

49. (P) food security because

(Q) for the majority of the rural poor

(R) Agricultural production is important for

(S) it is a source of income

(a) SRQP

(b) PQSR

(c) RPSQ

(d) PQRS

50. (P) in the Bangalore city of India

(Q) amongst the most impressive

(R) as well as the most magnificent buildings

(S) Vidhana Soudha counts

(a) SQRP

(b) PSQR

(c) QPRS

(d) SRQP

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Note : (i) This question paper contains 50 questions.

(ii) All questions are compulsory and carry one mark each.

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Directions (Q. Nos. 1-5) : Read the following Compression and give the suitable answer for the given questions.

As the economic role of multinational, global corporations expands, the international economic environment will be shaped increasingly not by

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governments or international institutions, but by the interaction between governments and global corporations, especially in the United States, Europe, and Japan. A significant factor in this shifting world economy is the trend toward regional trading blocs of nations, which has a potentially large effect on the evolution of the world trading system. Two examples of this trend are the United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement and Europe 1992, the move by the European Community to dismantle impediments to the free flow of goods, services, capital, and labour among member states by the end of 1992. However, although numerous political and economic factors were operative in launching the move to integrate the EC's markets, concern about protectionism within the EC does not appear to have been a major consideration. This is in sharp contrast to the ETA; the overwhelming reason for that bilateral initiative was fear of increasing

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United States protectionism. Nonetheless, although markedly different in origin and nature, both regional developments are highly significant in that they will foster integration in the two largest and richest markets of the world, as well as provoke questions about the future direction of the world trading system.

1. According to the passage, all of the following are elements of the shifting world economy EXCEPT :

- (a) an alteration in the role played by governments
- (b) an increase in interaction between national governments and international regulatory institutions
- (c) an increase in the formation of multinational trading alliances
- (d) an increase in integration in the two richest markets of the world

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2. The passage suggests which of the following about global corporations ?
- (a) Their continued growth depends on the existence of a fully integrated international market.
 - (b) Their potential effect on the world market is a matter of ongoing concern to international institutions.
 - (c) They will have to assume quasi-governmental functions if current economic trends continue.
 - (d) Their influence on world economics will continue to increase.
3. The primary purpose of the passage as a whole is to :
- (a) describe an initiative and propose its continuance
 - (b) chronicle a development and illustrate its inconsistencies
 - (c) identify a trend and suggest its importance
 - (d) summarize a process and question its significance

4. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage about the European Community prior to the adoption of the Europe 1992 program ?
- (a) There were restrictions on commerce between the member nations.
 - (b) The economic policies of the member nations focused on global trading issues.
 - (c) There were few impediments to trade between the member nations and the United States.
 - (d) The flow of goods between the member nations and Canada was insignificant.
5. According to the passage, one similarity between the FTA and Europe 1992 is that they both :
- (a) overcame concerns about the role of politics in the shifting world economy
 - (b) originated out of concern over unfair trade practices by other nations

- (c) exemplify a trend toward regionalization of commercial markets
- (d) place the economic needs of the trading bloc ahead of those of the member nations

Directions (Q. Nos. 6-9) : In the questions given below, rearrange the parts, which are labelled P, Q, R, S and T to produce the correct paragraph.

6. (P) The process of handing down implies not a passive transfer, but some contestation in defining what exactly is to be handed down.
- (Q) Wherever Western scholars have worked on the Indian past, the selection is even more apparent and the inventing of a tradition much more recognizable.
- (R) Every generation selects what it requires from the past and makes its innovations, some more than others.
- (S) It is now a truism to say that traditions are not handed down unchanged, but are invented.

- (T) Just as life has death as its opposite, so is tradition by default the opposite of innovation.

- (a) TQSRP
- (b) TSPRQ
- (c) PQRST
- (d) PTQSR

7. (P) Scientists have for the first time managed to edit genes in a human embryo to repair a genetic mutation, fuelling hopes that such procedures may one day be available outside laboratory conditions.
- (Q) The cardiac disease causes sudden death in otherwise healthy young athletes and affects about one in 500 people overall.
- (R) Correcting the mutation in the gene would not only ensure that the child is healthy but also prevents transmission of the mutation to future generations.

