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1. The passage given below is followed by a set of questions. Choose the most appropriate answer to each question.

The Bt technology, therefore, has little direct role in determining crop yield, except through the plant protection route. Crop output depends on the inherent yield potential of the cotton hybrid in which this gene has been incorporated. That apart, the current cotton glut in the country, thanks to a record cotton harvest of 33.4 million bales in 2010-11, does not bear testimony to any perceptible slowdown in output growth. But the chances of such a decline cannot be ruled out. There is a possibility that the existing Bt-cotton hybrids will run out of their useful life over a period which normally happens in the case of all hybrids and even non-genetically engineered varieties.

Besides, many illegal and unapproved seeds are in circulation. Their below-par performance does sully the image of Bt technology. Moreover, once one pest is suppressed effectively, as bollworm has owing to the prevalence of Bt hybrids, others tend to turn aggressive, necessitating newer, approaches to combat them. Therefore, there is a need to regularly replace existing Bt hybrids with better ones with higher innate yield potential and a capacity to withstand emerging threats. The onus lies on private seed companies, which virtually monopolize the cotton seed business, as well as the public sector farm research network. At present, most of the 35-odd companies marketing Bt seeds have licensing arrangements with technology developers, a handful of multinationals. Unfortunately, many companies with resources and the know-how to develop new gene-altered plant types are wary of investing in this cost-intensive pursuit. This is because of the cumbersome process of getting government approval for commercialization of their technology. Moreover, the unreasonable price caps placed by state governments on seeds have become a disincentive for investors, given the large overhead cost of technology development. These issues need to be addressed to facilitate a constant flow of investment into new technology development even with new Bt and other biotech hybrids or non-hybrid varieties. This will ensure that seeds are replaced at shorter intervals. Finally, public funding of research can play a constructive role in facilitating greater competition; ensuring that privately funded research is more forthcoming.

A. Why does the author present a case for regular replacement of Bt cotton hybrids with better ones?

A Their functional use is exhausted over time.

B Newer technology brings in better hybrids.

C Pests become aggressive and new varieties help tackle them.

D The hybrids get exhausted over time.

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e. Their functional use is exhausted over time.

In the first paragraph of the passage, it has been considered that “functionality of Bt cotton hybrids will be exhausted over time.” The author also expressed that when one pest is suppressed effectively by the hybrid, other pests become more aggressive. It is also necessary to bring out hybrids to combat these aggressive pests.

Therefore, it is clear that as their functional use is exhausted over time, so, the author present a case for regular replacement of Bt cotton hybrids with better ones.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

B. According to the passage, what is the main reason for the companies being wary of investing in developing better Bt cotton hybrids?

A

Unreasonable price caps are placed by state governments on genetically modified seeds.

B

Obtaining government approval for commercialization is cumbersome.

C

The existing BT hybrids need to be replaced with better ones on a regular basis.

D

There is a lack of public funding of research.

E

None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. Obtaining government approval for commercialization is cumbersome.

By reading the passage we can conclude that the last paragraph talks about the reasons for why companies are wary of investing in developing better Bt cotton hybrids.

Options 'A' has been mentioned as an additional reason.

Only Option 'B' has been mentioned the main reason in the passage.

Option 'C' expresses the need and reason for technological improvements but fails to answer the issue at hand.

Option 'D' is a broad inference made on a solution and it cannot be inferred as a reason.

Therefore, it is clear that 'Obtaining government approval for commercialization is cumbersome' is the main reason for the companies being wary of investing in developing better Bt cotton hybrids.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

C. The given passage, as a part of a larger article, seeks to answer which of the following questions?

A Has Bt Cotton delivered on its promises?

B Is Bt cotton a good investment?

C Will Bt cotton run out of steam?

D Is enough being done for the development of Bt cotton?

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. Will Bt cotton run out of steam?

By reading the first paragraph of the passage we can deduce that it talks about the fact that hybrids run out of their useful life.

By reading the second paragraph is about regularly replacing Bt hybrids with better ones.

The author also discusses that there are not many incentives for investors to pursue better and regular developments in Bt cotton hybrids.

The author concluded by discussing which issues related to lack of incentives could be pursued.

Therefore, it is clear that ‘Will Bt cotton run out of steam?’ is the apt. option.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

Choose the word which is MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the word.

2. EXPLOITED

A satisfied

B suppressed

C abused

D hindered

E tortured

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. abused

EXPLOITED means to use something or to treat somebody unfairly for your own advantage.

a) satisfied means pleased because you have had or done what you wanted.

b) suppressed means to stop something by using force.

c) abused means to use something in a bad or dishonest way.

d) hindered means to make it more difficult for somebody/something to do something.

e) tortured means is the act of deliberately inflicting severe physical or psychological suffering on someone by another as a punishment or in order to fulfill some desire of the torturer or force some action from the victim.

Therefore, abused is the most apt. option to be used here, as it is most similar in meaning to the given word.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

Choose the word which is MOST OPPOSITE in meaning of the word.

3. ASTRONOMICAL

A humongous

B colossal

C insignificant

D whopping

E sizeable

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. insignificant

ASTRONOMICAL means extremely high.

a) humongous means huge; enormous.

b) colossal means extremely large.

c) insignificant means of little value or importance.

d) whopping means very large.

e) sizeable means quite large.

Therefore, insignificant is the most apt. option to be used here, as it is opposite in meaning to the given word.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

Each question has a pair of capitalized words followed by four pairs of words. Choose the pair of words that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed by the capitalized pair.

4. **ZENITH: NADIR**

A religion: faith

B pinnacle: peak

C summit: foothill

D base: vertex

E brim: flow

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. summit: foothill

Zenith is the highest point, nadir is the lowest point.

