

# MBA Pioneer Pro 2024

## Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

DPP: 8

### RC- Tone and Structure Questions

**Directions (1-5) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

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The selected restaurant is called Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge and is located at 422 Northwest North River Drive, Miami, FL 33128. The core values of this restaurant are to provide their guests with a high-quality kitchen and impeccable hospitality. In addition, the restaurant focuses on seafood; however, vegan options are also available. The restaurant's commitment is to provide an insight into the aesthetics of the place. Moreover, it is feasible to say that visiting the website is essential before acquiring the place because it can help familiarize yourself with the restaurant's features or any other organization. Therefore, it is interesting to assess Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge from the visitor's point of view. To start with, the abovementioned restaurant fits into the category of fine dining. This term means more than a simple kitchen; instead, the point is to make the guest happy. Everything matters in fine dining restaurants; for instance, the atmosphere is necessary, as well as the service, and definitely, the dishes. The menu of Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge can be called table d'hote because it is relatively big and does not seem to change often. Moreover, the menu is divided into subcategories: appetizers, cocktails, entrees, brunch, pizzetta, salads, desserts, and bottle service menus. Thus, the table d'hote menu contains appetizers and entrees for a fixed price. Interestingly, the restaurant can organize private events, and it becomes possible to order a whole branch or dinner and

buy a set of fine wine bottles. The menu contains the names of dishes and their prices; however, there are no photos, making a choice blind. The type of food service is the assembly as the restaurant states to store, assemble, heat, and serve all food themselves. As for food quality, having chosen gorgonzola, pear, and black truffle pizzetta from the menu, it is possible to say that the dish tastes delicious. It is hard to select good-tasting gorgonzola because this cheese is rare among cheese products. Gorgonzola, pear, and truffle are classic combinations that constitute a good pizza, so the dish is classically good. However, the price is relatively high per one dish, which is 27 dollars. What is more, the service is not as perfect as expected; many reviews on this restaurant prove that waitresses might forget what the person has ordered, and the waiting time is long ("Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge," 2021). Concerning the set-up, the restaurant is located near the Miami River, and there is an open-air summer veranda. Furthermore, there are tables for small and big companies, and it makes the tenure uncomfortable because of the crowded sitting places. The restaurant does not give much information about their kitchen equipment; however, it was noticed that pizzettas are prepared in traditional cooking ovens for pizzas. After the research on the Internet, it was investigated that a similar oven is found on eBay, and its price comprises 12,906 euros ("Mixed rotating gas-wood," 2021). For the chosen pizzetta, gas was required to cook it. Overall, the experience in this restaurant was pleasant; the chosen pizzetta was delicious, and the location was beautiful. Concerning the



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recommendations for this restaurant, it can be said that the location is perfect because the restaurant is placed near the river and it has a fantastic view. However, after studying the menu, it was noticed that there are no pictures of the dishes, which obstructs the choice. Moreover, waitresses make guests wait for a dish for a long time. Although the dishes taste delicious, the price is relatively high. Therefore, it can be recommended to develop customer service and adjust prices for this restaurant. In addition, it would be great to expand the sitting places because the restaurant may be overloaded with guests, especially on weekends. The last recommendation is to place the pictures of the dishes on the menu for customers to see what they order.

**Q1** What can be inferred about the tone of the passage?

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|--------------|------------------|
| (A) Critical | (B) Appreciative |
| (C) Ironic   | (D) Indifferent  |

**Q2** Which of the following best describes the style of the passage?

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| (A) Persuasive  | (B) Narrative  |
| (C) Descriptive | (D) Expository |

**Q3** What can be inferred from the passage about the food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge?

- (A) The food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge is exceptional and flawless, making it a popular fine dining restaurant in Miami.
- (B) The food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge is subpar, as many reviews suggest that waitresses often forget orders, resulting in a long waiting time.
- (C) The food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge is satisfactory, but the high prices make it unaffordable for most people.
- (D) The food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge is adequate, but the

crowded sitting places make the dining experience uncomfortable for guests.

