

# English Language Usage and Reading Comprehension Test for KMAT



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**1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow by selecting the correct/most appropriate options.**

The Supreme Court's decision to prohibit the registration of diesel vehicles with displacements greater than 2000 cc in and around New Delhi highlights the severe situation and calls for immediate action. Therefore, it is not required to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of a three-month trial ban. The court purposefully spared the average person by focusing primarily on luxury cars and sports utility vehicles (SUVs), in addition to large trucks. It supported the claim that diesel cars produce the greatest pollution, which adds to the problem. According to experts, diesel exhaust contains 10-100 times (or one to two orders of magnitude) more particles than petrol does. Additionally, it is claimed that diesel exhaust contains smaller particles that are more dangerous because they stay in the lungs for a longer period of time and cause major health problems.

The industry, including automakers and distributors, naturally made a scene, complaining that the decision would have an impact on the city's trade, commerce, travel, and supply of necessary supplies. The industry was attempting to deflect responsibility by arguing that diesel is not as polluting as environmentalists allege and that other, more harmful forms of pollution should be addressed first. Corporates look for fresh scientific research and evidence when facing a negative ruling.

**A. What does the passage's use of the phrase "dire situation" mean?**

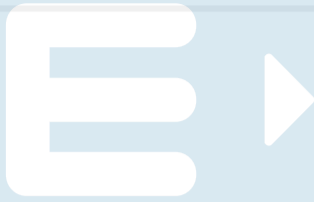
**A** circumstance that is urgent or very serious.

**B** incredibly repugnant situation

**C** Quite ambiguous scenario.

**D** Situation is incredibly unimportant.

**Solution**



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According to the passage, 'Dire Situation' means - being in or verging on a state of crisis or emergency. adjective. causing fear or dread or terror. "dire news" synonyms: awful, direful, dread, dreaded, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, frightening, horrendous, horrific, terrible alarming. Hence, our answer should be 'circumstance that is urgent or very serious.'

**B. According to the passage, which of the following statements is false?**

**A**

**Compared to diesel vehicles, gasoline-powered vehicles emit the greatest pollution.**

**B**

There are 10–100 times more particles in diesel exhaust than in petrol.

**C**

The Supreme Court's ruling primarily targeted sports utility vehicles (SUVs) and luxury cars.

**D**

In and around New Delhi areas, registration of diesel automobiles larger than 2000 cc has been prohibited.

**Solution**

According to the passage's first paragraph last 5 lines, It supported the claim that diesel cars produce the greatest pollution, which adds to the problem. According to experts, diesel exhaust contains 10-100 times (or one to two orders of magnitude) more particles than petrol does.

Additionally, it is claimed that diesel exhaust contains smaller particles that are more dangerous because they stay in the lungs for a longer period of time and cause major health problems. Hence, our option, 'Compared to diesel vehicles, gasoline-powered vehicles emit the greatest pollution' is the correct answer.

**C. Which of the following statements is true for car distributors and manufacturers?**

**A**

There are claims that smaller, dangerous particles are present in diesel exhaust.

**B**

**Despite what environmentalists assert, diesel is not so nasty.**

**C**

One of the most hazardous types of pollutants is diesel.

**D**

Human health can be seriously harmed by diesel pollution.

### **Solution**

According to the 2nd paragraph last for lines which are 'The industry was attempting to deflect responsibility by arguing that diesel is not as polluting as environmentalists allege and that other, more harmful forms of

pollution should be addressed first. Corporates look for fresh scientific research and evidence when facing a negative ruling.' Hence our answer will be 'Despite what environmentalists assert, diesel is unpredictably raised a hue and cry claiming the decision would affect trade and commerce and movement and supply of essential commodities in the cityot so nasty.'

