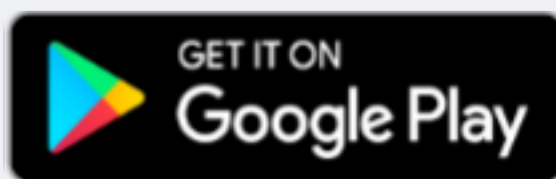


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A word has been highlighted in the below-given statement. In response to the highlighted word, a pair of words have been provided in the options. Find the pair of words where the first word represents the **SYNONYM** of the highlighted word and the second word represents its **ANTONYM**.

1. I have looked at these but as I am not a subscriber I can only *proffer* an opinion.

A Suggestion – Refuse

B Rebut – Tender

C Refuse – Extend

D Spurn – Devoid

E Prosper – Succumb

Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e. Suggestion - Refuse.

The meaning of the given word "proffer" is something that is presented for consideration.

The given word "Suggestion" seems to be a synonym as it means an idea or plan put forward for consideration.

The other given word "Refuse" seems to be its antonym as it means to indicate or show that one is not willing to do something.

Further, the remaining pairs are representing completely different pair of words that are neither synonym nor antonym of the given word.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In the question below, there is a word given in highlighted which is followed by the five options. In each of the options, a word is given which is either the synonyms or antonyms of the word given in highlighted. Choose that pair as your answer.

2. PUGNACIOUS

A Suavity

B Abstruse

C Mitigated

D Jingoism

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is Option A i.e. Suavity

The word PUGNACIOUS means ready and able to resort to force or violence or eager or quick to argue, quarrel, or fight. Among the given options the most appropriate substitute for the given word is option 1 that is 'Suavity' means the quality of being bland and gracious or ingratiating in a manner that is opposite to the given word and acts as an antonym.

The rest of the options are inappropriate as per the word.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

Meaning of other words:

Abstruse means something that is difficult to understand.

Mitigated means made less severe or intense.

Jingoism means fanatical patriotism or Jingoism is nationalism in the form of aggressive and proactive foreign policy, such as a country's advocacy for the use of threats or actual force, as opposed to peaceful relations, in efforts to safeguard what it perceives as its national interests.

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3. OSTENTATIOUS

A Convoluted

B Flamboyant

C Loquacious

D Visceral

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is Option B i.e. Flamboyant

The word OSTENTATIOUS means characterized by pretentious or showy display; designed to impress. Among the given options the most appropriate substitute for the given word is option B that is 'Flamboyant' means tending to attract attention because of their exuberance, confidence, stylishness.

The rest of the options are inappropriate as per the word.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

Meaning of other words:

Convolutéd means highly complex or intricate.

Loquacious means full of trivial conversation.

Visceral means relating to or affecting the internal organs.

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4. SECULARISM

- 1. Secularism in India means equal treatment of all religions by the state. With the 42nd Amendment of the Constitution of India enacted in 1976, the Preamble to the Constitution asserted that India is a secular nation.**
- 2. Secularism in India means having a country with distinct religions and cultures that do not separate religion from civic affairs and state. It describes different religions in different states of India which emphasize more the separation of religion.**
- 3. Secularism refers to the separation of religion from the state. It means that the state should not discriminate among its citizens on the basis of religion. It should neither encourage nor discourage the followers of any religion. It shifts the focus from religion towards "temporal" and material concerns. Enlightenment philosophers promoted secularism.**

A Only 1

B Only 1 and 3

C Only 2 and 3

D Only 2

E All are correct

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. Only 1 and 3

The first sentence talks about secularism based on the Indian constitution which is correct.

So, this sentence falls under the theme of secularism.

The second sentence talks about the opposite of the definition of secularism. Secularism is most commonly defined as the separation of religion from civic affairs and the state.

So, this passage does not fall under the given theme.

The third sentence gives the correct meaning of secularism as per its definition.

So, this also falls under the theme of Democracy.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In the given question, a theme followed by three passages is given. Determine which passage is based on the given theme and mark it as your answer. More than one passage can be based on the given theme. If all the passages seem to be based on the given theme, mark your answer as "All are correct".