**Q4** What can be inferred from the passage about the menu of Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge?

- (A) The menu is small and changes often.
- (B) The menu is divided into several categories.
- (C) The menu contains pictures of dishes to help customers choose.
- (D) The menu only offers seafood options.

**Q5** According to the passage, what are the main issues with Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge?

- (A) The menu does not contain pictures of dishes and the service is poor.
- (B) The prices are too high and the seating is uncomfortable.
- (C) The waitresses are forgetful and the restaurant is always crowded.
- (D) The kitchen equipment is not specified and the food takes too long to prepare.

**Directions (6-10) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

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The 20th century was the beginning of many social changes across the globe and several worldwide war conflicts that affected both Western and non-Western countries. Many of these are continuing to affect the world in the current 21st century as well. While it was a relatively short time compared to the rest of human history, its effect cannot be underestimated in terms of importance. World War I was the most prominent global conflict in the world at the time, and it tied both Western and non-Western nations as it had never happened before. While the conflict took less than a decade to conclude, its effects shattered people's perception of the world. For the first time in history, countries that came out



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as victors in the war were restricted from taking over defeated lands. The newly established mandate system declared that annexation was never Allied Forces' intention (Roberts and David 141). An anti-imperialist trend was growing in the 20th century, which coincided with a rise of colonial nationalism at the same time. The dissatisfaction of working and other marginalized social classes led to a growing demand for social and cultural changes across the globe, but especially in Russian Empire, British and French colonies, and the US (Glenda and Patricia 211). The United States became one of the most influential countries globally to the point that when the American stock market experienced the Great Crash, it affected the rest of the world, leading to the Great Depression (Roberts and David 180). When the USSR became a major powerhouse, the US was the nation that opposed it the most, leading to the long lasting Cold War. While USSR eventually fell apart, the post-Soviet countries are still affected by its history. The shift from the 20th to the 21st century was when globalization grew as a global trend thanks to the booming Internet culture and technological advancements that allow people to interact regardless of distances or political and cultural differences. The 20th century can be considered an overall time of social and political change across the globe as it was rife with conflicts, changes, and advancements. Western and non Western worlds alike took part in the global conflicts and developed closer relations, although often for the latter's detriment. Even though a new century and new millennia began in 2000, the effects of previous decades still affect cultures, politics, and economies across the globe to this day.

**Q6** All of the following statements can be inferred from the passage EXCEPT that:

(A) World War I led to the establishment of the mandate system.

- (B) The Great Depression was caused by the Great Crash of the American stock market.

- (C) The 20th century saw a shift from imperialism to colonialism.
  - (D) The Internet has allowed people to interact beyond boundaries.

**Q7** All of the following arguments are made in the passage EXCEPT that:

- (A) The 20th century was a time of great social and political change.
  - (B) The US was the nation that opposed the USSR the most.
  - (C) The Internet has allowed people to interact beyond boundaries.
  - (D) Imperialism was replaced with colonialism in the 20th century.

**Q8** What can be the tone of the passage?



**Q9** What is the style of the passage?

- (A) Persuasive                          (B) Descriptive  
(C) Narrative                            (D) Expository

**Q10** Which one of the following statements, if true, would be the most direct extension of the arguments in the passage?

- (A) The rise of colonial nationalism during the 20th century was solely responsible for the anti - imperialist trend in the Western world.
  - (B) The Great Depression was a direct result of the American stock market crash of the 1920s.
  - (C) The impact of the Cold War on post-Soviet countries is still felt today.
  - (D) The 20th century was the only time in human history that countries were prevented from annexing defeated lands after a war.

