

# Banking Daily Quiz Blog - June 30



1. Study the given information carefully:

In the following question, an idiom is given. It is then followed by three sentences which may or may not accurately represent the meaning of the idiom. Choose the best set of alternatives from the five options given below of the sentences which embody the meaning of the given idiom perfectly.

A. **Cock a snook**

**A. Drunkards often indulge in bravery under the influence of alcohol and boast of their imaginary qualities.**

**B. Although our team fought bravely, it had to yield before the superior power play of the opposite team.**

**C. She is so proud of her wealth that she always shows impudent contempt at the acts of her husband.**

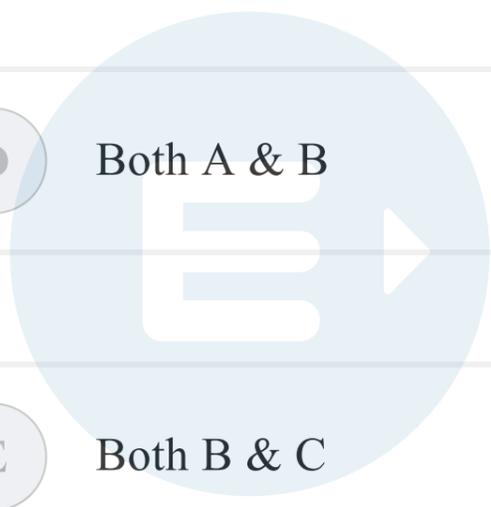
Only A

Only B

Only C

Both A & B

Both B & C



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## Solution

- The correct answer is Option C i.e. 'Only C'.
- The meaning of the given idiom 'Cock a snook' means 'to openly show contempt or a lack of respect for someone or something.'
- Out of the given sentences, only sentence C fits the context of the idiom.
- Sentence A does not fit because there is no mention of contempt of any kind only boasting, which is different.

### B. Spare no expense

**A. He is a person who spares no expense, even to help strangers, because he always comes to the help of the old and the children in difficulties.**

**B. We had made a point of spare no expense by declaring that we were not going to sign the agreement.**

**C. When Ishika goes on a vacation, she spares no expense.**

Only A

Only B

Only C

Both A & B

E

None of these

### Solution

- The correct answer is Option C.
- The meaning of the given idiom Spare no expense means To spend as much money as necessary to do something the best or most extravagant way possible.
- Therefore, only sentence C satisfies the meaning of the given idiom.

#### C. **Keep someone on their toes**

**A. The Manager had to keep Soumya on her toes as she was not paying attention during the office hours.**

**B. India must keep Pakistan on its toes to bring about peace to the region.**

**C. The thief was kept on his toes by the police.**

A

Only A

B

Only B

C

Only C

D

Both A & C

E

None of these

### Solution

- The correct answer is Option A.
- The meaning of the given idiom Keep someone on their toes means to make sure that someone concentrates on what they are supposed to do.
- Sentence A satisfies the meaning of the given idiom because it is said that Soumya was not paying attention, so the manager made her do what she was supposed to do.
- Sentence B does not satisfy the given idiom as it is talking about bringing peace to the region, the suitable idiom would be Bury the hatchet which means to bring about peace.
- In Sentence C, the suitable idiom would be beat black & white which means to beat mercilessly as the sentence is talking about police treating a thief.

## 2. Read the given passage and answer the following questions.

Imagine going to the refrigerator one morning only to find it empty. Then turning on the television to discover that there is a world-wide food shortage because bees have gone extinct and, without our friendly pollinators, so has the food.

This *hypothetical* situation is not as far from our future reality as we would like to think. Earth's average temperature has risen almost two degrees since 1880. That might not seem like much on paper, but the effects of this seemingly small climate change can be seen in the weather, sea levels, and the health of our global bee populations. In fact, the impact of changing temperatures on both native and introduced pollinators has many experts believing slowing climate change may be the only way to save the bees.

It's no secret that bee populations, especially honeybees, have been struggling in recent years. In the short period of time between 2014 and 2017, an estimated 10 million hives were lost. Today, honeybees play a *significant* role in both our natural ecosystem and our agricultural industry. However, in many ways, climate change is harming native bee species and other pollinators far more than honeybees. It's robbing them of their food, and breeding fuel. Many native pollinators rely on only a small selection of flowers as a food source or for breeding purposes. Besides, insects take care of our food requirements too. Pollination is where insects move pollen from one plant to another, fertilising the plants so that they can produce fruit, vegetables, seeds and so on. If all the bees went extinct, it would destroy the delicate balance of the Earth's ecosystem and affect global food supplies.