- (S) It is caused by a mutation in a particular gene and a child will suffer from the condition even if it inherits only one copy of the mutated gene.
- (T) In results announced in Nature this week, scientists fixed a mutation that thickens the heart muscle, a condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.
- (a) PTQSR
- (b) PQSRT
- (c) QRSPT
- (d) PSTRQ
8. (P) Before plants can take life from atmosphere, nitrogen must undergo transformations similar to ones that food undergoes in our digestive machinery.
- (Q) In its aerial form nitrogen is insoluble, unusable and needs transformation.

- (R) Lightning starts the series of chemical reactions that need to happen to nitrogen, ultimately helping it nourish our earth.
- (S) Nitrogen — an essential food for plants — is an abundant resource, with about 22 million tons of it floating over each square mile of earth.
- (T) One of the most dramatic examples in nature of ill wind that blows goodness is lightning.
- (a) TQSRP
- (b) TSQRP
- (c) TRSQP
- (d) TSRQP
9. (P) This has huge implications for the health care system as it operates today, where depleted resources and time lead to patients rotating in and out of doctor's offices, oftentimes receiving minimal care or concern (what is commonly referred to as "bed side manner") from doctors.

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(Q) The placebo effect is when an individual's medical condition or pain shows signs of improvement based on a fake intervention that has been presented to them as a real one and used to be regularly dismissed by researchers as a psychological effect.

(R) The placebo effect is not solely based on believing in treatment, however, as the clinical setting in which treatments are administered is also paramount.

(S) That the mind has the power to trigger biochemical changes because the individual believes that a given drug or intervention will be effective could empower chronic patients through the notion of our bodies capacity for self-healing.

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(T) Placebo effects are now studied not just as foils for "real" interventions but as a potential portal into the self-healing powers of the body.

(a) PSQRT

(b) RQTSP

(c) TRSPQ

(d) QTSRP

Directions (Q. Nos. 10-19) : Replace the underlined portion with the choice given below, which results in a sentence that is clear, precise, and meets the requirements of standard written English.

10. What is unique about these category is their relation to these things that are taken on to add to a being's natural capacities.

(a) What is unique about this category is its relation to them things which are taken on

(b) What is unique about this category is its relation to those things that are taken on

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- (c) What is unique about these category is their relation to these things that are taken on
- (d) What is unique about this category is its relation to those things that are taken on

11. After reviewing all of the relevant legal information, the court decided that the original agreement had been strictly between she and the family trust, legally a technicality that significantly reduced the amount she expected to receive.

- (a) she expected to receive a significantly reduced amount because the court decided, based on a legal technicality, that the original agreement had been strictly between her and the family trust.
- (b) the court decided that the original agreement had been strictly between her and the family trust, a legal technicality that significantly reduced the amount she expected to receive

- (c) a technicality that the original agreement had been strictly between she and the family, decided by the court, significantly reduced the amount she expected to receive
- (d) the decision of the court significantly reduced the amount that she expected to receive, being based as it was on the legal technicality that the original agreement had been strictly between her and the family trust

12. Like supermarkets across the country, the grocery chain was seeking to offer their clientele more local and organic products to meet new consumer demands.

- (a) the grocery chain was seeking to offer their clients more local and organic products to meet new consumer demands.
- (b) the grocery chain was seeking to offer its clientele more local and organic products to meet new consumer demands.

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- (c) the grocery chain was seeking to offer their clientele more local and organic products, to meet new consumer demands.
 - (d) the grocery chain was seeking to offer their clientele more local and organic products to meet new consumer demands.
13. It is explicitly stated in the employee handbook that all workers must supply his or her own steel-toed shoes.
- (a) that each worker must supply they're own steel-toed shoes.
 - (b) that all workers must supply one's own steel-toed shoes.
 - (c) that each worker must supply their own steel-toed shoes.
 - (d) that all workers must supply their own steel-toed shoes.
14. Neither the supervisor nor the employees expressed his objections to the schedule at the time it was posted.
- (a) expressed their objections to the schedule at the time it was posted.