**Directions (11-15) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**



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Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The San Joaquin Asparagus Festival is an annual event that takes place in Stockton, California, and involves celebrating asparagus as local food. Across the world, destinations of tourism are promoting and developing food events as a way of attracting tourists. Lewis asserts that this is because food festivals are utilized to bolster the local economy. Tourism contribution associated with food festivals to the growth of local regions is essential since tourism creates needed job opportunities and leads to economic development. Lewis states that for "over its twelve years, the festival has raised nearly 1.75 million dollars for area non-profit groups, as well as obviously high, but unreported, levels of profit for promoters..." (74). Events such as the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival are a vital motivation for the traveling of tourists. People from around the region travel to Stockton to join the locals in the celebration of the food that is currently regarded as belonging to individuals in the high class category. Lewis' views concerning local events are that they invent new cultural views. This argument seems to be true because local festivals provide a sanctuary where different people can interact and learn about each other's cultural perspectives. Additionally, the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival is a function where visitors can break the rules concerning how they behave in normal society. According to Lewis, "these events offer opportunities for everyday folk to experience unorthodox (sometimes even socially taboo) indulgences in an "out-of-realtime" setting" (75). As such, individuals are free to invent new cultural behaviors without fear of being judged harshly. The reason is that the festival creates an environment that allows people to experiment and try new things. Since it is an annual celebration, there are some behaviors that would be associated with the event that would

be replicated throughout its life span. For several years, the asparagus festival has created employment opportunities. The San Joaquin Asparagus Festival website shows that there exists a midway of fun carnival where visitors can engage in different exciting activities. The midway of fun carnival is among the several activities that take place during the event. These generate hundreds of jobs for locals and visitors who want to sell their products. The site further has a feature that updates the followers of the event. The attribute is necessary because it ensures that everyone is informed about the event. Currently, the world is combating a pandemic, and informing followers of the celebration that the event cannot happen is necessary to avoid losing visitors. In recent years, one of the major invented festivals that has been celebrated in the United States is the Boston seafood event. The festival has several similarities with the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival. Both events celebrate foods that the American people enjoy and regularly eat. Secondly, asparagus and seafood are considered high class. In addition, both events provide opportunities that everyone can utilize to have fun and carry out activities that are considered abnormal in everyday life. These events last for days and are primarily utilized to promote the local economy of the respective states. The celebrations are a major tourist attraction for the states because usually thousands of people attend them. These visitors rent hotels, buy food and indulge in other various activities that generate income for the local government.

**Q11** What is the style of the passage?

- (A) Persuasive
- (B) Descriptive
- (C) Analytical
- (D) Narrative

**Q12** What can be concluded from the whole passage?

- (A)



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The San Joaquin Asparagus Festival and the Boston Seafood Festival are both local food events in the United States.

- (B) Food festivals are used to bolster the local economy by attracting tourists and creating job opportunities.
- (C) Local food festivals provide a platform for people to experiment with new cultural behaviors and indulge in socially taboo activities.
- (D) Both the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival and the Boston Seafood Festival are important tourist attractions that generate income for the local government.

**Q13** Which one of the following statements, if true, would be the most direct extension of the arguments in the passage?

- (A) The San Joaquin Asparagus Festival has no impact on the local economy and does not generate employment opportunities.
- (B) Food festivals are only celebrated in high-class areas and do not provide a platform for people to experiment with new cultural behaviors.
- (C) Tourism contribution associated with food festivals is essential to the growth of local regions and creates job opportunities that lead to economic development
- (D) Local festivals have no impact on cultural perspectives and do not provide a sanctuary where people can interact and learn from each other.

**Q14** What is the best title for the passage?

- (A) The Importance of Local Festivals for Economic Development.
- (B) The Significance of High Class Foods in Tourism.
- (C)

The Role of Food Festivals in Inventing New Cultural Behaviors.

(D) The Benefits of Tourist Attractions on Local Economies.