**D. Which industry, as expected, made a fuss about the decision, claiming it would have an impact on trade, commerce, movement, and the supply of necessities in the city.**

**A** Automobiles manufactures

**B** Automobiles distributors

**C** Diesel Industry

**D Both Automobiles manufactures and distributors.**

### **Solution**

According to the second paragraph of given passage which is "The industry, including automakers and distributors, naturally made a scene, complaining that the decision would have an impact on the city's trade, commerce, travel, and supply of necessary supplies. " Hence, correct answer would be 'Both Automobiles manufactures and distributors'

**E. Which category of diesel vehicles, according to the text, have been exempted from the list of vehicles whose registration is prohibited?**

**A** Vehicles affordable only by affluent people

**B** Sports utility vehicles (SUVs)

**C** Vehicles with a capacity of below 2000 cc

**D** Luxury vehicles

### **Solution**

According to the first line of the first paragraph given above, The Supreme Court's decision to prohibit the registration of diesel vehicles with displacements greater than 2000 cc in and around New Delhi highlights the severe situation and calls for immediate action. So, our answer should be ' Vehicles with a capacity of below 2000 cc'.

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2. Identify the misspelled word in the list given below.

A Aberration

B Construe

C Debacle

D **Emperical**

### Solution

In the given words, 'Emperical' is wrong spelled. Right spelling is "Empirical". The meaning of given words are: Aberration: a state or condition markedly different from the norm Construe: make sense of; assign a meaning to Debacle: a sudden and complete disaster Empirical: derived from experiment and observation rather than theory

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3. Identify the misspelled word in the list given below.

A Abnegation

B Camaraderie

C Invective

D **Maveerick**

### Solution

In the given words, 'Maveerick' is wrong spelled. Right spelling is "Maverick". The meaning of given words are:

Abnegation: the denial and rejection of a doctrine or belief

Camaraderie: the quality of affording easy familiarity and sociability

Invective: abusive language used to express blame or censure

Maverick: someone who exhibits independence in thought and action



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4. Identify the misspelled word in the list given below.

**A** Mavkish

**B** Modicum

**C** Munificent

**D** Multifarious

### **Solution**

In the given words, 'Mavkish' is wrong spelled. Right spelling is "Mawkish".

The meaning of given words are:

Mawkish: very sentimental or emotional

Modicum: a small or moderate or token amount

Munificent: very generous

Multifarious: having many aspects

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5. Identify the misspelled word in the list given below.

A Obdurate

B Penchaant

C Penurious

D Ubiquitous

### Solution

In the given words, Penchaant' is wrong spelled. Right spelling is "Penchant".

The meaning of given words are:

Obdurate: stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing

Penchant: a strong liking or preference

Penurious: excessively unwilling to spend

Ubiquitous: being present everywhere at once

6. Identify the misspelled word in the list given below.

A Trenchant

B Utiletarian

C Vestige

D Tirade

### Solution

In the given words, 'Utiletarian' is wrong spelled. Right spelling is "Utilitarian".

The meaning of given words are:

Trenchant: having keenness and forcefulness and penetration in thought

Utilitarian: having a useful function

Vestige: an indication that something has been present

Tirade: a speech of violent denunciation

7. **Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of given word.**

**A. Ersatz**

**A** Convergence

**B** Spurious

**C** Portray

**D** Distinct

### **Solution**

The Ersatz means 'not real or genuine'.

According to the given option, 'Spurious' best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Remaining words meaning are:

**Convergence:** Convergence is when two or more things come together to form a new whole, like the convergence of plum and apricot genes in the pluocot.

Portray: to show somebody/something in a picture; to describe somebody/something in a piece of writing

Distinct: clear; easily seen, heard or understood

**B. Espionage**

**A** Comradely

**B** Vivid

**C** Consternation

**D** **Reconnaissance**

**Solution**

The Espionage means 'the act of finding out secret information about another country or organization'.