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- (b) expressed whatever objections he had at the time it was posted.
 - (c) expressed his or her objections to the schedule at the time it was posted.
 - (d) had expressed his objections to the schedule at the time it was posted.
15. The new guidelines clearly stated that if a supervisor or an employee had a workplace issue, they were supposed to take the problem to the Human Resources Department.
- (a) had a workplace issue, they were supposed to take
 - (b) had a workplace issue, they were supposing to take
 - (c) had a workplace issue, they are supposed to take
 - (d) had a workplace issue, he or she was supposed to take

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16. The new strategy was a remarkable departure from those laid by the general's predecessor.

- (a) remarkable departure from those laid
- (b) a remarkably departure from those laid
- (c) a remarkable departure from the ones laid
- (d) a remarkable departure from the one laid

17. In addition to helping the environment, renewable resources—such as solar power and hydroelectricity—may also provide an economic benefit, as it may reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

- (a) as it may reduce our dependence on foreign oil.
- (b) as they depend on the reduction of foreign oil.
- (c) as they may reduce our dependence on foreign oil.
- (d) as it reduces our dependence on foreign oil.

18. Most men who go to sporting events find it an enjoyable diversion.

- (a) Most men who go to sporting events find them an enjoyable diversion.
- (b) Most men who go to sporting events find it to be an enjoyable diversion.
- (c) Most of the men who go to sporting events find it an enjoyable diversion.
- (d) Most men who go to sporting events find it an enjoyable diversion.

19. While it can seem like a daunting task to train for a marathon, anyone who has completed the challenge knows that preparing a plan that they stick to is the key to success.

- (a) preparing a plan that they stick to
- (b) preparing, and having that be a plan that they stick to
- (c) preparing a plan and sticking to it
- (d) preparing a plan that he sticks to

Directions (Q. Nos. 20-24) : Read the following Comprehension and give the suitable answer for the given questions.

Hard cases, it is said, make bad law. The adage is widely considered true for the Supreme Court of India which held in the height of the Emergency, in *ADM Jabalpur v. Shivkant Shukla* that detenus under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) could not approach the judiciary if their fundamental rights were violated. Not only was the law laid down unconscionable, but it also smacked of a Court more “executive-minded than the executive”, complicit in its own independence being shattered by an all-powerful government. So deep has been the impact of this judgment that the Supreme Court’s current activist avatar is widely viewed as having its genesis in a continuing need to atone. Expressions of such atonement have created another Court made to measure— this time not to the measure of the government but rather the aggrandized self-image of some of its judges.

Let us look back to the *ADM Jabalpur* case. As a court of law, the Supreme Court was called upon in the case to balance the interest of public order in an Emergency with the right to life and personal liberty guaranteed to every person. Nine High Courts called upon to perform the same function had found a nuanced answer by which they had held that the right to life cannot be absolutely subservient to public order merely because the government declared so—the legality of detentions could be judicially reviewed, though the intention of the government would not be second-guessed by the Court. This was a delicate balance. The Supreme Court however reversed this view and made the right to life and personal liberty literally a bounty of the government. Given that the consequences of their error were entirely to the government’s advantage, it was widely viewed as the death of an independent judiciary. The excessively deferential, almost apologetic language used by the judges confirmed this impression.

Today, however, while public interest litigation has restored the independent image of the Supreme Court, it has achieved this at the cost of quality, discipline and the constitutional role judges are expected to perform. The Court monitors criminal trials, protects the environment, regulates political advertising, lays down norms for sexual harassment in the workplace, sets guidelines for adoption, supervises police reform among a range of other tasks of government. That all these tasks are crucial but tardily undertaken by government can scarcely be questioned. But for an unelected and largely unaccountable institution such as the Supreme Court to be at the forefront of matters relating to governance is equally dangerous — the choice of issues it takes up is arbitrary, their remit is not legal, their results often counterproductive, requiring a degree of technical competence and institutional capacity in ensuring compliance that the Court simply does not possess. This sets an unhealthy precedent for other courts and tribunals

in the country, particularly the latter whose chairpersons are usually retired Supreme Court Justices. To take a particularly egregious example, the National Green Tribunal has banned diesel vehicles more than 10 years old in Delhi and if reports are to be believed, is considering imposing a congestion charge for cars as well. That neither of these are judicial functions and are being unjustly being usurped by a tribunal that has far exceeded its mandate, is evidence of the chain reaction that the Supreme Court's activist avatar has set off across the judicial spectrum.

