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1. It is only through continuation of responsible research in climate engineering that the __ and risks of such interventions can be fully __ and provide the basis for informed decision-making.

A Limitations, understood

B Restriction, assumed

C Hindrance, presumed

D Interruption, rejected

E Complication, applied

Solution

‘Limitations, understood’ is the correct use. Limitations- a limiting condition; restrictive weakness; lack of capacity.

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2. **Losing territories in Iraq and _ the heat of American and Russian air strikes in Syria, the Islamic State is fast expanding its __ in stateless, civil war-stricken Libya.**

A Recepting, existence

B Loving, absence

C Desiring, appearance

D Effecting, residence

E Feeling, presence

Solution

‘Feeling, presence’ is the correct use. Presence- the state or fact of being present.

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3. The global climate system is too _for current computational techniques to predict all possible _of tampering with it.

A Prominent, prominences

B Difficult, significances

C Complex, consequences

D Important, prominences

E Critical, seriousness

Solution

‘Complex, consequences’ is the correct use. Complex- a group or system of different things that are linked in a close or complicated way.

Consequences- a result or effect, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant. prominences- the fact or state of projecting from something.

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4. The U.S.-Japan-India trilateral has __ momentum in recent years, with regular meetings and a _ of collective exercises.

A Reached, diversity

B Attained, dissimilarity

C Made, multiplicity

D Gathered, variety

E Gained, variety

Solution

‘Gained, variety’ is the correct use. Variety- the quality or state of being different or diverse. Diversity- the state of being diverse; variety.

Dissimilarity- difference; variance. Gathered- come together; assemble or accumulate.

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5. Economists say that for Indian economic growth to __ to double digits, energy supplies must __ by three to four times over the next few decades.

A Achieve, decrease

B Restore, increase

C Return, increase

D Reinstate, decrease

E Reach, increase

Solution

‘Return, increase’ is the correct use. Achieve- successfully bring about or reach (a desired objective or result) by effort, skill, or courage. Restore- bring back or re-establish (a previous right, practice, or situation).

Reinstate- restore (someone or something) to their former position or state.

Given a paragraph and 5 options, the question asks which of the options completes (comes after) the paragraph best. Comprehending the paragraph is key to solving these. If none of the options given below completes the paragraph choose “none of these” as your choice.

6. **The real threat from ISIS is not territorial but ideological. Fighters are flocking to the fledgling caliphate because they are attracted to the notion that violence and bloodshed can create a space of totalitarian homogeneity. It’s not simply the attraction of a particular religious interpretation. ISIS offers a counter-narrative to nationalism and the emptiness of godless globalization. The society that the caliphate has created is multi-ethnic, transnational, and fully conversant in the latest technology.**

A

We may well look back at the first year of the Islamic State and wax nostalgic about how comparatively placid it was.

B

And yet it also offers a very specific, historically grounded identity.

C

However, ISIS is not a state. States are part of the world that ISIS rejects.

D

It has a 100-year plan for taking over the world and imposing its own version of Islamic orthodoxy.

E

None of these.

Solution

The paragraph begins by stating that the threat from ISIS is ideological and not merely restricted to a particular territory. The notion of establishing a homogeneous autocracy through violence is the main attraction of ISIS, and this is not simply related to a particular religious interpretation. In fact, ISIS offers a counter narrative to transcend nationalism and the impersonal emptiness of godless globalization. To substantiate this, in the penultimate line, the paragraph reads that the society ISIS has created is diverse in terms of ethnicity and nationality. The paragraph thus mainly focuses on the dangerous attraction of ISIS ideology, and what the basis of this is. From the above it follows that the sentence that completes the paragraph has to focus on how the supporters of the said ideology identify with it despite the society created being modern, multi-ethnic and transnational. Let us consider the options in order. Option (a)- We may well look back at the first year of the Islamic State and wax nostalgic about how comparatively placid it was. The relatively peaceful first year of ISIS is not an idea that is related to the paragraph given. Option (b) - And yet it also offers a very specific, historically grounded identity. This fits neatly in with the idea of the paragraph. The penultimate line of the paragraph talks of the society the caliphate has created being a diverse mix. The specific, historically grounded identity ISIS offers helps bind this society together. Option (c)- However, ISIS is not a state. States are part of the world ISIS rejects. The penultimate line talks of the society of the caliphate and this option, at the outset, seems to be linked to that and the idea of ISIS not being territorial mentioned in the first line of the paragraph. However, that ISIS should not be thought of as a state- one that is concerned with governance, pensions, civil service and the like- begs further substantiation. It does not satisfactorily complete the given paragraph, which deals with what the attraction of ISIS ideology is - the power and control obtained through

violence, the counter narrative to nationalism and godless globalization.

The idea that ISIS is not a state and that ISIS rejects the idea of states does not develop on why ISIS ideology is effective in attracting support. Option

(d) - It has a 100-year plan for taking over the world and imposing its own version of Islamic orthodoxy. "It" in the sentence above refers to ISIS.