According to the given option, 'reconnaissance' best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Remaining words meaning are:

Reconnaissance: the study of a place or area for military reasons

Vivid: having or producing a strong, clear picture in your mind

Consternation: a feeling of shock or worry

Comradely: heartily friendly and congenial

**C. Imperious**

**A** Authoritative

**B** Knavery

**C** Torpor

**D** Delinquency

**Solution**

The Imperious means 'expecting people to obey you and treating them as if they are not as important as you'.

According to the given option, ' Authoritative' best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Remaining words meaning are:

Knavery: a roguish or mischievous act.

Torpor: a state of physical or mental inactivity; lethargy.

Delinquency: bad or criminal behaviour, especially among young people

**D. Abridge**

**A** Curtail

**B** Vivid

**C** Aberrant

**D** Recount

### **Solution**

The abridge means 'to make something (usually a book) shorter by removing parts of it'.

According to the given option, 'Curtail' best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Remaining words meaning are:

**Vivid:** having or producing a strong, clear picture in your mind

**Aberrant:** departing from an accepted standard.

**Recount:** to tell a story or describe an event

8. **Out of four alternatives, choose the one which is opposite in the meaning of the given word.**

**A. Invective**

**A** Candor

**B** Camouflage

**C** Effeminate

**D** **Acclamation**

### **Solution**

The Invective means 'insulting, abusive, or highly critical language.'

According to the given option, 'Acclamation' is opposite in the meaning of the given word.

Remaining words meaning are:

Candor: the quality of being honest; saying exactly what you think

Camouflage: the way in which an animal's colour or shape matches its surroundings and makes it difficult to be spotted



Effeminate: having feminine qualities untypical of a man : not manly in appearance or manner. : marked by an unbecoming delicacy or overrefinement

**B. Immaculate**

**A** Exculpate

**B** Solvent

**C** Tarnished

**D** Prerogative

### **Solution**

The Immaculate means 'perfectly clean and tidy'.

According to the given option, 'Tarnished' is opposite in the meaning of the given word.

Remaining words meaning are:

Exculpate: to prove or state officially that somebody is not going to be accused of doing something wrong or is not guilty of something

Prerogative: a special right or privilege given because of one's rank or position.

Solvent: a liquid that can dissolve another substance

### C. Hamstrung

**A** Shocking

**B** Strengthen

**C** Debilitate

**D** Impetuous

### Solution

The Hamstrung means 'having been made powerless or useless, cripple'.

According to the given option, 'Strengthen' is opposite in the meaning of the given word.

Remaining words meaning are:

Shocking: that offends or upsets people; that is morally wrong

Debilitate: to make somebody's body or mind weaker

Impetuous: acting or done quickly and without thinking

### D. Abortive

**A** Productive

**B** Recount

**C** Abound

**D** Calamity

### **Solution**

The Abortive means 'Vain or unproductive'.

According to the given option, 'Productive' is opposite in the meaning of the given word.

Remaining words meaning are:

Abound: Flourish, proliferate

Calamity: adversity, misfortune

Recount: to tell a story or describe an event

9. In the following question, a paragraph is divided into four parts (A, B, C, D). Rearrange it in a proper sequence in order to make it a meaningful paragraph.

A. (A) That those rates no longer hold for about a quarter of those items, and the highest tax bracket is left with just 50 products, compared to more than 250 in July, is a tacit admission that the initial rates were worked out in a hurry with maximising revenue being the prime consideration.

(B) The script was altered for the second time in two months but with far greater impact.

(C) Soon after Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised far-reaching changes to simplify the goods and services tax regime, especially for small businesses and consumers, the GST Council delivered some relief measures on Friday.

(D) At its meeting in Guwahati, the Council lowered the tax rates on over 200 products, compared to 27 items in its previous meeting and about 100 tweaks since GST rates were finalised in May.

(E) Over 1,200 products and services had been placed in five tax brackets — 0%, 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%.