Finally, the Court's activism adds to a massive backlog of regular cases that makes the Indian justice delivery mechanism, slow, unreliable and inefficient for the ordinary litigant. As on March 1, 2015, there were over 61,000 cases pending in the Supreme Court alone. It might be worthwhile for the Court to set its own house in order, concomitantly with telling other wings of government how to do so.

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As we mark 40 years of the Emergency and the darkest period in the Supreme Court's history, it might be time to not single-mindedly harp on the significance of an independent judiciary. Judicial independence, is and must remain a cherished virtue. However, it would be bunkered to not confront newer challenges that damage the credibility of our independent judiciary today — unpardonable delays and overweening judges taking on the mantle of national government by proxy. The Supreme Court 40 years on is a different institution — it must be cognizant of its history but not at the cost of being blind to its present.

20. Which of the following is a suitable title for the passage ?

- (a) An Atonement Gone Too Far
- (b) Sanctimony from a Ruined Pedestal
- (c) The ADM Jabalpur's Case : The Supreme Court's Darkest Hour
- (d) Overcompensating for Past Mistakes

21. The author says that the Supreme Court was "more executive-minded than the executive" during the Emergency. Which of the following options captures the essence of what the writer means by the phrase : 'more "executive-minded than the executive" ?

- (a) The Supreme Court abdicated its independence to an authoritarian government by embracing its perspective.
- (b) The Supreme Court was more emphatic than the Government about exercising executive power under the MISA.
- (c) The Supreme Court reflected the unconscionable actions taken by the government by upholding its laws.
- (d) The Supreme Court wanted to curry favor with the government through its deferential decisions during Emergency.

22. Which of the following cannot be reasonably inferred from the passage ?

- (a) The Supreme Court was complicit in curbing judicial independence during the Emergency.
- (b) Public interest litigations have, post-Emergency, led to the judiciary overreaching into the realm of legislature.
- (c) The Indian Judiciary ought not indulge in general supervisory jurisdiction to correct actions and policies of government.
- (d) The Indian judiciary must be equipped with technical competence and institutional capacity to ensure compliance to orders passed in relation to public interest litigations.

23. The word "egregious" in the passage is farthest in meaning to :

- (a) outrageous
- (b) flagitious
- (c) distinguished
- (d) arrant

24. Which of the following is the author least likely to agree with ?

- (a) The rise in judicial activism is in danger making the Supreme Court diffuse and ineffective, encroaching into the functions of government.
- (b) Where the Supreme Court is only moved for better governance and administration, which does not involve the exercise of any proper judicial function, it should refrain from acting.
- (c) Adoption, police reform and environment issues are the remit of the judiciary.
- (d) The Indian judicial system needs to focus on clearing the massive backlog of cases to re-establish its credibility.

Directions (Q. Nos. 25-31) : In the questions given below, rearrange the parts, which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the meaningful paragraph. Here the first (S_1) and last (S_6) sentences are fixed.

25. S_1 : Security inks exploit the same principle that causes the vivid and constantly changing colours of a film of oil on water.

P : When two rays of light meet each other after being reflected from these different surfaces, they have each travelled slightly different distances.

Q : The key is that the light is bouncing off two surfaces, that of the oil and that of the water layer below it.

R : The distance the two rays travel determines which wavelengths, and hence colours, interfere constructively and look bright.

S : Because light is an electromagnetic wave, the peaks and troughs of each ray then interfere either constructively, to appear bright, or destructively, to appear dim.