Similarly, summit is the highest point and foothill is low hill lying at the base of mountain.

Pinnacle and peak are synonyms, means the highest point of development or achievement : acme.

Base means low in value, vertex means highest point.

In the question pair, highest point is given first, second lowest point is given.

Therefore, they are opposite words.

Therefore, “summit: foothill” is the most apt. option to be used here, as it expresses a relationship similar to that expressed by the capitalized pair.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

Each question has a pair of capitalized words followed by four pairs of words. Choose the pair of words that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed by the capitalized pair.

5. SIGNATORY: DOCUMENT

A dignitary: country

B dormitory: hostel

C planetary: stars

D notary: affidavit

E demarche: document

Solution

The correct answer is option D i.e. notary: affidavit

Signatory is a person or country that signs an official document.

Notary is a person, who certifies deeds, affidavits.

Dignitary is a person of high rank.

Dormitory is a sleeping room with several beds. Planetary is relating to planets.

Demarche is an official document of protest.

Therefore, “notary: affidavit” is the most apt. option to be used here, as it expresses a relationship similar to that expressed by the capitalized pair.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

Each question given below has five sentences. Each sentence has a pair of words that are highlighted. From these words, select the most appropriate words (A or B) to form correct sentences. The sentences are followed by options that indicate the words, which may be selected to correctly complete the set of sentences. From the options given, choose the most appropriate one.

6. 1) The *continual* (A) / *continuous* (B) metro departures were a great convenience to the people coming from distant areas of the city.
- 2) The tourist liked strolling through the *pier* (A) / *pyre* (B) in the pleasant evening.
- 3) Will somebody *mete* (A) / *meet* (B) out justice to those responsible for the despicable condition of such impoverished children?
- 4) The *elicit* (A) / *illicit* (B) act of the delinquent ruined his entire childhood.
- 5) The *liable* (A) / *libel* (B) published in the today's newspaper was followed by the legal action taken by the chairman of the organization against the newspaper.

A BAABA

B AABAA

C BABBB

D AAABB

E ABABA

Solution

The correct answer is option D i.e. AAABB

‘Continual’ means ‘frequently repeated’; going on with occasional interruption.

‘continuous’ means ‘unceasing; going on without interruption.

‘Pier’ means a structure built on posts extending from land out over water, used as a landing place for ships, an entertainment area and ‘pyre’ refers to a heap of wood or other combustible material.

‘mete’ means to distribute by or as if by measure and ‘meet’ means to come upon by chance or Arrangement.

The verb ‘elicit’ means to call forth or bring out and the adjective ‘illicit’ means unlawful or not permitted.

The adjective ‘liable’ means subject to obligated to, or responsible for something.

The noun or verb ‘libel’ refers to a false publication that damages a person’s reputation.

Therefore, it is clear that AAABB is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

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7. 1) Lady Arabella stood a little on one side, and the African, accepting the movement as an invitation, entered in an *obsequious (A) / obsequies (B)* way.

2) His *immoral (A) / amoral (B)*, iniquitous and unscrupulous activities increased with his age and ultimately led him to terrible predicaments.

3) The entire nation *exulted (A) / exalted (B)* in one spirit at the team's glorious and historic win.

4) The king *adjured (A) / abjured (B)* the worldly pleasures and became a recluse in the search of God and the purpose of his existence.

5) He started *griping (A) / gripping (B)* about the prices they were charging.

A BBBAB

B BBBBB

C BABAA

D AAABA

E ABABA

Solution

The correct answer is option D i.e. AAABA

Obsequious means characterized by deference.

Obsequies refers to a funeral rite or ceremony.

Immoral means violating traditionally held moral principles.

Amoral refers to act without regard for any particular code of morality.

Exult means to feel a lively joy exalt means to raise in power, rank, honor, quality etc.

Adjure means to charge, bind or command earnestly.

Abjure means to renounce.

Gripping means to complain constantly.

Gripping means holding the attention intensely.

Therefore, it is clear that AAABA is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.

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8. 1) A bill to replace the *ordinance* (A)/ *ordnance* (B) issued by the president, is likely to be discussed during the current session of the House.
- 2) The police asked the arrested man who confessed to his involvement to the crimes to reenact the scene of the crime in *stimulated* (A) / *simulated* (B) conditions.
- 3) I saw a lot of customers *scuttling* (A)/ *shuttling* (B) to and from the bank during the business hours.
- 4) Though it has been several years since the family lost all its wealth and reputation, a certain *mystic* (A)/ *mystique* (B) still surrounds it.
- 5) What shocked the people was not only the heinous nature of the crime but also the *impenitent* (A) / *impetuous* (B), stance of the convict.

A AB BBB

B BBABA

C ABABA

D BABAB

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. ABABA

In the first sentence, 'ordinance' is an official order, whereas 'ordnance' means military weapons. Hence, 'ordinance'(A) is appropriate here.

In the second sentence, 'simulated conditions' means artificially created conditions, whereas 'stimulated' means 'encouraged to develop further'. Hence, the context takes 'simulated'(B) here.

In the third sentence, 'shuttling' means moving to and fro over short distances. 'Scuttling' means hurrying especially used with reference to mice. Hence, the context takes 'shuttling (A) here.

In the four sentence, A 'mystic' is a person who practices or believes in religious mysticism whereas, if there is a 'mystique' about someone or something, they are thought to be special and people don't know much about them. Hence, 'mystique' (B) is the appropriate word in the context.

In the fifth sentence, 'impenitent' means 'not repentant' or 'penitent' whereas, 'impetuous' means 'acting or done rashly or with sudden energy.' Hence, 'impenitent' (A) is the appropriate word.

Therefore, it is clear that ABABA is the most apt. option to be used here.

Hence the chosen option is correct.



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