A BCEDA

B BCDEA

**C** CBDEA

**D** ABCDE

### **Solution**

The correct order of the given paragraph is:-

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(A) That those rates no longer hold for about a quarter of those items, and the highest tax bracket is left with just 50 products, compared to more than 250 in July, is a tacit admission that the initial rates were worked out in a hurry with maximising revenue being the prime consideration.

- B. (A) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has called upon the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states to collectively work towards eliminating terrorism and fix accountability on those who aid or fund such activities.**

**(B)Defence Minister added that India envisions a robust framework of regional cooperation which mutually respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all member states by taking care of their legitimate interests.**

**(C)He also expressed concern over the radicalisation of youth terming it a major security challenge and obstacle in the path of socio-economic progress of society.**

**(D)Addressing the Defence Ministers of SCO member countries in New Delhi, He asserted that terrorist acts or support to terrorist activities is a crime against humanity and peace cannot coexist with this menace.**

**A ADCB**

**B ACDB**

**C CDAB**

**D BDCA**

### **Solution**

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fund such activities.

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(B) Defence Minister added that India envisions a robust framework of regional cooperation which mutually respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all member states by taking care of their legitimate interests.

**C. (A). A C-17 flight carrying 392 passengers from Sudan reached New Delhi. External Affairs Minister Dr.**

**(B). Under Operation Kaveri, the fifth flight, which carried 231 Indians from Jeddah arrived in New Delhi.**

**(C). Nearly 2400 Indians evacuated so far after the departure of the 13th batch of stranded Indians under Operation Kaveri.**

**(D). The another Operation Kaveri flight touched down in Bengaluru last evening with 362 Indians.**

**A** BDCA

**B** ABDC

**C** ADCB

**Solution**

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(C). Nearly 2400 Indians evacuated so far after the departure of the 13th batch of stranded Indians under Operation Kaveri.

**D. (A). The Jana Shakti exhibition highlights the works of twelve notable modern and contemporary Indian artists.**

**(B). Visitors to the exhibition will have the opportunity to experience an array of creative expressions that communicate the artists' unique perspectives on each theme.**

**(C). Each artist contributes to the exhibition by showcasing their artwork on a specific theme inspired by the themes of Mann Ki Baat ranging from Water Conservation and Nari Shakti to Awareness on Covid and India & the World.**

**(D). The artworks on display in the exhibition showcase a diverse range of mediums, including paintings, sculptures, photographs, installations, and new media.**



**(E). Other themes include Swachh Bharat, Environment & Climate Change, Indian Agriculture, Yoga & Ayurveda, Indian Science & Space, Sports & Fitness, India @ 75 & Amrit kaal, and Celebrating North-East India.**

**A ACEDB**

**B ACDEB**

**C AECDB**

**D BCEDA**

### **Solution**

The correct sequence of the given paragraph is:

(A). The Jana Shakti exhibition highlights the works of twelve notable modern and contemporary Indian artists.

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(B). Visitors to the exhibition will have the opportunity to experience an array of creative expressions that communicate the artists' unique perspectives on each theme.

**E. A. Countries across the globe have slowly begun to lift their lockdown restrictions.**

**B. As adults have slowly adapted to the new normal, a rapid change of the lifestyles can have an immense impact on the minds of the little ones.**

**C. In this era of stepping out only when necessary, it is the children who bear the maximum brunt of the isolation.**

**D. The truth is that the pandemic is far from over.**

**A ACBD**

**B ABCD**

**C ABDC**

**D DABC**

**Solution**

Statement A will be the first in sequence as it introduces the subject of the sentence 'Countries'. Statement C will follow Statement A as it mentions the era of lockdown which is mentioned in statement P. Statement B will follow statement C as it states the effect of lockdown on adult as well as on children. Statement D will be the last part.

**Convert the given sentence into Indirect Speech.**

10. **He said, 'We cannot live without electricity'.**

**A** He said that we could not live without electricity.

**B** He told that we could not live without electricity.

**C** He said that we can not live without electricity.

**D** He said that you can not live without electricity.

**Solution**

The tenses of direct speech do not change if the reporting verb is in the future tense or present tense. If the reporting verb represents the Universal truth then direct speech do not change. The given reporting speech is in present tense so it will be not changed.

