



Verbal Aptitude

Reading Comprehension & Miscellaneous

DPP 01

1. Humans are naturally compassionate and honest. In a study using strategically placed wallets that appear "lost", it was found that wallets with money are more likely to be returned than wallets without money. Similarly, wallets that had a key and money are more likely to be returned than wallets with the same amount of money alone. This suggests that the primary reason for this behavior is compassion and empathy.
- Which one of the following is the CORRECT logical inference based on the information in the above passage?
- (a) Wallets with a key are more likely to be returned because people do not care about money
(b) Wallets with a key are more likely to be returned because people relate to suffering of others
(c) Wallets used in experiments are more likely to be returned than wallets that are really lost
(d) Money is always more important than keys
2. Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence:
Under ethical guidelines recently adopted by the Indian Medical Association, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct diseases for which _____ treatments are unsatisfactory.
- (a) Similar (b) Most
(c) Uncommon (d) Available
3. **Statement:** There were different streams of freedom movements in colonial India carried out by the moderates, liberals, radicals, socialists, and so on. Which one of the following is the best inference from the above statement?
- (a) The emergence of nationalism in colonial India led to our Independence.
(b) Nationalism in India emerged in the context of colonialism.
(c) Nationalism in India is homogeneous.
(d) Nationalism in India is heterogeneous.
3. **Statement:** You can always give me a ring whenever you need.
Which one of the following is the best inference from the above statement?
- (a) Because I have a nice caller tune.
(b) Because I have a better telephone facility.
(c) Because a friend in need is a friend indeed.
(d) Because you need not pay towards the telephone bills when you give me a ring.
5. Consider the following sentences:
i) After his surgery, Raja hardly could walk.
ii) After his surgery, Raja could barely walk.
iii) After his surgery, Raja barely could walk.
iv) After his surgery, Raja could hardly walk.
- Which of the above sentences are grammatically CORRECT?
- (a) iii and iv (b) i and iii
(c) ii and iv (d) i and ii
6. The importance of sleep is often overlooked by students when they are preparing for exams. Research has consistently shown that sleep deprivation greatly reduces the ability to recall the material learnt. Hence, cutting down on sleep to study longer hours can be counterproductive.
- Which one of the following statement is the CORRECT inference from the above passage?
- (a) To do well in an exam, adequate sleep must be part of the preparation.
(b) If a student is externally well prepared for an exam, he needs little or no sleep.
(c) Students are efficient and are not wrong in thinking that sleep is a waste of time.
(d) Sleeping well alone is enough to prepare for an exam. Studying has lesser benefit.



7. While receiving the award, the scientist said, "I feel vindicated". Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word 'vindicated'?
- (a) Punished (b) Substantiated
(a) Appreciated (d) Chastened
8. The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3 and 4) below, when properly sequenced would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences and key in the sequence of the four numbers as your answer:
- (a) Restitution of artefacts to original cultures could face legal obstacles, as many Western museums are legally prohibited from disposing off their collections.
- (b) This is in response to countries like Nigeria, which are pressurising European museums to return their precious artefacts looted by colonisers in the past.
- (c) Museums in Europe today are struggling to come to terms with their colonial legacy, some taking steps to return artefacts but not wanting to lose their prized collections.
- (d) Legal hurdles notwithstanding, politicians and institutions in France and Germany would now like to defuse the colonial time bombs, and are now backing the return of part of their holdings.
9. Five jumbled up sentences, related to a topic, are given below. Four of them can be put together to form a coherent paragraph. Identify the odd one out and key in the number of the sentence as your answer:
- (a) They often include a foundation course on navigating capitalism with Chinese characteristics and have replaced typical cases from US corporates with a focus on how Western theories apply to China's buzzing local firms.
- (b) The best Chinese business schools look like their Western rivals but are now growing distinct in terms of what they teach and the career boost they offer.
- (c) Western schools have enhanced their offerings with double degrees, popular with domestic and overseas students alike—and boosted the prestige of their Chinese partners.
- (d) For students, a big draw is the chance to rub shoulders with captains of China's private sector.
- (e) Their business courses now largely cater to the growing demand from China Inc which has become more global, richer and ready to recruit from this sinocentric student body.
10. The passage given below is followed by four alternate summaries. Choose the option that best captures the essence of the passage. The human mind is wired to see patterns. Not only does the brain process information as it comes in, it also stores insights from all our past experiences. Every interaction, happy or sad, is catalogued in our memory. Intuition draws from that deep memory well to inform our decisions going forward. In other words, intuitive decisions are based on data, and not contrary to data as many would like to assume. When we subconsciously spot patterns, the body starts firing neurochemicals in both the brain and gut. These "somatic markers" are what give us that instant sense that something is right ... or that it's off. Not only are these automatic processes faster than rational thought, but our intuition draws from decades of diverse qualitative experience (sights, sounds, interactions, etc.) - a wholly human feature that big data alone could never accomplish.
- (a) Intuition is infinitely richer than big data which is based on rational thought and accomplishes more than what big data can.
- (b) Intuitions are automatic processes and are therefore faster than rational thought, and so decisions based on them are better.
- (c) Intuition draws from deep memory, and may not be related to data, but to decades of diverse qualitative experience.
- (d) Intuitions are neuro-chemical firings based on pattern recognition and draw upon a rich and vast database of experiences.



Answer Key

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| 1. (b) | 6. (a) |
| 2. (d) | 7. (b) |
| 3. (d) | 8. (c) |
| 4. (c) | 9. (c) |
| 5. (c) | 10. (d) |



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