5. DEMONETISATION

- 1. It is a situation where the Central Bank of the country (Reserve Bank in India) withdraws the old currency notes of the certain denomination as an official mode of payment.**
- 2. On November 8, 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a surprise announcement said the existing higher denomination currency (Rs 500 and Rs 1000) will cease to be legal tenders. PM said this is the government's biggest push to fight black money and end corruption. The opposition, however, criticised the government for poor implementation of the scheme and said a lot of people have died standing in queues trying to get their hands on the new currency. The government also introduced new Rs 500 and Rs 2000 notes and urged people to move towards a cashless economy. But the opposition has been protesting the government's decision, even stalling Parliament. A 'Jan Aakrosh Diwas' was observed by Left and other major parties.**
- 3. Chaos ensued in the cash-dependent economy (some 78 per cent of all Indian customer transactions are in cash), as long, snaking lines formed outside ATMs and banks, which had to shut down for a day. The new rupee notes have different specifications, including size and thickness, requiring re-calibration of ATMs: only 60 per cent of the country's 200,000 ATMs were operational. Even those dispensing bills of lower denominations**

faced shortages. The government's restriction on daily withdrawal amounts added to the misery, though a waiver on transaction fees did help a bit.

A Only 1 and 2

B Only 2 and 3

C Only 3

D Only 1

E All are correct

Solution

The correct answer is option 5 i.e. All are correct.

The first passage talks about the meaning of demonetisation. So, this passage is based on the theme given above.

The second passage talks about demonetisation in India.

So, this passage also falls under the given theme.

The third sentence talks about the effects of demonetization.

So, this passage also falls under the theme given.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In the given question, a theme followed by three passages is given. Determine which passage is based on the given theme and mark it as your answer. More than one passage can be based on the given theme. If all the passages seem to be based on the given theme, mark your answer as "All are correct".

6. DEMOCRACY

- 1. According to the Constitution of North Korea, the country is a democratic republic and the Supreme People's Assembly (SPA) and Provincial People's Assemblies (PPA) are elected by direct universal suffrage and secret ballot. Suffrage is guaranteed to all citizens aged 17 and over. In reality, these elections are for show and feature single-candidate races only.**
- 2. When Saudi Arabia held municipal elections in the 50s and 60s, women were not allowed to vote or stand for office. No further elections were held until 2005. Despite some expectation that women would be allowed to participate on that occasion, Saudi officials decided that they would not.**
- 3. In 17th century England, there was renewed interest in Magna Carta. The Parliament of England passed the Petition of Right in 1628 which established certain liberties for subjects. The English Civil War was fought between the King and an oligarchic but elected Parliament, during which the idea of a political party took form with groups debating rights to political representation during the Putney Debates of 1647.**

A Only 1

B Only 2 and 3

C Only 3

D Only 1 and 3

E All are correct

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. Only 3

The first passage talks about the running of North Korean government. It is quite known to everyone that Democracy does not exist in North Korea. So, this passage cannot be based on the theme given above.

The second passage talks about Women's participation in elections of Saudi Arabia, a country which is an absolute monarchy, although, according to the Basic Law of Saudi Arabia adopted by royal decree in 1992, the king must comply with Sharia (that is, Islamic law).

So, this passage does not fall under the given theme.

The third sentence talks about the Early modern period of Democracy. Moreover, this sentence talks about England, which is a Democratic country.

So, only this sentence falls under the theme of Democracy.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

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7. INTELLIGENT ASSISTANTS

- 1. It will optimize and personalize daily experiences across a spectrum of activities and environments. Apps will be replaced by social bots. Tier-based IA, with premium features that fulfil more complex requirements, will become commonplace.**
- 2. Traditional advertising, particularly paid search, will take a big beating. IA will become so integral to our lives that the availability of IA capability will become a primary consideration when purchasing products/systems.**
- 3. Meanwhile, the evolution towards voice-controlled systems means that rather than hone their handwriting skills, future generations of school children might be better served to perform voice modulation exercises!**

A Only 1

B Only 2 and 3

C Only 3

D

Only 1 and 3

E

All are correct

Solution

The correct answer is option E i.e. All are correct.

The first passage talks about how intelligent assistants will optimize and personalise daily experiences. So, this passage is based on the theme given above.

The second passage talks about advancement in traditional advertising.

So, this passage also falls under the given theme.

The third sentence talks about the evolution of voice-controlled systems for future generations.