**Convert the given sentence into Indirect Speech.**

11. **“Where do you live?” asked the boy.**

**A** The boy enquired where I lived

**B** The boy enquired if where I lived

**C** The boy enquired where I live

**D** The boy asked where I would live

**Solution**

No conjunction is used, if a sentence in direct speech begins with a question (what/where/when) as the “question-word” itself acts as a joining clause.

When the reporting verb of direct speech is in past tense then all the present tenses are changed to the corresponding past tense in indirect speech. So 'where do you live' will be changed into 'where I lived'.

**Convert the given sentence into Direct Speech.**

12. **She tells them that they have done their work.**

**A** She said to her students, “You have done your work.”

**B** She says to her students, “You have done your work.”

**C** She told to her students, “You have done your work.”

**D** She says to her students, “He have done your work.”

**Solution**

The second person of direct speech changes as per the object of reporting speech. When the reporting verb is in Present Tense then Reporting speech will not change. Hence our answer option - She says to her students, “You have done your work.” , will be correct.

**Convert the given paragraph into Direct Speech.**

13. She requested her to complete it.

**A** She said to him 'Please complete it'.

**B** She said to her 'complete it'.

**C** She told her 'Please complete it'.

**D** She said to her 'Please complete it'.

**Solution**

Indirect Speech is supported by some verbs like requested, ordered, suggested and advised. Forbid-forbade is used for negative sentences. Therefore, the imperative mood in the direct speech changes into the Infinitive in indirect speech.

**Convert the given sentence into Indirect Speech.**

**14. He said to me, "You should work hard to pass the exam."**

**A** He advised me that I should work hard to pass the exam.

**B** He asked me that I should work hard to pass the exam.

**C** He advised me that you should work hard to pass the exam.

**D** He advised me that they should work hard to pass the exam.

**Solution**

The reporting verb is changed according to reported speech into advise if the sentence gives a piece of advice. Second person of the reporting speech is changed according to the object of the reporting verb. Hence our answer will be "He advised me that I should work hard to pass the exam."



15.

**Pick out the most effective option from the given options to fill the blanks to make the sentence meaningfully correct.**

**A. He stayed**

**A** at the cheap inn in the hills.

**B** at the cheapest inn in the hills.

**C** at the cheaper inn in the hills.

**D** at a cheap inn in the hills.

### **Solution**

"at the cheapest inn in the hills" implies that there are at least two or more inns in the hills, and the speaker stayed at the one with the lowest price.

This option uses the superlative form of the adjective "cheap" and indicates that the inn is the least expensive among all the inns in the hills.

**B. Saurabh got married**

**A** when he was 27

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**B** although he was 27

**C** due to he was 27

**D** since he was 27

### **Solution**

"when he was 27," is the most appropriate choice because it specifies a particular time when Saurabh got married. The use of "when" indicates a specific moment in time, which in this case is Saurabh's age of 27. This option provides a clear and concise reason for Saurabh's marriage without making any assumptions or drawing any vague conclusions.

### **C. How is she**

**A** getting up in her new job?

**B** getting back in her new job?

**C** getting off in her new job?

**D** getting on in her new job?

## Solution

The correct option to complete the sentence is: getting on in her new job?

So the full sentence would be: "How is she getting on in her new job?"

This is a common way of asking someone about their progress or experience in a new job. The other options are not correct as they do not fit the structure of the sentence or the idiomatic usage of the phrase.

### D. I am trying to

**A** cut down on tea.

**B** shut down on tea.

**C** left down on tea.

**D** put down on tea.

## Solution

The correct option to complete the sentence is: cut down on tea. The complete sentence would be: "I am trying to cut down on tea." This means that the person is attempting to reduce the amount of tea, they consume, either because they want to be healthier or because they think they are drinking too much.