**Q15** Which of the following arguments is/are supported by the passage?

- I. Food festivals are a way to attract tourists and boost the local economy.
  - II. Local food festivals create new cultural behaviors.
  - III. Food festivals are an opportunity to experience unorthodox activities.
  - IV. Food festivals provide employment opportunities.
  - V. Food festivals promote high-class foods.
- (A) Only I, II, and III
  - (B) Only III, IV and V
  - (C) Only I, IV and V
  - (D) I, II, III, IV and V

**Directions (16–20) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Unfortunately, there's altogether too much hype nowadays about the idea that leaders must show concern for their teams. There's nothing worse than seeing a manager return from the latest interpersonal-skills training program with "concern" for others. Real leaders don't need a training program to convince their employees that they care. Real leaders empathize fiercely with the people they lead. They also care intensely about the work their employees do... However, we feel that real leaders manage through a unique approach we call tough empathy different from its counterpart soft empathy as described in so many of the management literature. Tough empathy means giving people what they need, not what they want. Organizations like the Marine Corps and consulting firms specialize in tough empathy.



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Recruits are pushed to be the best that they can be; "grow or go" is the motto. Chris Satterwaite, the CEO of Bell Pottinger Communications and a former chief executive of several ad agencies, understands what tough empathy is all about. He adeptly handles the challenges of managing creative people while making tough decisions. "If I have to, I can be ruthless," he says. "But while they're with me, I promise my people that they'll learn." At its best, tough empathy balances respect for the individual and for the task at hand. Attending to both, however, isn't easy, especially when the business is in survival mode. At such times, caring leaders have to give selflessly to the people around them and know when to pull back. Consider a situation at Unilever at a time when it was developing Persil Power, a detergent that eventually had to be removed from the market because it destroyed clothes that were laundered in it. Even though the product was showing early signs of trouble, CEO Niall FitzGerald stood by his troops. "That was the popular place to be, but I should MBA Wallah not have been there," he says now. "I should have stood back, cool and detached, looked at the whole field, watched out for the customer." But caring with detachment is not easy, especially since, when done right, tough empathy is harder on you than on your employees. "Some theories of leadership make caring look effortless. It isn't," says Paulanne Mancuso, president and CEO of Calvin Klein Cosmetics. "You have to do things you don't want to do, and that's hard." It's tough to be tough. Tough empathy also has the benefit of impelling leaders to take risks. When Greg Dyke took over at the BBC, his commercial competitors were able to spend substantially more on programs than the BBC could. Dyke quickly realized that in order to thrive in a digital world, the BBC needed to increase its expenditures. He explained this openly and directly to the staff. Once he had secured their

buy-in, he began thoroughly restructuring the organization. Although many employees were let go, he was able to maintain people's commitment. Dyke attributed his success to his tough empathy with employees: "Once you have the people with you, you can make the difficult decisions that need to be made." One final point about tough empathy: those more apt to use it are people who really care about something. And when people care deeply about something—anything—they're more likely to show their true selves. They will not only communicate authenticity, which is the precondition for leadership, but they will show that they are doing more than just playing a role. People do not commit to executives who merely live up to the obligations of their jobs. They want more. They want someone who cares passionately about the people and the work—just as they do.

**Q16** How many of the following business world situations can be categorised as leaders opting for "Soft Empathy"?



**Q17** All of the following are the characteristics of "Tough Empathy" EXCEPT?

- (A) It can be more hard than Soft Empathy.
  - (B) It involves the most optimal use of resources.
  - (C)



Tough Empathy rewards people who are willing to take risks.

- (D) The people to pursue tough empathy are attached to something and devote them towards it.

**Q18** "Real leaders" as discussed in the passage would demonstrate all of the following traits EXCEPT?

- (A) Not reluctant to let go people who are not committed to their work/project.  
 (B) Standing by their people through thick and thin.  
 (C) Ensuring that people who are dedicated for work/project are part of the team.  
 (D) Giving the amount of resources to people in which the work can be done instead of giving them in excess.