So, this passage also falls under the given theme.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In the given question, a theme followed by three passages is given. Determine which passage is based on the given theme and mark it as your answer. More than one passage can be based on the given theme. If all the passages seem to be based on the given theme, mark your answer as "All are correct".

8. ATOMIC ENERGY

- 1. The UN and the nuclear age were born almost simultaneously. The horror of the Second World War, culminating in the nuclear blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, brought home the need to address the nuclear issue.**
- 2. By its first resolution, the General Assembly established the UN Atomic Energy Commission to deal with the problems raised by the discovery of atomic energy. And a landmark address by United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953, "Atoms for Peace", led to the establishment in 1957 of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The International Atomic Energy Agency works with its Member States and multiple partners worldwide to promote the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technologies.**
- 3. IAEA's relationship with the United Nations is guided by an agreement signed in 1957. It stipulates that: "The Agency undertakes to conduct its activities in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations Charter to promote peace and international co-operation, and in conformity with policies of the United Nations furthering the establishment of safeguarded worldwide disarmament and in conformity with any international agreements entered into pursuant to such policies."**

B Only 2

C Only 3

D Only 1 and 2

E All are correct

Solution

The correct answer is option E i.e. All are correct.

The first passage talks about the origin of the nuclear age. So, this passage is based on the theme given above.

The second passage talks about the establishment of IAEA.

So, this passage also falls under the given theme.

The third sentence talks about the relation between IAEA with the United Nations.

So, this passage also falls under the theme given.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

In the given question, a theme followed by three passages is given. Determine which passage is based on the given theme and mark it as your answer. More than one passage can be based on the given theme. If all the passages seem to be based on the given theme, mark your answer as "All are correct".

9. CONSTITUTION

- 1. The Constitution of India is the supreme law of India. The document lays down the framework demarcating fundamental political code, structure, procedures, powers, and duties of government institutions and sets out fundamental rights, directive principles, and the duties of citizens. It is the longest written constitution of any country on earth. Dr. B.R Ambedkar chairman of the drafting committee is widely considered to be its chief architect.**
- 2. The constitution declares India a sovereign, socialist, secular democratic republic, assuring its citizen's justice, equality and liberty, and endeavors to promote fraternity. The original 1950 constitution is preserved in a helium-filled case at the Parliament House in New Delhi. The words "secular" and "socialist" were added to the preamble in 1976 during the Emergency.**
- 3. The constitution of India was adopted on the 26th of November, in the year 1949. However, it came to effect on the 26th of January, 1950. 26th of January is celebrated as the Republic Day of India.**

A Only 1

B Only 2 and 3

C Only 1 and 3

D Only 2

E All are correct

Solution

The correct answer is option E i.e. All are correct

The first passage talks about the features of the Indian constitution which is correct.

So, this sentence falls under the theme of Democracy.

The second passage talks about what our Indian constitution declares in India.

so, this too falls under the given theme.

The third passage talks about when the Indian constitution adopted and came to effect.

so, this also falls under the given theme.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In the given question, a theme followed by three passages is given. Determine which passage is based on the given theme and mark it as your answer. More than one passage can be based on the given theme. If all the passages seem to be based on the given theme, mark your answer as "All are correct".

10. ACTIVIST VS POLITICIANS: A COMPARISON

- 1. An activist is someone who organizes and acts for the purpose of changing a public policy or law. A politician is someone who seeks election to a public office on behalf of a general ideology and/or a specific agenda on which they promise to act.**
- 2. Activists can and often do act in ways they know will provoke law enforcement and might even lead to an arrest. Martin Luther King Jr.'s letter from a Birmingham jail would have had little impact if the letter had been mailed from a Holiday Inn. Sadly, today's cell phone videos are a pale imitation of the eloquence of King's written words.**
- 3. A politician must compromise to get results. A good activist must be uncompromising and does not have to worry about offending large numbers of people by using language that is strident. Such stridency can increase the odds that the activist will gain the public's attention.**

A Only 1

B Only 2

C Both 1 and 2

D Both 1 and 3

E All are correct

Solution

The correct answer is option D i.e. Both 1 and 3.

Nothing is being told about politicians in 2.

Passage 1 and 3 talks about the comparison.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.



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