?

- (a) Arrogant
- (b) April
- (c) Appropriate
- (d) Apiary

**Q121.** Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Wednesday, Monday, Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_. Which of the following best fits in the blank?

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

**Q122.** 387924, \_\_\_\_\_, 3724, 423, 32, 2. Which number is missing?

- (a) 42978
- (b) 42783
- (c) 42983
- (d) 42683

**Q123.** Gym, hymn, lynx, pygmy, rhythm Which of the following words does not belong to the above set?

- (a) Myrrh
- (b) Mythic
- (c) Flyby
- (d) Syzygy

**Q124.** Aadvark, Eerie, iiwi, Oolong Which of the following words follows the pattern of this series?

- (a) Uvula
- (b) Uulium
- (c) Uranium
- (d) Uranus

**Q125.** China has a higher literacy rate than India. This is due to the greater efficiency of the Communist system. Efficiency is sorely lacking in India's democratic system. Therefore, democracy is the biggest obstacle to India's achieving 100% literacy. **Which of the following, if true, would directly undermine the above argument?**

- (a) Inefficiency is equally a problem in democracies and Communist countries.
- (b) Communist systems do not respect human rights.
- (c) Freedom is more important than literacy.
- (d) China is slowly making the transition to democracy.

**Q126.** In BC a jury in Athens condemned Socrates to death for impiety and corrupting the morals of the youth. Socrates' friends offered to help him escape, but Socrates refused. Socrates argued that the fact that he had lived in Athens for so many years meant that he had committed himself to obeying its laws. It would therefore be wrong for him to break those very laws he was implicitly committed to obeying.

**Which one of the following claims constitutes the most plausible challenge to Socrates' argument?**

- (a) Long residence only commits someone to obeying just laws and Socrates was convicted under an unjust law.
- (b) Long residence by itself does not imply a commitment to obeying laws since one never made any explicit commitment.
- (c) Obedience to the law is not always required.
- (d) There is no point in escaping from prison since one will anyway be captured again.

**Q127.** Soft drinks have been shown by scientists to be bad for the teeth. Therefore, the government would be justified in banning all soft drinks from the Indian market.

**Assuming that the factual claim in the above argument is true, what else needs to be assumed for the conclusion to follow?**

- (a) The government is justified in banning anything that is bad for dental health.
- (b) Soft drinks are also bad for gastric health.
- (c) Dental hygiene is a matter of great concern.
- (d) No further assumptions are necessary.

**Q128.** In order to be eligible for election to the Lok Sabha, a person must be at least 25 years of age. Moreover, one must not be bankrupt. Therefore, Jatinder Singh, over 50 years of age and without any criminal convictions, cannot be the Speaker of the Lok Sabha since he has just filed for

bankruptcy. **Which of the following must be assumed for the conclusion to follow logically?**

- (a) Anyone over 50 years of age is eligible to be Speaker of the Lok Sabha as long as he or she has no criminal convictions.
- (b) People without criminal convictions cannot be elected to the Lok Sabha even if they are not bankrupt.
- (c) Only those eligible for election to the Lok Sabha are eligible to be the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
- (d) There is no minimum age requirement for the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

**Q129.** 'As a century draws to a close, people start behaving much like people coming to the end of a long life. People approaching death often start reflecting on the events of their lives. Similarly, people alive in 1999 \_\_\_\_\_.' **Which of the following most logically completes the paragraph above?**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ started reflecting on the events of the twentieth century.
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ started to reflect on the events of their lives.
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ started to fear death.
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_ started to wonder what the year 2000 would bring.

**Q130.** The Roman poet and philosopher Lucretius proposed the following thought experiment. If the universe has a boundary, we can throw a spear at this boundary. If the spear flies through, then it is not a boundary. If the spear bounces back, there must something beyond this boundary that is itself in space, which means it is not a boundary at all. Either way, it turns out that the universe has no boundary. **How best can the form of Lucretius' argument for the infinity of space be described?**

- (a) Lucretius shows that positing finite space leads to a contradiction.
- (b) Lucretius shows that finite space is inconsistent with physics.
- (c) Lucretius shows that finite space is inconsistent with mathematics.
- (d) Lucretius shows that finite space is, inconceivable.

**Q131.** Utilitarians believe that the right action is that which produces the most happiness. **Which of the following claims is incompatible with the utilitarian view?**

- (a) The right thing to do is to make the consequences of our actions as good as possible.
- (b) The right thing to do is to do our duty, whatever the consequences.
- (c) The right thing to do is to act on a rule which, if followed widely, produces the most happiness.
- (d) The right thing to do is to act from motivations which produce the most happiness.

**Q132.** Senthil goes to Ambala for the first time in his life. On the way from the railway station to his hotel, he sees twelve people, all of them male. He concludes that there are no women in Ambala. As a matter of fact, there are many thousands of women in Ambala. **Which of the following best describes Senthil's error?**

- (a) Senthil was misled by irrelevant details.

- (b) Senthil generalized on the basis of insufficient evidence.  
 (c) Senthil was biased against women.  
 (d) Senthil was bad at counting.

**Q133.** It took many centuries before the countries of Europe could resolve their internal problems of violence and corruption to become the stable nation-states they are. Therefore, it will take many centuries for India to achieve internal stability. **Assuming that the factual claims in the argument above are true, what must be assumed in order for the conclusion to follow?**

- (a) Countries everywhere must follow the same paths toward stability.  
 (b) India is gradually progressing toward internal stability.  
 (c) India can learn how to achieve stability by studying Europe's example.  
 (d) India has no hope of achieving stability in the near future.

**Q134.** In the following three questions, assume that a 'fact' expresses something that can be proved by clear and objective data. An opinion expresses a judgment, view, attitude, or conclusion that is not backed by data. Which one of the following statements is best described as an assertion of opinion rather than an assertion of fact?