S_6 : Since the distance the rays travel changes with the angle as you look at the surface, different colours look bright from different viewing angles.

(a) PQRS

(b) QPSR

(c) QSPR

(d) SRPQ

26. S_1 : Commercially reared chicken can be unusually aggressive and are often kept in darkened sheds to prevent them pecking at each other.

P : The birds spent far more of their time—up to a third—pecking at the inanimate objects in the pens, in contrast to birds in other pens which spent a lot of time attacking others.

Q : In low light conditions, they behave less belligerently, but are more prone to ophthalmic disorders and respiratory problems.

R : In an experiment, aggressive head-pecking was all but eliminated among birds in the enriched environment.

S : Altering the birds' environment, by adding bales of wood-shavings to their pens, can work wonders.

S₆ : Bales could diminish aggressiveness and reduce injuries; they might even improve productivity, since a happy chicken is a productive chicken.

(a) SRPQ

(b) RSQP

(c) SQPR

(d) QSRP

27. S₁ : The concept of a 'nation-state' assumes a complete correspondence between the boundaries of the nation and the boundaries of those who live in a specific state.

P : Then there are members of national collectivises who live in other countries, making a mockery of the concept.

Q : There are always people living in particular states who are not considered to be (and often do not consider themselves to be) members of the hegemonic nation.

R : Even worse, there are nations which never had a state or which are divided across several states.

S : This, of course, has been subject to severe criticism and is virtually everywhere a fiction.

S₆ : However, the fiction has been, and continues to be, at the basis of nationalist ideologies.

(a) SQPR

(b) PQRS

(c) QPRS

(d) SPRQ

28. S₁ : In the sciences, even questionable examples of research fraud are harshly punished.

P : But no such mechanism exists in the humanities—much of what humanities researchers call research does not lead to results that are replicable by other scholars.

Q : Given the importance of interpretation in historical and literary scholarship, humanities researchers are in a position where they can explain away deliberate and even systematic distortion.

R : Mere suspicion is enough for funding to be cut off; publicity guarantees that careers can be effectively ended.

S : Forgeries which take the form of pastiches in which the forger intersperses fake and real parts can be defended as mere mistakes or aberrant misreading.

S₆ : Scientists fudging data have no such defences.

(a) QSRP

(b) PQSR

(c) RPQS

(d) RSQP

29. S₁ : Horses and communism were, overall, a poor match.

P : Fine horses bespoke the nobility the party was supposed to despise.

Q : Communist leaders, when they visited villages, preferred to see cows and pigs.

R : Although a working horse was just about tolerable, the communists were right to be wary.

S : Peasants from Poland to the Hungarian Puszta preferred their horses to party dogma.

S₆ : "A farmer's pride is his horse; his cow may be thin, but his horse must be fat," went a Slovak saying.

- (a) PRSQ
- (b) SQRP
- (c) PQRS
- (d) SRQP

30. S₁ : Making people laugh is tricky.

P : At times, the intended humour may simply not come off.

Q : Making people laugh while trying to sell them something is a tougher challenge, since the commercial can fall flat on two grounds.

R : There are many advertisements which do amuse but do not even begin to set the cash tills ringing.

S : Again, it is rarely sufficient for an advertiser simply to amuse the target audience in order to reap the sales benefit.

S₆ : There are indications that in substituting the hard sell for a more entertaining approach, some agencies have rather thrown out the baby with the bath water.

- (a) RSQP
- (b) PQRS
- (c) QPSR
- (d) SRQP

31. S₁ : Picture a termite colony, occupying a tall mud hump on an African plain.

P : Hungry predators often invade the colony and unsettle the balance.

Q : The colony flourishes only if the proportion of soldiers to workers remains roughly the same, so that the queen and workers can be protected by the soldiers, and the queen and soldiers can be serviced by the workers.

R : But its fortunes are presently restored, because the immobile queen, walled in well below ground level, lays eggs not only in large enough numbers, but also in the varying proportions required.

S : The hump is alive with worker termites and soldier termites going about their distinct kinds of business.