- A. **'Imagine going to the refrigerator one morning only to find it empty. Then turning on the television to discover that there is a world-wide food shortage because bees have gone extinct and, without our friendly pollinators, so has the food.'**

**What does the author wish to convey by talking about this hypothetical situation?**



**That bees play a major role in fulfilling one of our basic requirements.**

**B** That we should start stocking up on food.

**C** That the television is quick to bring important news to the audience.

**D** That food is a non-renewable resource.

**E** None of these.

### Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e. That bees play a major role in fulfilling one of our basic requirements.

- In this hypothetical situation, the reason for the food shortage is given and that is the extinction of bees.
- It implies that bees play a major role in fulfilling our food requirements.
- The author wants to make us aware of the importance of bees in our life so that we become more conscious of our choices that affect the environment and indirectly the bee population too.

**B. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE according to the passage?**

**(A) Pollination is moving pollen from one plant to another.**

**(B) Climate change is harming native bee species and other pollinators far more than honeybees.**

**(C) Many experts believe that slowing climate change may be the only way to save the bees.**

A Only B

B Only A

C Only C

D A, B and C

E None of the above

### Solution

- The correct answer is option *E*.
- All three statements are given in the passage clearly. So all statements are true.
- Therefore, none of the above is the correct answer.

**C. Which of the following can be a suitable title for the given passage?**

A Bees and other pollinators.

B

Climate change and global warming

C

Effect of climate change on bees.

D

Help from the honeybees

E

Either A or B

### Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. effect of climate change on bees.

- The whole passage talks about the effect of climate change on the bee population.
- In the given passage we are not talking about any other pollinators, hence, option A) cannot be the title.
- The emphasis is not on global warming but on climate change and bees, hence, the most suitable title for the given passage is effect of climate change on bees.

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

**(A) Measures need to be taken to slow down climate change to save the bee population from extinction.**

**(B) Honey bees are going to become extinct in the next three years.**

**(C) Honey bees are the most important insect species for our agriculture industry.**

**A****only A****B****A and B****C****only B****D****A, and C  
B****E****None of the above**

### **Solution**

The correct answer is option A i.e. only A.

- It is given in the passage that slowing climate change may be the only way to save the bees. Hence, statement (A) can be inferred from the passage.
- The time period in which the bees will become extinct is not given, hence, the statement (B) cannot be inferred from the passage.
- It is given in the passage that honey bees are important for agriculture but it is not given that they are the most important for agriculture. Hence, statement (C) cannot be inferred from the passage.

**E. Which of the following is the most opposite in meaning to the word 'significant'?**



**Worthless**



Meaningful



Requisite



Basic



None of the above

### **Solution**

The correct answer is option A i.e. worthless.

- significant: sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention.
- worthless: having no worth. Hence, it is the most opposite in meaning to the given word.
- meaningful: having a meaning.
- requisite: made necessary by particular circumstances or regulations.

**F. Which of the following words are the most similar in meaning to the word 'hypothetical'?**



Relevant

**B****Theoretical****C**

Scrupulous

**D**

Sanctimonious

**E**

None of these

### Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. theoretical.

- Hypothetical: supposed but not necessarily real or true. It means which might be true in theory but practically it might not be true.
- Hence, theoretical is the word most similar in meaning to the given word.

### Meaning of other words

- relevant: closely connected or appropriate to what is being done or considered.
- scrupulous: very concerned to avoid doing wrong.
- sanctimonious: making a show of being morally superior to other people.

**G. Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the given passage?**

**(A) Insects play an important role in food production.**

**(B) Climate change is harming bee population.**

**(C) Earth has gradually grown hotter in the past century.**

**A** only A

**B** only B

**C** A and B

**D** A ,B and C

**E** None of the above

### **Solution**

The correct answer is option D i.e. *A*, *B* and *C*.

- All three statements are true according to the given passage.
- It is given in the passage that the earth's average temperature has risen almost 2 degrees since 1880 .
- In the last paragraph of the given passage, it is given that between 2014 and 2017 almost 10 million hives were lost.
- In the last paragraph of the passage, it is also given that insects take care of our food requirements too.

- Hence, all three statements are correct.