- (a) Brazil, China, and India are now among the largest emitters of greenhouse gases.  
 (b) Scientists agree that human activity is an important cause of climate change.  
 (c) The Indian government's policy on climate change is misguided.  
 (d) The Indian government's policy on climate change has changed significantly in the last five years.

**Q135.** (A) The number of people migrating into Bengaluru has increased significantly in recent years.  
 (B) This is because Bengaluru provides more economic opportunities than the towns and villages from which these migrants come.  
 (C) This sudden influx of migrants has made the city less pleasant to live in.  
 (D) The success of the government's rural employment guarantee act might have the effect of stemming some rural-urban migration.

**Which one of the above statements is best described as an assertion of opinion rather than an assertion of fact?**

- (a) A  
 (b) B  
 (c) C  
 (d) D

**Q136.** Which one of the following statements, if true, is best described as an assertion of opinion rather than an assertion of fact?

- (a) Mumbai is larger than Pune.  
 (b) Mumbai is smaller than Pune.  
 (c) Mumbai is more cultured than Pune.

- (d) Mumbai is more crowded than Pune.

**Q137.** For the following three questions, there are two or more statements along with few conclusions deduced from the statements. You are required to answer on the basis of the statements and the conclusions. Make the factual assumptions required by the question even if you believe the statement is actually false.

**Statement 1:** Some aeroplanes are balloons.

**Statement 2:** Some balloons are rockets.

**Conclusions:**

- (a) Some aeroplanes are rockets.  
 (b) Some rockets are tables.  
 (c) All the rockets are balloons.  
 (d) All the balloons are aeroplanes. Assuming that Statements 1 and 2 are true, which conclusions follow:  
 (a) Only (B) and (D)  
 (b) Only (A) and (C)  
 (c) Only (D)  
 (d) None of the above

**Q138.** For the following three questions, there are two or more statements along with few conclusions deduced from the statements. You are required to answer on the basis of the statements and the conclusions. Make the factual assumptions required by the question even if you believe the statement is actually false.

**Statement 1:** All whales are fish.

**Statement 2:** Some fish are not amphibians.

**Statement 3:** All whales are amphibians.

**Statement 4:** Some amphibians are not fish.

**Conclusions:**

- (a) Some fish are amphibians.  
 (b) Some amphibians are fish.  
 (c) Only whales are both fish and amphibians.  
 (d) All amphibians are fish. Assuming only that Statements 1, 2, 3, and 4 are true, which of the above conclusions may be deduced?  
 (a) Only (A) and (B).  
 (b) Only (C).  
 (c) Only (D).  
 (d) None of the above.

**Q139.** For the following three questions, there are two or more statements along with few conclusions deduced from the statements. You are required to answer on the basis of the statements and the conclusions. Make the factual assumptions required by the question even if you believe the statement is actually false.

**Statement 1:** All libraries are laboratories.

**Statement 2:** No laboratories are hostels.

**Conclusions:**

- (a) All laboratories are libraries.  
 (b) Some hostels are libraries.  
 (c) Some libraries are hostels.

(d) No library is a hostel. Assuming that Statements 1 and 2 are true, which conclusions follow?

- (a) Only (A) and (B).
- (b) Only (B) and (C).
- (c) Only (C) and (D).
- (d) Only D.

**Q140. Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions based on it.**

Instead of being concerned with what actually happens in practice \_\_\_\_\_ [economics] is increasingly reoccupied with developing pseudo mathematical formulas. These provide models of behavior which never quite fit what actually happens, in a way which resembles the physical sciences; one wrong: instead of equations describing reality, economics produces equations describing deal conditions and theoretical clarity of a type which never occurs in practice.

**Which of the following best summarizes the argument of this paragraph?**

- (a) Economics ought to be more like the physical sciences.
- (b) Theoretical clarity is undesirable in economics.
- (c) The physical sciences are wrong to emphasize mathematic formulae.
- (d) The mathematical equations used by economists do not accurately describe the real world.

**Q141. Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions based on it.**

Religions, like camel caravans, seem to avoid mountain passes. Buddhism spread quickly south from Buddha's birth-place in southern Nepal across the flat Gangetic plain to Sri Lanka. But it took a millennium to reach China \_\_\_\_\_. The religious belt stretched eventually to Mongolia and Japan, but in Afghanistan Buddhism filled only a narrow belt that left pagans among the valleys to the east and west in Kailash and Ghor.

**Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the conclusion to the above argument?**

- (a) Christianity took several centuries to cross the Atlantic Ocean to America.
- (b) The Hindukush mountains made no difference to the speed with which Islam spread.
- (c) Buddhism is strongest in mountainous regions.
- (d) Jainism is less popular in cold climates.

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**Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the argument of the passage above?**

- (a) The physical sciences are themselves reducing their reliance on mathematical formulae.
- (b) The real world in fact closely approximates ideal theoretical conditions.
- (c) We do not at present have the mathematical expertise to model the full complexity of the world economy.
- (d) Academic economists need to be more sensitive to human nature.

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**Which of the following best summarizes the subject of this paragraph?**

- (a) The Afghan people were hostile to Buddhism.
- (b) Geography has considerable impact on the spread of religions.
- (c) Buddhism does not flourish in mountainous regions.
- (d) Religion has a considerable impact on geography.

**Q144. Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions based on it.**

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**Q145. Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions based on it.**

Friendship was indeed a value for the villagers, more for men than for women. Two good friends were said to be 'like brothers' (literally, 'like elder brother-younger brother', (annatammandirahage). I heard this expression several times and I could not help recalling the statement of an elderly English colleague who had told me that he and his brother were very close and had written to each other every week. He had added, 'We are very good friends'. That is, friendship connoted intimacy in England while in Rampura (as in rural India everywhere), brotherhood conveyed intimacy.