S₆ : How can we account for her mysterious ability to respond like this to events on the distant surface ?

- (a) QPSR
- (b) SQPR
- (c) PSRQ
- (d) QSRP

Directions (Q. Nos. 32-36) : In the questions below, find in which part of the sentences contains an error. Mark that part as your answer.

32. He and you (a)/must attend (b)/the seminar (c)/on career guidance.(d)

33. The Party Chief (a) /and the Chief Minister (b)/ expressed his views (c)/ on demonetization in India. (d)

34. Mr. Budhrani, (a)/ my friend and professor, (b)/ is known for (c) / their good behaviour. (d)

35. The manager (a)/as well as (b)/ the clerks (c)/ absented themselves yesterday. (d)

36. Neither the students (a)/ nor the teacher (b)/ was in their (c)/ class. (d)

Directions (Q. Nos. 37-46) : In the following question, choose the appropriate option which represents the best way of writing the sentences.

37. The vineyards of Napa Valley are at once breathlessly vibrant, symmetrical, and the green is profound.

- (a) and profoundly green.
- (b) and so profound green.
- (c) and its green is quite profound.
- (d) and it is profoundly green.

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38. The kids took too much time cleaning their rooms, left little time to do outdoor chores.
- (a) leaving little time to doing outdoor chores.
 - (b) left little time to do outdoor chores.
 - (c) leaving little time to do outdoor chores.
 - (d) left little time to had done outdoor chores.
39. When choosing a sport, youths are encouraged to consider its difficulty, its required skills, its necessary equipment, and its overall cost.
- (a) the cost of it.
 - (b) if it costs money.
 - (c) the money needed for it.
 - (d) its overall cost.
40. The teacher sought new ways of teaching, believing her students would get more from lessons featuring playing, acting, and creativity.
- (a) featuring play, act, and creativity.
 - (b) featuring playing, acting, and creative things.
 - (c) featuring playing, acting, and creativity.
 - (d) featuring playing, acting, and creating.

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41. Stretching before physical workouts is important to improve flexibility and avoiding injury.
- (a) is important to improve flexibility and avoid injury.
 - (b) are important to improve flexibility and avoiding injury.
 - (c) is important to improve flexibility and avoidance in the injury.
 - (d) is important to both improve flexibility and also avoid injury.
42. Writing an additional sentence for each paragraph you have is easy than the writing of a brand-new paragraph altogether :
- (a) ones writing of
 - (b) writing
 - (c) when you must write
 - (d) the writing of
43. More than other children, he struggled adapting to middle school both academically and in his social life.
- (a) both for academics and in socially.
 - (b) both academically and in his social life.
 - (c) both academically and socially.
 - (d) academics and in his social life.

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44. She loved a number of creative activities as a child, always trying painting, singing, or to dance.

- (a) always trying to paint, to sing, or to dance.
- (b) always trying painting, singing, or to dance.
- (c) always tries painting, singing, or to dance.
- (d) always try to paint, to sing, or to dance.

45. The entertainer viewed himself as a multifaceted performer who excelled at acting, singing, and an ability to dance.

- (a) at acting, singing, and an ability to dance.
- (c) at acting, singing, and an ability to dance.
- (b) in acting, singing, and the ability to dance.
- (d) at acting, singing, and dancing.

46. Young children need equal time during the day to devote to playing, learning, and to relax.

- (a) to playing, earning, to relax.
- (b) to play, to learn, and to relax.
- (c) to playing, learning, and relax.
- (d) to playing, learning, and to relax.

Directions (Q. Nos. 47-50) : In the questions below, rearrange the parts, which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence.

47. (P) on their income as long as

(Q) Mutual funds are not taxed

(R) in the Internal Revenue Code

(S) they comply with requirements established

(a) PSRQ

(b) QPSR

(c) SPRQ

(d) QSRP

48. (P) Walmart or some other foreign retail chain

(Q) in the interests of Indian consumers and farmers

(R) FDI in retail must be allowed not because

(S) wants it, but because it is

(a) RPSQ

(b) PRSQ

(c) QSRP

(d) PRSQ