**Q19** "Popular Place" as mentioned in the statement of Niall FitzGerald (third paragraph) can be best understood as:

- (A) a place where the leader partially supports his/her team members in all situations.  
 (B) a generally perceived situation where most of the leaders stand by their team members despite the assessment of external environment.  
 (C) a situation where leaders generally hide the mistakes of his/her team.  
 (D) a specifically perceived situation in which the product reviewers are right about the criticism of the product while the leader backs his/her team despite the criticism.

**Q20** If the business is fighting for its survival, then which of the following should be demonstrated by its leader, according to the passage?

- (A) The leader should focus on getting the tasks done at any cost.  
 (B)

The leader should focus on aspects of human development while keeping work second fiddle to it.

- (C) The leader should support his/her team members while also ensuring that business goals/objectives should be fulfilled.  
 (D) The leader should morally support his/her team members but should back out when things start deviating from the track.

**Directions (21–25) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The desire to create an improved society seems to be one of the most prominent in philosophy. Thomas More, a social philosopher, envisioned a perfect world in his most celebrated work, Utopia, which shaped philosophical discourse for centuries. Although fundamental, the book was not the first of its type – fantasizing about a better life is a significant part of human existence. For instance, long before More, Plato described an ideal society in the Republic (Sharpe, 2019). Nonetheless, More's vision and the name that he gave to the phenomenon contributed immensely to the idea of an idealized world and shaped modern philosophical tendencies. The original meaning of the word "utopia" accentuates the elusive nature of the notion. The word coined to signify a community with a flawless government can be translated from Greek as "no place," a place that does not or cannot exist (Hodgkinson, 2016). The modern meaning of "utopia" in many aspects coincides with Greek translation. Although the word seems to be chiefly used to mean a perfect state or a place and not necessarily from a political standpoint, its connotative meaning entails a sense of infeasibility or impracticability. From a political perspective, the word becomes utilized to



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speak of an unrealizable state, such as communism. Therefore, the meaning of "utopia" did not change to a tangible extent, as the modern meaning aligns with the one that More assigned to it. Utopia could be closely related to the philosophical school of utilitarianism. The utopian idea of moral and political right and wrong can be thought of as utilitarian, meant to maximize individual and societal well-being. More's Utopian society has several characteristics that are utilitarian: for instance, the book shows that a criminal justice system should be rather rehabilitative than punitive. It is stated that "instead of inflicting these horrible punishments, it would be far more to the point to provide everyone with some means of livelihood" (More, 2001, p. 44). Hence, based on More's Utopia, primarily punitive systems are politically wrong, whereas those that prefer rehabilitation are favored. The notion that to improve society, offenders should be rehabilitated rather than punished is utilitarian in nature. Technological progress could change the idea that a utopian society is unfeasible. Technological utopianism allocates a fundamental role in scientific advancement in achieving a perfect society, particularly regarding social justice (Clint & Cameron, 2016). Even though technological development prompts alarmism, the benefits that it entails eclipse the polarization in viewpoints. Such innovations as genetic engineering, extensive use of solar energy, and universal access to the Internet could alleviate the colossal divide between countries and social classes (Dyson, 1997). For example, access to the Internet in remote places can enhance their financial situation by enabling businesses and farms and connecting them to the current global economy (Dyson, 1997). Thus, despite the polarization to which it contributes, technology is instrumental in completing an immense objective – mitigating social inequity. The objective's significance helps to overcome the

concern regarding polarization. The society that More described in Utopia served as a blueprint for many political activists and possibly tipped history in the direction of somewhat higher social justice. Although the way the word "utopia" is used as a shade of unfeasibility, the current technological advancement could change it. Progress in renewable energy research, genetic manipulations, and communication technologies give a reason to think that the society that More envisioned could be not too removed in time.

**Q21** What is the TONE of the passage?

- (A) Cynical                          (B) Pessimistic  
(C) Neutral                        (D) Optimistic

**Q22** All of the following are supported by the passage, EXCEPT:

1. The desire to create an improved society is a significant topic in philosophy.
  2. Thomas More's Utopia was the first work of its kind to imagine a perfect society.
  3. The original meaning of the word "utopia" implies that a perfect society is unachievable.
  4. Technological progress has the potential to make a utopian society more feasible.
  5. More's Utopian society emphasizes the importance of punitive justice systems for offenders.