**Which of the following best summarizes the conclusion of the argument of this paragraph?**

- (a) Friendship has greater value for men than for women.
- (b) People in England have different attitudes to brotherhood and friendship than people in rural India.
- (c) Brotherhood has greater value in rural India than in England.
- (d) Friendship has greater value in England than in India.

**Q146. Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions based on it.**

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**Which of the following, if true, would directly contradict the conclusions of the above argument?**

- (a) People are less likely to have large families in England.
- (b) People in England are no longer close to their family members.
- (c) People in England do not think that friendship connotes intimacy.
- (d) People in rural India think that sisters cannot be intimate.

**Q147. Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions based on it.**

A language is most easily learnt when it is in tune with the social context. To teach an Indian child in English at the primary stage \_\_\_\_\_ strengthens distinctions of class and status and warps the mind. Failure to resort to regional languages in literacy campaigns also hampers their success.

**Which of the following best summarizes the argument of the passage above?**

- (a) Learning English warps the mind.
- (b) Language policy should be devised with an eye to social context.
- (c) Literacy campaigns in India have failed.
- (d) English should be taught at the secondary school level.

**Q148. Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions based on it.**

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**Which of the following claims, if true, would weaken the argument in the passage above?**

- (a) Literacy campaigns are more successful when conducted in English.

- (b) Learning English at an early age has been found to weaken class distinctions.
- (c) Children who learn English at the primary-school stage have been found to show greater intellectual ability than those who learn English only at the secondary level.
- (d) All of the above.

**Q149. Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions based on it.**

The tribes should develop their own culture and make their contributions to the cultural richness of the country \_\_\_\_\_ it is unnecessary to cause them to change their customs, habits, or diversions so far as to make themselves indistinguishable from other classes. To do so would be to rob rural and pastoral life of its color and stimulating diversity.

**Which of the following conclusions is not implied by the passage above?**

- (a) It is good for India's tribal people to develop their culture.
- (b) Tribal customs should not be allowed to change in any respect.
- (c) Forcing tribal people to change their customs reduces the diversity of rural life.
- (d) Tribal culture is part of the cultural richness of India.

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**Which of the following claims runs directly counter to the spirit of the passage above?**

- (a) Tribal people should be able to decide what elements of the modern world to adopt.
- (b) The government should make modern science and medicine available to tribal people.
- (c) Tribal people should not be subjected to any coercion to conform to non-tribal cultural norms as long as they do not violate the law.
- (d) The tribals should assimilate as far as possible into non-tribal culture as a condition of full citizenship.

**Q151. Directions: Each question consists of legal propositions/principles and facts. These principles have to be applied to the given facts to arrive at the most reasonable conclusion. Assume principles to be true for the purposes of this section.**

**Principle:**

Vicarious liability is the liability of the Master or Principle for the tort committed by his servant or agent, provided the tort is committed in the course of employment. The Master or Principle is not liable for private wrongs of the servant/agent.

**Facts:**

'X' hands over some cash money at his house to 'Y', who is his (X's) neighbour and is also cashier in a bank, to be deposited in A's account in the bank. Instead of depositing the money, 'Y' misappropriates it. Which of the following statements depicts correct legal position in this given situation?

- (a) The bank would not be liable because 'Y' did not do any wrong in the course of his employment
- (b) The bank would be vicariously liable because 'Y' was the employee of the bank
- (c) The bank would not be liable because 'Y' did not do any wrong
- (d) The bank would be liable because 'Y' acted as bank's agent

**Q152. Directions: Each question consists of legal propositions/principles and facts. These principles have to be applied to the given facts to arrive at the most reasonable conclusion. Assume principles to be true for the purposes of this section.**

**Principle:**

A person has no legal remedy for an injury caused by an act to which he has consented.

**Facts:**

'R', a cricket enthusiast, purchases a ticket to watch a T20 match organised by the Indian Premier League (IPL). During the match, a ball struck for six hits 'R' on his body and injures him. He sues IPL for compensation for the medical expenses. Which of the following derivations is CORRECT?

- (a) 'R' should be compensated as he purchased the ticket to get entertainment and not to get injured
- (b) 'R' would fail in his action, as he voluntarily exposed himself to the risk
- (c) IPL would be liable as it did not ensure that the spectators were protected from the risk of such injuries
- (d) None of the above

**Q153. Directions: Each question consists of legal propositions/principles and facts. These principles have to be applied to the given facts to arrive at the most reasonable conclusion. Assume principles to be true for the purposes of this section.**

**Principle:**

Ignorance of law excuses no one.

**Facts:**

'X' fails to file his income tax returns for a considerable number of years. The Income Tax department serves upon him a 'show-cause notice' as to why proceedings should not be initiated against him for the recovery of the income tax due from him with interest and penalty. Which of the following derivations is CORRECT?

- (a) 'X' may defend himself by taking the plea that his legal advisor had not advised him to file the return

- (b) 'X' would have to pay the due, as ignorance of law and failure to comply with law is no legal ground of defence
- (c) 'X' may defend himself successfully by taking the plea that he was unaware of any such law being in force
- (d) None of the above

**Q154. Directions: Each question consists of legal propositions/principles and facts. These principles have to be applied to the given facts to arrive at the most reasonable conclusion. Assume principles to be true for the purposes of this section.**

**Principle:**

Damage without the violation of a legal right is not actionable in a court of law. If the interference with the rights of another person is not unlawful or unauthorised, but a necessary consequence of the exercise of defendant's own lawful rights, no action should lie.

**Facts:**

There was an established school ('ES') in a particular locality. Subsequently, a new school ('NS') was set up in the same locality, which charged lower fees, on account of which people started patronising the new school. Because of the competition, 'ES' had to reduce its fees. 'ES' filed a case against 'NS' saying that 'NS' had caused it ('ES') financial loss and, thus, claimed compensation. Which of the following derivations is CORRECT?