### E. Many Accidents

**A** cause careless driving.

**B** have caused careless driving.

**C** are caused by careless driving.

**D** will cause careless driving.

### **Solution**

The correct option to complete the sentence is: are caused by careless driving. The whole sentence would be: "Many accidents are caused by careless driving." This means that a significant number of accidents happen because of drivers who are not paying enough attention or being reckless on the road.

16. Put out the best fillers which complete the given sentence correctly.

A. Citizen complain that there is no \_ left for them to walk at footpath crossings near major junctions as they are \_ upon by bikers.

**A** Space, encroached

**B** Road, encircled

**C** place, accustomed

**D** Figures, crossed

### Solution

From the given sentence, it is very clear that the footpath do not have enough space left on the roads to walk because there are bikers everywhere on the roads. According to the given options, 'Space, encroached' will be the correct choice.

B. While the demand is \_ for clay toys, people also prefer moulded toys \_ in bulk from other countries.

**A** Small, distributed

**B** High, procured

**C** Few, transferred

**D** Low, manufactured

### **Solution**

The given statement gives the impression that people prefer clay toys but they also prefer moulded toys from other cities.

Among the given options, High and procured best fit in the blanks respectively.

**C. If we look at the number of cities, then the areas under the \_ of right-wing extremism have shrunk \_ more than 50% in the last seven years.**

**A** Existence, with

**B** Influence, by

**C** Confidence, off

**D** Installation, about

### **Solution**

The given sentence is about the data regarding the influence of Right-wing extremism in Bhutan in the last Seven years in which it has seen a downfall.

"Influence, by" implies the actual meaning intended in the sentence and it explains the meaning that the number of cities affected by right-wing extremism has decreased the last seven years.

- D. Only one fourth in Bhutan are \_ saving for their retirement while just 20 per cent of working-age respondents globally are \_ anything aside for their later life.**

**A** Hardly, saving

**B** Regularly, putting

**C** Continuously, debating

**D** Constantly, setting

### **Solution**

The context says something about the savings of Bhutan for the retirement age and the comparison of Bhutan with respect to the global scenario in terms of savings for life after the retirement.

Since now we have understood the context of the sentence, it is now necessary to weigh the options according to their suitability in the blanks. Regularly and putting are correct since both the words fit perfectly in the respective blanks.



17. .

Choose the correct question tag which complete the sentence correctly.

A. **You think this is a joke**

**A** do you?

**B** don't you

**C** doesn't you

**D** does you

### **Solution**

In the given sentence, an anger is expressed. In Positive Statements to Express Interest, Anger and Surprise, do not use negative question tags. Hence, our answer from the given option "Do you?" will be the right choice.

B. **Bring me some tissue papers,**

**A** would you?

**B** isn't you

**C** wouldn't you

**D** will you?

### **Solution**

Will you, will be the right choice amonge the given options.

### **C. Saurabh is going ahead with his decision**

**A** is she?

**B** isn't he

**C** is he?

**D** is she?

### **Solution**

In the given sentence, an interest is expressed. Positive Statements with Express Interest, Anger and Surprise, do not use negative question tags. Hence, our answer from the given option "is he?" will be the right choice.

**D. You must be there by 11:30 a.m.,**

**A** mustn't you?

**B** won't you

**C** wouldn't you

**D** hasn't you

### **Solution**

We use mustn't with the positive sentence for auxiliary verb 'must'. In the given sentence, "mustn't you?" will be the correct choice.

18.

The following idiom is followed by some alternatives. Choose the one which expresses the best meaning.

A. 'To hit the nail on the head'

**A** to describe exactly what is causing a situation or problem

**B** Stop working on something

**C** You have to work hard for something you want.

**D** to make a situation worse.

### Solution

'To hit the nail on the head' means "to do or say something that is exactly right." You can use this phrase when someone finds the exact answer of a problem or a question.

