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1. Given below are two statements, one is labelled as Assertion (A) and the other is labelled as Reason (R).

Assertion (A): Global cities, as conceptualized by Saskia Sassen, are strategic production sites and command points in the organization of the world economy.

Reason (R): In a global city, the locational and infrastructural aspects are designed purely for local administrative conveniences, not for global economic interactions.

In light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options below:

- (1) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (2) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, but Reason is not the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (3) Assertion is correct, but Reason is incorrect.
- (4) Assertion is incorrect, but Reason is correct.

Answer Key: 1

Solution:

? Assertion (A) is correct: Saskia Sassen identifies global cities as nodes where the globalization process becomes materialized. These cities serve as key locations for finance and specialized service firms, which establish the necessary infrastructure for global capital.

? Reason (R) is incorrect: Global cities are indeed designed to facilitate global economic interactions, not merely local administrative tasks. Their infrastructural and locational strategies are largely influenced by their roles in global economic flows.

? Therefore, Assertion is correct, but Reason is incorrect.

Hence, Option (1) is the right answer.

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2. Given below are two statements, one is labelled as Assertion (A) and the other is labelled as Reason (R).

Assertion (A): Manuel Castells' concept of the 'space of flows' emphasizes the importance of networks and flows of information as dominating our economic, political, and symbolic life.

Reason (R): The 'space of places' signifies traditional geographical and physical constraints which are becoming irrelevant in a networked society.

In light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options below:

- (1) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (2) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, but Reason is not the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (3) Assertion is correct, but Reason is incorrect.
- (4) Assertion is incorrect, but Reason is correct.

Answer Key: 1

Solution:

? Assertion (A) is correct: Castells' theory articulates a shift from a space of places, which is bound by physical locations, to a space of flows, which is dominated by real-time interactions and digital networks.

? Reason (R) is incorrect: While the 'space of places' remains relevant, it integrates into the 'space of flows' rather than becoming completely irrelevant. Physical locations still have significant implications for social and economic activities.

? Thus, Assertion is correct, but Reason is incorrect.

Hence, Option (1) is the right answer.

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3. Given below are two statements, one is labelled as Assertion (A) and the other is labelled as Reason (R).

Assertion (A): In a post-industrial society as described by Daniel Bell, the primary axis of employment and economic growth shifts from manufacturing to services.

Reason (R): The transition to a post-industrial society primarily involves the automation of agricultural processes, leading to a decrease in the agricultural workforce.

In light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options below:

- (1) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (2) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, but Reason is not the correct explanation of Assertion.
- (3) Assertion is correct, but Reason is incorrect.

(4) Assertion is incorrect, but Reason is correct.

Answer Key: 2

Solution:

? Assertion (A) is correct: Daniel Bell's concept of a post-industrial society does indeed emphasize the shift in employment from manufacturing to services, reflecting changes in the economic structure towards information and service-based industries.

? Reason (R) is incorrect: The transition described by Bell primarily involves the shift towards service industries and the knowledge sector, not just the automation of agricultural processes. While automation affects agriculture, it is not the primary focus of the transition to a post-industrial society.

? Thus, both Assertion and Reason are correct, but Reason is not the correct explanation for Assertion.

Hence, Option (2) is the right answer.