- (a) Since no legal right of 'ES' had been violated, therefore, as such, no compensation could be granted
- (b) Since damage is caused to 'ES', therefore, it should be awarded compensation
- (c) 'ES' should be awarded compensation, as opening of school in competition is not good
- (d) No compensation could be granted, as reduction in fees is good for the public

**Q155. Directions: Each question consists of legal propositions/principles and facts. These principles have to be applied to the given facts to arrive at the most reasonable conclusion. Assume principles to be true for the purposes of this section.**

**Principle:**

Whenever there is an invasion of a legal right, the person in whom the right is vested, is entitled to bring an action though he has suffered no actual loss or harm, and may recover damages (compensation).

**Facts:**

'A' was a qualified voter for the Lok Sabha election. However, a returning officer wrongfully refused to take A's vote. In spite of such wrongful refusal, the candidate, for whom 'A' wanted to vote, won the election. But, 'A' brought an action for damages: Which of the following derivations is CORRECT?

- (a) Since no legal right of 'A' had been violated, therefore, as such, no compensation could be granted
- (b) Since legal right of 'A' had been violated, therefore, compensation should be granted
- (c) No compensation could be granted, as 'A' had suffered no loss as his candidate won the election
- (d) Since no fundamental right of 'A' had been violated, therefore, as such, no compensation could be granted

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**A.** The fundamental right to freedom of association includes the right to form an association as well as not join an association. **B.** The fundamental right to freedom of association also includes the freedom to decide with whom to associate. **C.** The fundamental right to freedom of association does not extend to the right to realize the objectives of forming the association. **D.** Fundamental rights are applicable only to laws made by or administrative actions of the State and do not apply to actions of private persons. **E.** Any law in contravention of fundamental rights is unconstitutional and therefore cannot bind any person. **Facts:** Gajodhar Pharmaceuticals, a private company, offered an employment contract of two years to Syed Monirul Alam. One of the clauses in the employment contract provided that Syed Monirul Alam must join Gajodhar Mazdoor Sangh (GMS), one of the trade unions active in Gajodhar Pharmaceuticals.

**Q156. Decide which of the following propositions can be most reasonably inferred through the application of the stated legal rules to the facts of this case?**

- (a) The employment contract offered to Monirul Alam to join GMS is legal as it does not restrict his freedom not to join any association.
- (b) The condition requiring Monirul Alam to join GMS cannot bind him as it impinges on his freedom not to join any association.
- (c) Syed Monirul Alam cannot claim a fundamental right to freedom of association against Gajodhar Pharmaceuticals and therefore, the contract would bind him even though his freedom of association is restricted.
- (d) The employment contract infringes Syed Monirul Alam's freedom to decide with whom to associate and therefore is legally not enforceable.

**Q157. If Parliament enacts a law which requires every employee to join the largest trade union in their workplace mandating Syed Monirul Alam to join GMS, then**

- (a) such a law would merely govern private action to which fundamental rights do not apply.
- (b) such a law would not curtail any individual's right to freedom of association.
- (c) **neither** the employment contract, nor the law of the Parliament would be enforceable as they would curtail the freedom of association.
- (d) the law of Parliament would violate an individual's freedom not to join any association and therefore be unconstitutional.

**Q158. If Parliament enacts a law that requires a trade union to open its membership to all the employees, then**

- (a) such a law would not infringe any fundamental right to freedom of association.

- (b) the law of the Parliament would curtail an individual's right not to join any association.
- (c) such a law would curtail the union members' right to decide with whom they would like to associate.
- (d) such a law would render the employment contract offered by Gajodhar Pharmaceuticals to Syed Monirul Alam unenforceable.

**Q159. If Gajodhar Pharmaceuticals enter into an agreement with GMS wherein the former agrees to hire only the existing members of GMS as employees, then**

- (a) the agreement would be illegal as it would curtail the union members' right to decide with whom they would like to associate.
- (b) such an agreement would infringe the union's right to decide with whom to associate and therefore is legally not enforceable.
- (c) the agreement would not be enforceable as it would infringe upon the employer's right not to join an association.
- (d) the constitutionality of this agreement cannot be contested on grounds of contravention of fundamental rights as such rights are not applicable to private persons.

**Q160. If Parliament enacts a legislation prohibiting strikes by trade unions of employees engaged in pharmaceutical industry, then**

- (a) the legislation would not violate the right to freedom of association.
- (b) the legislation would curtail the right of trade unions to strike and therefore violate freedom of association.
- (c) since strike is only one of the objectives with which a trade union is formed, right to strike is not protected by the right to freedom of association.
- (d) none of the above.

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**Q161. As a judge you would order that**

- (a) Elizabeth is not entitled to compensation because the earring was found on the property of the airline and therefore, the airline is entitled to sell it.
- (b) the airline must compensate Elizabeth because owning the lounge does not give the airline the right over all things that might be found on it.
- (c) the airline must compensate Elizabeth because while accepting the earring from Elizabeth they had agreed to return it if nobody claimed it within six months.
- (d) Elizabeth is not entitled to compensation because she did not claim the earring after the expiry of six months and the airline waited for a couple more months before selling it.

**Q162. Assume now that Elizabeth was only an economy class passenger and was not entitled to use the airline's lounge. However, she manages to gain entry and finds the earring in the lounge. The rest of the above facts remain the same. Will her illegal entry into the lounge affect Elizabeth's right to keep the earring (or be compensated for its value)?**

- (a) Yes, the airline claims that Elizabeth's entry into the lounge was illegal and therefore she has no right over anything she found there.
- (b) No, because Elizabeth's class of travel has no bearing on the outcome in this case.
- (c) Cannot be determined as we need to know how Elizabeth was able to access the airline's lounge.
- (d) None of the above.