EXAMPLE: "You hit the nail on the head with this color of wallpaper for the living room; it looks better than I expected!"

B. 'Bite the bullet'

**A** Taking credit for someone else achievements.

**B**

A matter or problem that is obvious of great importance but that is not discussed openly.

**C** **Decide to do something unpleasant that you have avoiding doing.**

**D** To ignore someone.

### **Solution**

'Bite and bullet' means decide to do something difficult or unpleasant that one has been putting off or hesitating over.

Example: "decisions have to be taken and as director you have got to bite the bullet"

19.

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.**

The argument over whether political expediency should prevail over science has been rekindled in the wake of the devastating monsoon floods that hit Kerala and portions of Karnataka. The Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel made suggestions for the protection of the vulnerable western peninsular region seven years ago. The recent devastation in Kerala is a result of short-sighted policies, according to Madhav Gadgil, the chair of the Union Environment Ministry's WGEEP. He further cautioned that Goa may also be at risk from nature's wrath. The reports of both the Gadgil Committee and the Kasturirangan Committee, which was established to look into the WGEEP report, must be brought back to the table by the State governments that are primarily in charge of the Western Ghats, which are Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Goa, and Maharashtra. They have to start making changes to environmental policy decisions. Given the need to combine the pressures of human growth with improved protection of the Western Ghats ecology, this won't be simple. Undoubtedly the most contentious topic is whether or not extractive industries like mining and quarrying should be allowed to operate. A solution might be to implement the zoning system recommended by the Gadgil panel's regulatory structure, which would consist of an apex Western Ghats Ecology Authority and State-level units operating under the Environment (Protection) Act. This may prevent incompatible operations from taking place in ESZs, or ecologically sensitive zones.

The determination of what comprises the sensitive core and what activities are permitted there is at question in the Western Ghats, which span 1,29,037 sq km according to the WGEEP estimate and 1,64,280 sq km according to the Kasturirangan panel. The entire system is recognised as a hotspot for biodiversity on a worldwide scale. Based on how the ESZs are interpreted, population estimates for the sensitive zones vary significantly. According to one expert assessment, 39 lakh families in Kerala are located in the ESZs designated by the WGEEP, but within a smaller region of the zones indicated by the Kasturirangan panel, the number reduces significantly to four lakh households. The Ghats must experience sustainable development as a whole. It is now necessary to reevaluate the function of large hydroelectric dams that were constructed during a time of increasing electricity demand and deficits and to abandon plans for new ones. There are other low-impact green energy options, lead by solar power. Kerala and other States must impose a moratorium on mining and

quarrying in the designated sensitive zones in order to evaluate the effects on the ecosystem. Thomas Isaac, Kerala's finance minister, has recognised that following the floods, actions damaging the environment need to be reviewed. There will be more support for public consultation on expert findings today, which will aid in determining a sustainable future course.

**A. Which of the following is the fundamental problem with the execution of the expert panel reports in different states that is mentioned in the passage?**

**A**

The expert panel papers do not have a comprehensive framework for governing the ecologically sensitive zone in the Western Ghat Area.

**B**

The Western Ghat region is unaffected; rather, the government's lack of resources is the main issue.

**C**

Since the decision-makers don't care about the environment until it affects their support base, the area will flood.

**D**

**To appropriately develop the land, a balance between development and preservation must exist.**

### **Solution**

According to the passage, 'Given the need to combine the pressures of human growth with improved protection of the Western Ghats ecology, this won't be simple.'

In light of the political considerations, it is abundantly clear from the aforementioned passages that the goal of sustainable development is very challenging to achieve. As a result, it is extremely challenging to strike a balance between those goals and the environmental demands of the Western Ghats Area.

**B. Which of the following ought to be the goal of everyone involved in the development of the Western Ghats Area?**

**A**

**In order for the Western Ghats Area to have sustainable development, it must be adequately conserved.**

**B**

The development plan needs to have the full financial and human resources backing of all the states.