(A) Only 1 and 2      (B) Only 1 and 4  
(C) Only 2 and 5      (D) Only 3 and 4

**Q23** What is the main topic discussed in the passage?

- (A) The concept of Utopia and its historical development
  - (B) The relationship between Utopia and the philosophical school of Utilitarianism
  - (C)



The impact of technological progress on the feasibility of Utopia

- (D) The historical significance of Thomas More's Utopia

**Q24** Which of the following cannot be concluded from the passage?

- (A) The society described in Utopia is influenced by utilitarianism.
- (B) The concept of a utopian society is not new and dates back to ancient times.
- (C) The idea of a utopian society is unrealistic and cannot be achieved.
- (D) Technological advancements may bring us closer to realizing a utopian society.

**Q25** Which of the following best describes the relationship between the concept of utopia and the field of philosophy?

- (A) Utopia is a recent concept that has little to do with the history of philosophy.
- (B) The concept of utopia has played an important role in philosophy, particularly in discussions of a perfect society and political morality.
- (C) Utopia is a term that originated in political science and has only recently been taken up by philosophers.
- (D) The concept of utopia is mainly discussed in science fiction and has little relevance to the study of philosophy.

**Directions (26-30) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The proposed research aims to critically assess the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in the Sultanate of Oman to benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX) and evaluate the effectiveness of

existing control measures. Manual tank cleaning is considered the cheapest and most common method in the industry, which at the same time presents significant health related risks to workers. Primarily, hydrocarbon vapor inhalation and sludge contact with skin are the main health hazards associated with tank maintenance. Ineffective safety and control measures regarding hazardous contaminants can cause acute or chronic adverse health effects to the worker due to the presence of carcinogenic elements and risks to the central nervous system. Therefore, it is essential to develop a relevant theoretical framework to determine the impact of BTEX exposure on workers and examine the effectiveness of control measures used in the manual tank cleaning operation. The theoretical framework for this study involves relevant concepts and focuses on the occupational health and safety hazards involved in the crude oil industry in Oman. To address the study's objectives, BETX toxicokinetics will be studied to understand the respiratory, reproductive, neurological, immunological, endocrine, cardiovascular, hepatic, and renal effects of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene, as well as the associated carcinogenic risk. Confounding factors must be established posing additional risks for workers in the crude oil tank cleaning industry. The principle of modified stimulus can be applied to monitoring the workers' activity. Quantitative research was chosen as appropriate for obtaining exact measures and evaluating the occupational BTEX exposure among crude oil tank workers in Oman. It refers to collecting and analyzing data to confirm a thesis and produce generalizable knowledge regarding the causes behind an event or phenomenon (Politano, Walton, and Parrish, 2018). In this study, the sample will include 8-15 workers involved in tank cleaning in one of the oil production sites in Oman. Such a sample size will allow for collecting enough quantitative



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data for statistical analysis and measuring exposure levels. The research methods chosen for this study include airborne active monitoring, biological monitoring, fit test for a respirator, and dermal exposure assessment. With this approach, the researcher will address the problem of occupational health and obtain diversified data for conducting a statistical analysis. To begin with, the active sampling method will be used to collect aerosols and particulates for exposure assessment. Furthermore, urine biological monitoring will be conducted to determine the BTEX contamination level among the workers of Oman's oil tank cleaning sector. A quantitative fit test will assess the tight-fitting respirators in the oil production site to evaluate the quality of protection for workers. Finally, the patch method will be utilized for dermal exposure assessment and evaluating the effectiveness of personal protective equipment (PPE). IHSTAT software will be used to analyze descriptive and inferential statistics. In particular, measuring the central tendency and dispersion will provide insight into exposure levels and the quality of protection provided for crude oil industry workers in Oman. Similarly, the relationship between BTEX contaminants and workers' urine biomarker levels will be determined through principal component analysis. A Chi-square test will be conducted to establish the effectiveness of the current control measures in BTEX exposure. The results will be presented in the form of numbers, graphs, and tables.