**Q163. To the original fact scenario, the following fact is added: In the lounge there are numerous signboards which proclaim 'Any unattended item will be confiscated by Dolphin Airlines'. In this case, you would**

- (a) order the airline to pay compensation to Elizabeth because the board in the lounge cannot grant property rights over unattended objects to the airline.
- (b) deny Elizabeth compensation because the signboard makes it evident that the airline, as owner of the lounge, is exercising all rights over all unattended items in the lounge and the earring is one such item.
- (c) deny Elizabeth compensation because she knew any unattended item belonged to the airline.
- (d) order the airline to pay compensation to Elizabeth because the property rights of the airline are relevant only if the item is unattended. The moment Elizabeth found the earring, it belonged to her.

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in a comparable situation. **Rule C:** Indirect discrimination occurs when a provision, criterion, or practice which is neutral on the face of it would have the effect of putting persons having a status or a characteristic associated with one or more prohibited grounds at a particular disadvantage compared with other persons. **Rule D:** Discrimination shall be justified when such discrimination is absolutely necessary in order to promote the well-being of disadvantaged groups, such as women, dalits, religious minorities, sexual minorities, or disabled persons. **Facts:** On 2nd October 2010, the Governor of the State of Bihar ordered the release of all women prisoners who were serving sentence of less than one year imprisonment to mark the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday.

**Q164. Which of the following is correct with respect to the Governor's order?**

- (a) It discriminates directly on the ground of sex.
- (b) It discriminates indirectly on the ground of sex.
- (c) It does not discriminate on the ground of sex.
- (d) It discriminates directly as well as indirectly on the ground of sex.

**Q165. Is the Governor's order justified under Rule D?**

- (a) Yes, because it is for the well-being of women prisoners.
- (b) No because it is not absolutely necessary for the well-being of women prisoners.
- (c) No, because it does not promote the well-being of women prisoners or the society.
- (d) None of the above.

**Q166. Assume that the Governor also made a second order requiring the release of all persons under the age of 25 and over the age of 65 who were serving a sentence of less than one year's imprisonment. Under the rules, this order is**

- (a) directly discriminatory.
- (b) indirectly discriminatory.
- (c) not discriminatory.
- (d) discriminatory, but justifiable.

**Q167. Assume further that the government made a third order, releasing all graduate prisoners who are serving a sentence of less than one year's imprisonment. Which of the following statistics would have to be true for this order to be indirectly discriminatory?**

- (a) Only 13% of the prison population in Bihar have graduation degree.
- (b) Of the graduate prisoners 89% belong to upper castes.
- (c) Only 25% women in Bihar get a graduation degree.
- (d) All of the above.

**Q168. Rule E:** A discriminatory act shall be justified if its effect is to promote the well-being of disadvantaged groups, such as women, Dalits, religious minorities, sexual minorities, or disabled persons.

**Would the first order of release of all women prisoners be justified under Rule E?**

- (a) Yes, because it promotes the well-being of women.
- (b) No, because it does not promote the wellbeing of women prisoners.

- (c) No, because it does not promote the well-being of all disadvantaged groups equally.  
 (d) None of the above.

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**A.** A minor is a person who is below the age of eighteen. However, where a guardian administers the minor's property the age of majority is twenty-one. **B.** A minor is not permitted by law to enter into a contract. Hence, where a minor enters into a contract with a major person, the contract is not enforceable. This effectively means that neither the minor nor the other party can make any claim on the basis of the contract. **C.** In a contract with a minor, if the other party hands over any money or confers any other benefit on the minor, the same shall not be recoverable from the minor unless the other party was deceived by the minor to hand over money or any other benefit. The other party will have to show that the minor misrepresented her age, he was ignorant about the age of the minor and that he handed over the benefit on the basis of such representation. **Facts:** Ajay convinces Bandita, a girl aged 18 that she should sell her land to him. Bandita's mother Chaaru is her guardian. Nonetheless Bandita, without the permission of Chaaru, sells the land to Ajay for a total sum of rupees fifty lakh, paid in full and final settlement of the price. Chaaru challenges this transaction claiming that Bandita is a minor and hence the possession of the land shall not be given to Ajay. Thus, Ajay is in a difficult situation and has no idea how to recover his money from Bandita.

**Q169. Chaaru is justified in challenging the sale transaction because**

- (a) Bandita is of unsound mind and is not in a position to make rational decisions.  
 (b) though Bandita is eighteen years old, she will be treated as a minor, as Chaaru is her guardian.  
 (c) though Bandita is eighteen year old, she cannot sell the land without the permission of her mother.  
 (d) though Bandita is eighteen year old she should not be treated like a person who has attained the age of majority.

**Q170. Ajay can be allowed to recover the money only if he can show that**

- (a) he was deceived by Bandita who misrepresented her age.  
 (b) he honestly believed that Bandita was empowered under the law to sell the land.  
 (c) he was an honest person who had paid the full price of the land to Bandita.  
 (d) **Both a and b**

**Q171. In order to defend the sale, Bandita will need to show that**

- (a) Bandita has attained the age of majority.  
 (b) Bandita is mature enough to make rational decisions regarding her own affairs.

- (c) the sale transaction was beneficial to her interest and will enhance her financial status.  
 (d) None of the above.

**Q172. Which of the following is correct?**

- (a) Ajay should be allowed to recover the money because even though there is no contract, Bandita and Chaaru should not be allowed to unjustly benefit from Ajay's money.  
 (b) Ajay should be allowed the possession of the land because Chaaru can always decide to approve the transaction between Ajay and Bandita.  
 (c) Ajay should not be allowed to recover because he induced Bandita, a minor, to sell the land.  
 (d) None of the above.

**Q173. Which of the following is correct?**

- (a) If Ajay is allowed to recover the money, that will defeat the law framed for protecting the minors against fraudulent persons.  
 (b) If Ajay is not allowed to recover that will cause him injustice as he has not paid the entire sale price.  
 (c) If Ajay is not allowed to recover, Chaaru will benefit from both the money and the land.  
 (d) None of the above.