**C**

Since it will give you the advantage throughout the process, the development plan must be properly written from the start.

**D**

The Western Ghats Area should not be taken for granted by the states when it comes to development activities since they are not in charge of this.

### **Solution**

You should think about "The Ghats' overall sustainable development must be the objective.."



It is obvious that the general development of the region and of all parties involved should be the primary goal of all initiatives related to the Western Ghats Area. Every region in the area needs to be developed sustainably.

**C. What among the following should the government do to make sure that the Western Ghats Area is appropriately preserved?**

**I. Different environmentally friendly energy sources, such as solar power, should be used in the area.**

**II. Quarrying and mining operations in the region shouldn't be restricted in any way.**

**III. Hydroelectric dam development in the region shouldn't continue in the future.**

**A Both I and III**

**B Only II**

**C Only I**

**D All I, II and III**

### **Solution**

According to the passage, ' It is now necessary to reevaluate the function of large hydroelectric dams that were constructed during a time of increasing electricity demand and deficits and to abandon plans for new ones. There are other low-impact green energy options, lead by solar

power. Kerala and other States must impose a moratorium on mining and quarrying in the designated sensitive zones in order to evaluate the effects on the ecosystem. '

It is obvious that solar energy should be pushed in the region coupled with a prohibition on mining and quarrying activities in order to conserve the Western Ghats Area. In addition, there must be limitations on the development of new hydroelectric generating dams in the region. As a result, both I and III are true.

**D. Which of the following should the flood-affected states undertake to stop this from happening again, according to the passage?**

**A**

The states ought to invest more money in preventing natural disasters there.

**B**

States should set up effective warning systems so that the federal government is aware of potential natural disasters in advance.

**C**

**The states should make enough plans so they can carry out the expert panels' recommendations for the preservation of the Western Ghats Area.**

**D**

The states should refrain from taking any action right now and should simply concentrate on the notion of stepping up disaster management efforts.

**Solution**

According to passage, 'The reports of both the Gadgil Committee and the Kasturirangan Committee, which was established to look into the WGEEP report, must be brought back to the table by the State governments that are primarily in charge of the Western Ghats, which are Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Goa, and Maharashtra. '

The aforementioned passages imply that the states should consider the actions that need to be taken in order to maintain the ecosystem of the Western Ghats Area and that they should consider putting the expert panel's findings on this topic into practise.

**E. Which of the following is one of the causes of the recent floods in Kerala and Karnataka, according to experts?**

**A**

Rainwater always spills in these two states since there is an inadequate drainage infrastructure in place.

**B**

The states are unable to handle any issue, no matter how minor it may be, because they have no concept how to handle any type of natural tragedy.

**C**

The task of protecting the environment in the regions under state control should be given to the states.

**D**

**Historically, the political strategy for making decisions has prevailed over the actual interests of the environment.**

## **Solution**

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From the foregoing, it is obvious that experts believe that the country's recent floods are largely the result of policy decisions that failed to take local environmental factors into account.

20.

**Pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.**

**A. If you \_\_ something amiss, please contact the authorities**

**A** Glimpse

**B** Sight

**C** View

**D** Notice

### **Solution**

The appropriate verb to use with "something amiss" is "notice."

**B. Do you know \_\_?**

**A** Where she comes from

**B** Where does she come from

**C** Where from she comes

**D** From where does she comes

### **Solution**

"Do you know where [does] she come[s] from?" is the question asked in the provided passage.

"Where she comes from" is the phrase that serves as the subject of the verb "know."

You want to know "where she lives," not if she lives anywhere in particular.

Do you know (the information)]? is what you inquire.

There is no need for an auxiliary verb since the knowledge the subject of the question ("knows") is not a statement or fact; rather, it is the topic of the question. Accordingly, "do" can be used in place of the omitted auxiliary verb. Thus, the appropriate response is: "Do you know where she comes from"



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