However, the penultimate line of the paragraph talks of the society the caliphate has created. If this option were to complete the paragraph, "it" has to refer to that society. It doesn't. Hence, we rule out this option

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7. **The notion of giving offence suggests that certain beliefs are so important or valuable to certain people that they should be put beyond the possibility of being insulted, caricatured or even questioned. The importance of the principle of free speech is precisely that it provides a challenge to the idea that some questions are beyond contention, and thus acts as a challenge to authority. Once we give up on the right to offend in the name of “tolerance” or “respect,” we constrain our ability to challenge those in power, and therefore to challenge injustice.**

A

For such diverse societies to function and to be fair, we need to show respect for other peoples, cultures, and viewpoints, and quell offensive voices.

B

The right to subject each others’ fundamental beliefs to criticism is the bedrock of an open, diverse, just society.

C

If people are to occupy the same political space without conflict, they mutually have to limit the extent to which they subject each others’ fundamental beliefs to criticism

D

The more that policymakers give license for people to be offended, the more that people will seize the opportunity to feel offended.

E

None of these.

Solution

The paragraph given challenges the idea of “giving offence”. It declares that by cordoning off some beliefs as beyond question or parody, the idea of giving offence curtails free speech and our ability to stand up to those in power. Option (a)- For such diverse societies to function and to be fair, we need to show respect for other peoples, cultures, and viewpoints, and quell offensive voices. This statement contradicts the main idea of the paragraph. The paragraph argues against quelling offensive voices. Hence we rule out this option. Option (b)- The right to subject each other’s fundamental beliefs to criticism is the bedrock of an open, diverse, just society. This statement echoes the main idea of the paragraph. It continues the line of thought of the penultimate line that the right to offend gives us the power to challenge power and injustice. Option (c)- If people are to occupy the same political space without conflict, they mutually have to limit the extent to which they subject each others’ fundamental beliefs to criticism. Again, the paragraph contradicts this statement. It argues against limiting free speech. So we cross this option out.

Five statements are given below, labelled a, b, c, d and e. Among these, four statements are in logical order and form a coherent paragraph. From the given options, choose the option that does not fit into the theme of the paragraph.

8. choose the option that does not fit into the theme of the paragraph.

A Should the law allow 'living wills'?

B

These are advance directives that people can lay down while being sound of mind, on whether they should continue to get life-sustaining treatment after they reach a stage of total incapacitation, that is, a vegetative state.

C

The debate on allowing euthanasia as a means to protect the dignity of patients in a vegetative state has crystallised into a key question before a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court.

D

The question is fraught with legal, moral and philosophical implications.

E

We must understand that people with mental illness are no different from people suffering with cancer.

Solution

It can be inferred that sentences CABD forms the coherent paragraph as it talks about the necessity to make 'living wills' as legal. Read the sentence given in option (e), it is talking about the need to give importance to mental illness while we are talking about legalizing living wills in remaining statements hence option (e) doesn't fit in this sequence and hence is the correct choice of elimination.

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A

Enormous powers are vested in the military.

B

Most of the victims are women and children, according to the UN's International Organisation for Migration, which has called for additional aid to cope with Dhaka's refugee situation.

C

The continuing failure of the Myanmar government to act decisively and urgently to protect civilians from the raging crossfire between the security forces and insurgents is shocking

D

The latest flare-up began last Friday when militants suspected to be from the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army attacked military and police outposts.

E

The recent clashes in the western State of Rakhine have claimed over 70 lives and forced thousands of Rohingya to flee across the border into Bangladesh, in a rapidly deteriorating humanitarian crisis.

Solution

Sentence CEBD forms a coherent paragraph as the paragraph is about Myanmar's refusal to address the Rohingya issue that diminishes its democratic transition. Sentence (a) is not a part of the paragraph as it is about powers vested in the military which is unrelated to other sentences. Hence sentence (a) is the right choice.

In each of the following questions a short passage is given with one of the lines in the passage missing and represented by a blank. Select the best out of the five answer choices given, to make the passage complete and coherent (coherent means logically complete and sound).

10. **There is a case for stepping up gas usage in our energy mix, from 6-7 per cent of commercial energy now, much lower than the global average of 24 per cent. And in rapidly urbanising India, we need to boost gas supplies to provide peaking power, piped cooking gas, reduce harmful emissions in transportation and also advance manufacturing. Note that gas consumption nationally rose to 55.5 billion cubic metres (BCM) in 2016-17, with almost 31BCM domestic gas output and nearly 25 BCM liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports.**

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A

The pact with Japan would also seek to establish reliable spot LNG price indices reflecting true demand and supply.

B

In the short-to-medium term, there's much scope to raise LNG imports.

C

Meanwhile, India's new exploration policy that offers market-determined gas prices has reportedly led to 45 expressions of interest from oil majors.

D

Petroleum and natural gas minister DharmendraPradhan says India would soon build a natural gas trading platform.

E

It is welcome that the Centre has decided to revamp market design for natural gas, to better match supply with demand and bring about price efficiency as well.

Solution

Here the paragraph talks about the need to boost gas supplies for urbanizing India. The sentence before the blank gives the statistics of consumption of gas, domestic gas output and liquefied natural gas. Hence the blank must be filled by the sentence related to these terms. Sentence (b) goes correctly with the theme talking about raising LNG imports and hence is the correct choice.



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