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**A.** The act of using threats to force another person to enter into a contract is called coercion. **B.**

The act of using influence on another and taking undue advantage of that person is called undue influence. **C.** In order to prove coercion, the existence of the use of threat, in any form and manner, is necessary. If coercion is proved, the person who has been so threatened can refuse to abide by the contract. **D.** In order to prove undue influence, there has to be a pre-existing relationship between the parties to a contract. The relationship has to be of such a nature that one is in a position to influence the other. If it is proven that there has been undue influence, the party who has been so influenced need not enforce the contract or perform his obligations under the contract. **Facts:** Aadil and Baalu are best friends. Aadil is the son of a multi-millionaire business person, Chulbul who owns Maakhan Pharmaceuticals. Baalu is the son of a bank employee, Dhanraj. One day, Aadil is abducted from his office by Baalu. Chulbul receives a phone call from Dhanraj telling him that if he does not make Baalu the CEO of Maakhan Pharmaceuticals, Aadil will be killed. Chulbul reluctantly agrees to make Baalu the CEO. Subsequently Chulbul and Baalu sign an employment contract. However, as soon as Aadil is released and safely returns home, Chulbul tells Baalu that he shall not enforce the employment contract. Baalu and Dhanraj are not sure as to what is to be done next.

**Q174. As per the rules and the given facts, who coerces whom?**

- (a) Aadil coerces Baalu  
 (b) Baalu coerces Chulbul

- (c) Dhanraj coerces Chulbul  
(d) None of the above

**Q175. In the above fact situation**

- (a) there is undue influence exercised by Dhanraj on Baalu.  
(b) there is undue influence exercised by Aadil on Chulbul.  
(c) there is no undue influence.  
(d) none of the above.

**Q176. Chulbul is**

- (a) justified in refusing to enforce the employment contract as Chulbul was coerced by Dhanraj.  
(b) justified in refusing to enforce the employment contract as Baalu was complicity in the coercive act.  
(c) not justified in refusing to enforce the employment contract as Baalu was an innocent person and has not coerced Chulbul.  
(d) **Both** a and b

**Q177. Baalu will succeed in getting the employment contract enforced if he can show that**

- (a) he is the best friend of Aadil.  
(b) it was his father, and not he, who used coercion against Chulbul.  
(c) Chulbul has promised his father to employ him.  
(d) None of the above.

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**Rule A:** When a State undertakes any measure, the effects of the measure must be the same for all those who are affected by it. **Facts:** Hundred mountaineers embarked on an extremely risky climbing expedition in Leh. Weather conditions worsened five days into the expedition and the mountaineers are trapped under heavy snow. The government received information of this tragedy only two weeks after the unfortunate incident and has only 24-hours in which to send rescue helicopters. Weather stations across the world confirm that this particular region of Leh will experience blizzards of unprecedented intensity for almost two weeks after this 24 hour window rendering any helicopter activity in the region impossible and certain death for anyone left behind. The government has only five rescue helicopters with a maximum capacity of 50 people (excluding pilots and requisite soldiers) and these helicopters can fly only once in 24 hours to such altitudes. As the Air Force gets ready to send the helicopters, an emergency hearing is convened in the Supreme Court to challenge this measure as this would leave 50 people to die.

**Q178. If you were the judge required to apply Rule A, you would decide that**

- (a) as many lives must be saved as possible.  
(b) if everyone cannot be rescued, then everyone must be left behind.  
(c) a measure cannot be upheld at the cost of 50 lives.  
(d) it must be left to those who are trapped to decide if they want half amongst them to be saved and leave the rest to

die. **Rule B:** When a State undertakes any measure, every one affected must have an equal chance to benefit from it.

**Q179. As the government prepares to send in rescue helicopters, which option would be acceptable only under Rule B and not Rule A?**

- (a) A lottery to choose the 50 survivors excluding those diagnosed with terminal illnesses from participating in the lottery.  
(b) A lottery to decide the 50 survivors with single parents of children below five years of age automatically qualifying to be rescued.  
(c) The 50 youngest people should be rescued.  
(d) None of the above.

**Q180. Choosing 50 survivors exclusively by a lottery would be**

- (a) permissible under Rules A and B.  
(b) impermissible under Rules A and B.  
(c) permissible only under Rule B.  
(d) permissible only under Rule A.

**Q181. If the government decides that it will either save everyone or save none, it would be**

- (a) permissible under Rules A and B.  
(b) impermissible under Rules A and B.  
(c) permissible only under Rule A.  
(d) permissible only under Rule B.

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**Rules:** **A.** A person is an employee of another if the mode and the manner in which he or she carries out his work is subject to control and supervision of the latter. **B.** An employer is required to provide compensation to his or her employees for any injury caused by an accident arising in the course of employment. The term 'in the course of the employment' mean in the course of the work which the employee is contracted to do and which is incidental to it. **Facts:** Messrs Zafar Abidi and Co. (Company) manufactures bidis with the help of persons known as 'pattadars'. The pattadars are supplied tobacco and leaves by the Company and are required to roll them into bidis and bring the bidis back to the Company. The pattadars are free to roll the bidis either in the factory or anywhere else they prefer. They are not bound to attend the factory for any fixed hours of work or for any fixed number of days. Neither are they required to roll up any fixed number of bidis. The Company verifies whether the bidis adhere to the specified instructions or not and pays the pattadars on the basis of the number of bidis that are found to be of right quality. Aashish Mathew is one of the pattadars of the Company. He was hit by a car just outside the precinct of the factory while he was heading to have lunch in a nearby food-stall. Aashish Mathew has applied for compensation from the Company.

**Q182. Which of the following statements can most plausibly be inferred from the application of the rules to the given facts?**

- (a) Aashish Mathew is an employee of the Company because the latter exercises control over the manner in which Aashish Mathew carries out his work.
- (b) Aashish Mathew is not an employee but an independent contractor as he does not have a fixed salary.
- (c) Aashish Mathew is an employee because the Company exercises control over the final quality of the bidis.
- (d) Verification of the quality of bidis amounts to control over the product and not control over the mode and method of work and therefore, Aashish Mathew is not an employee of the Company.

**Q183. In case the pattadars were compulsorily required to work in the factory for a minimum number of hours every day, then it would be correct to state that**

- (a) the injury was not caused by an accident in the course of employment.
- (b) Aashish Mathew would not be an employee as the Company would have still not exercised control over the manner of work.
- (c) the injury suffered by Aashish Mathew could not be held to be one caused by an accident.
- (d) stipulations on place and hours of work relate to manner and mode of work and therefore, Aashish Mathew would be held to be an employee of the Company.

**Q184. According to the facts and the rules specified, which of the following propositions is correct?**

- (a) The Company is not liable to pay compensation as the injury to Aashish Mathew was not caused by an accident arising in the course of employment.
- (b) The Company is liable to pay the compensation.
- (c) Since the injury did not arise in the course of employment, the Company would not be liable to pay the compensation even though Aashish Mathew is an employee of the company.
- (d) The Company is liable to pay the compensation as Aashish Mathew is a contracted pattadar with the company.

**Q185. Select the statement that could be said to be most direct inference from specified.**

- (a) The injury to Aashish Mathew did not arise in the course of employment as he was not rolling bidis at the time when he was hit by the car.
- (b) Since Aashish Mathew is a contracted pattadar with the Company, it shall be presumed that the injury was caused by an accident in the course of employment.
- (c) Since there was no relationship of employment between Aashish Mathew and the Company, the injury suffered by Aashish Mathew could not be held to be one arising in the course of employment notwithstanding the fact that the concerned injury was caused while he was involved in an activity incidental to his duties.
- (d) As the concerned injury was caused to Aashish Mathew while he was involved in an activity incidental to his duties, the injury did arise in the course of employment.

**Q186. If the pattadars were compulsorily required to work in the factory for a minimum number of hours every day, then the Company would have been liable to pay compensation to Aashish Mathew if the latter**

- (a) had been assaulted and grievously hurt by his neighbor inside the factory precincts over a property dispute.
- (b) had slipped and fractured his arm while trying to commute on a city bus from his home to the factory.
- (c) had been injured while commuting on a bus provided by the Company, which he was required by his contract to use every day.
- (d) had been caught in the middle of a cross-fire between police and a gang of robbers while traveling to work on a city bus.

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moveable property out of the possession of any person without that person's consent, moves that property out of his or her possession, is said to commit theft. **B.** A person who, without lawful excuse, damages any property belonging to another intending to damage any such property shall be guilty of causing criminal damage. **C.**

Damage means any impairment of the value of a property. **Facts:** Veena, an old lady of 78 years, used to live with her grand-daughter Indira. Veena was ill and therefore bed-ridden for several months. In those months, she could not tolerate any noise and it became quite difficult to clean her room. After she died, Indira hired a cleaner, Lucky, to clean the room and throwaway any rubbish that may be there. There was a pile of old newspapers which Veena had stacked in a corner of her room. Lucky asked Indira if he should clear away the pile of old newspapers, to which she said yes. Lucky took the pile to a municipality rubbish dump. While Lucky was sorting and throwing away the newspapers, he was very surprised to find a beautiful painting in between two sheets of paper. He thought that Indira probably would not want this old painting back, especially because it was torn in several places and the color was fading. He took the painting home, mounted it on a wooden frame and hung it on the wall of his bedroom. Unknown to him, the painting was an old masterpiece, and worth Rs. 20, 000. Before mounting the painting, Lucky pasted it on a plain sheet of paper so that it does not tear any more. By doing so, he made its professional restoration very difficult and thereby reduced its value by half. Lucky's neighbor Kamala discovered that the painting belonged to Indira. With the motive of returning the painting to Indira, Kamala climbed through an open window into Lucky's room when he was away one afternoon and removed the painting from his house.

**Q187. Has Lucky committed theft?**

- (a) Yes, Lucky has committed theft of the newspapers and the painting.
- (b) No, Lucky has not committed theft because he had Veena's consent.

(c) Yes, Lucky has committed theft of the painting, but not of the newspapers.

(d) No, Lucky has not committed theft because he has not moved the painting out of Veena's possession.

**Q188. Is Lucky guilty of criminal damage?**

(a) No, Lucky is not guilty of criminal damage as he did not intentionally impair the value of the painting.

(b) Yes, Lucky is guilty of criminal damage as he intentionally stuck the paper on to the painting.

(c) No, Lucky is not guilty of criminal damage as he does not have the painting in his possession anymore.

(d) No, Lucky is not guilty of the criminal damage as he has not destroyed the painting.

**Q189. If Lucky had discovered the painting before leaving Indira's house rather than at the rubbish dump, would he have been guilty of theft in this case?**

(a) Yes, he would be guilty of theft of the newspapers and the paintings.

(b) No, he would not be guilty of theft.

(c) Yes, he would be guilty of theft of the painting.

(d) None of the above.

**Q190. Is Kamala guilty of theft?**

(a) No, Kamala is not guilty of theft since the person she took the painting from (Lucky) was not its lawful owner.

(b) No, Kamala is not guilty of theft since she took the painting only with the motive of returning it to Indira.

(c) Yes, Kamala is guilty of theft as she took the painting out of Lucky's possession without his consent.

(d) None of the above.

**Q191. Which of the following propositions could be inferred from the facts and the rules specified?**

(a) Kamala is guilty of criminal damage as the person she took the painting from (Lucky) was not its lawful owner.

(b) Kamala is guilty of criminal damage as she took the painting without Lucky's consent.

(c) Kamala is not guilty of criminal damage as the painting has not been completely destroyed.

(d) None of the above.

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After completing the sale, she removes the expensive Iranian carpet which used to cover the entire wooden floor of one of the bedrooms. The room had very little light and Khaleeda used this light-colored radiant carpet to negate some of the darkness in the room. Gurpreet, after moving

in, realizes this and files a case to recover the carpet from Khaleeda.

**Q192. As a judge you would decide in favor of**

(a) Gurpreet because when the price was agreed upon, Khaleeda did not inform her about removing the carpet.

(b) Gurpreet because the carpet was integral to the floor of the bedroom and therefore attached to the building that was sold.

(c) Khaleeda because a fully furnished house does not entail the buyer to everything in the house.

(d) Khaleeda because by virtue of being a carpet it was never permanently fixed to the floor of the building.

Assume that in the above fact scenario, Khaleeda no longer wants the carpet. She removes the elaborately carved door to the house after the sale has been concluded and claims that Gurpreet has no claim to the door. The door in question was part of Khaleeda's ancestral home in Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, for more than 150 years before she had it fitted as the entrance to her Baghmara house.

**Q193. As a judge you would decide in favor of**

(a) Khaleeda because while the rest of the building belongs to Khaleeda exclusively, the door is ancestral property and therefore the decision to sell it cannot be Khaleeda's alone.

(b) Gurpreet because the door is an integral part of the building as it is attached to it.

(c) Khaleeda because the door can be removed from the building and is therefore not attached to it.

(d) Gurpreet because the contract is explicitly for the whole house and since the door is part of house, it cannot be removed subsequent to the sale.

**Q194. Amongst the following options, the most relevant consideration while deciding a case on the basis of the above two principles would be**

(a) whether the movable thing was included in the sale agreement.

(b) whether the movable thing was merely placed on the land or building.

(c) whether the movable thing had become an inseparable part of the land or building.

(d) whether the movable thing could be removed.

**Q195. Rule C: If a movable thing is placed on land with the intention that it should become an integral part of the land or any structure on the land it becomes a fixture. Applying, Rules A and C, to the fact situations in Questions 192 and 193, as a judge you would decide in favor of**

(a) Khaleeda in both situations.

(b) Gurpreet only in

(c) Khaleeda only in

(d) Gurpreet in both situations.

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owner of land also owns the space above and the depths below it. **Rule B:** Rights above the land extend only to the point they are essential to any use or enjoyment of land.

**Rule C:** An owner cannot claim infringement of her property right if the space above his or her land is put to reasonable use by someone else at a height at which the owner would have no reasonable use of it and it does not affect the reasonable enjoyment of his or her land.

**Ramesh's case:** Ramesh owns an acre of land on the outskirts of Sullurpeta, Andhra Pradesh. The Government of India launches its satellites into space frequently from Sriharikota, near Sullurpeta. The Government of India does not deny that once the satellite launch has travelled the distance of almost 7,000 kilometers it passes over Ramesh's property. Ramesh files a case claiming that the Government of India has violated his property rights by routing its satellite over his property, albeit 7,000 kilometer directly above it.

**Q196. Applying only Rule A to Ramesh's case, as a judge you would decide**

- (a) in favor of the Government of India because the transgression was at a height at which Ramesh could not possibly have any use for.  
 (b) that ownership of land does not mean that the owner's right extends infinitely into space above the land.  
 (c) in favor of Ramesh because he has the right to infinite space above the land he owns.  
 (d) in favor of the Government of India because it would lead to the absurd result that Ramesh and most other property owners would have a claim against airline companies and other countries of the world whose satellites orbit the earth.
- Shazia's case:** Shazia owns a single storied house in Ahmedabad which has been in her family for more than 75 years. The foundation of the house cannot support another floor and Shazia has no intention of demolishing her family home to construct a bigger building. Javed and Sandeep are business partners and own three-storied houses on **either** side of Shazia's house. Javed and Sandeep are also Ahmedabad's main distributors for a major soft drink company. They have erected a huge hoarding advertising their products, with the ends supported on their roofs but the hoarding also passes over Shazia's house at 70 feet and casts a permanent shadow on her terrace. Shazia decides to hoist a huge Indian flag, going up to 75 feet, on her roof. She files a case, asking the court to order Javed and Sandeep to remove the hoarding for all these reasons.

**Q197. Applying only Rule B to Shazia's case, you would decide in favor of**

- (a) Javed and Sandeep because Shazia can easily hoist a flag below 70 feet.  
 (b) Shazia because she has the right to put her land to any use and the court cannot go into her intentions for hoisting a flag at 75 feet.  
 (c) Shazia because she has the absolute right to the space above her land.  
 (d) Javed and Sandeep because hoisting a flag 75 feet above one's roof is not essential to the use and enjoyment of the land.

**Q198. Applying only Rules A and B to Shazia's case, you would decide**

- (a) in favor of Shazia only under Rule A.  
 (b) in favor of Shazia under Rule A as well as B.  
 (c) against Shazia under Rule B.  
 (d) against Shazia under Rule A as well as B.

**Q199. Applying only Rule B and C to Ramesh's case, you would decide**

- (a) in favor of Ramesh only under Rule B.  
 (b) in favor of Ramesh under Rule B as well as C.  
 (c) against Ramesh under Rule C.  
 (d) against Ramesh under Rule B as well as C.

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**Q200. Applying Rule C to Shazia's case, you would decide**

- (a) in her favor because hoisting a 75 feet high flag is reasonable.  
 (b) against her because hoisting a 75 feet high flag is not reasonable.  
 (c) against her because the hoarding is a reasonable use of the space above her land.  
 (d) in her favor because the permanent shadow cast by the hoarding affects the reasonable enjoyment of her land.
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