**Q26** Which one of the following statements could be inferred as supporting the arguments of the passage?

- (A) Manual tank cleaning is the only method available in the crude oil industry in Oman.
- (B) There are no risks associated with exposure to benzene, toluene,

ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX).

- (C) The study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of existing control measures to protect crude oil tank cleaning workers from exposure to BTEX.
- (D) The sample size for the study will include all the workers involved in tank cleaning in one of the oil production sites in Oman.

**Q27** Which one of the following statements best reflects the main argument of the fourth paragraph of the passage?

- (A) The research methods chosen for this study include airborne active monitoring, biological monitoring, fit test for a respirator, and dermal exposure assessment.
- (B) The principle of modified stimulus can be applied to monitoring the workers' activity in the crude oil tank cleaning industry.
- (C) The proposed research aims to critically assess the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in the Sultanate of Oman to benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX) and evaluate the effectiveness of existing control measures
- (D) The theoretical framework for this study involves relevant concepts and focuses on the occupational health and safety hazards involved in the crude oil industry in Oman.

**Q28** Which one of the following statements best captures the sense of the first paragraph?

- (A) The proposed research aims to evaluate the health hazards associated with manual crude oil tank cleaning in Oman.



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- (B) The proposed research aims to assess the impact of hydrocarbon vapor inhalation and sludge contact on crude oil tank cleaning workers.
- (C) The proposed research aims to assess the effectiveness of existing control measures and assess occupational health risks associated with crude oil tank cleaning.
- (D) The proposed research aims to understand the effects of BTEX contaminants on oil tank cleaning workers in Oman.
- Q29** The author lists all of the following as reasons for critically assessing the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to BTEX except:
- (A) The prevalence of health-related risks associated with manual tank cleaning
- (B) The presence of carcinogenic elements in hazardous contaminants

(C) The need to develop a relevant theoretical framework to determine the impact of BTEX exposure on workers

(D) The effectiveness of control measures used in the manual tank cleaning operation

**Q30** Which of the following can be a logical source of the passage?

- (A) The health hazards and occupational exposure of workers involved in manual tank cleaning in the oil production industry
- (B) The statistical analysis of urine biomarker levels of workers involved in crude oil tank cleaning in Oman
- (C) The effects of crude oil exposure on the environment and wildlife in Oman
- (D) The methods and tools used in the transportation of crude oil in the Middle East



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# Answer Key

Q1 (A)  
Q2 (D)  
Q3 (B)  
Q4 (B)  
Q5 (A)  
Q6 (C)  
Q7 (D)  
Q8 (C)  
Q9 (D)  
Q10 (C)  
Q11 (A)  
Q12 (B)  
Q13 (C)  
Q14 (A)  
Q15 (D)

Q16 (C)  
Q17 (C)  
Q18 (B)  
Q19 (B)  
Q20 (C)  
Q21 (D)  
Q22 (C)  
Q23 (A)  
Q24 (C)  
Q25 (B)  
Q26 (C)  
Q27 (D)  
Q28 (C)  
Q29 (D)  
Q30 (A)



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# Hints & Solutions

## Q1. Text Solution:

### Essence of the question:

This is tone based question. The feelings of the author in his writing and the author's attitude towards the topic, will lead to decide the tone of the author.

### Explanation for the correct answer:

Option A: The tone of the passage is A) critical. The writer is evaluating the Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge restaurant from a visitor's point of view and analyzing its features, services, and quality. The tone is critical because the writer is pointing out the flaws and drawbacks of the restaurant. The following points illustrate the critical tone of the passage:

**Flaws in Service:** The writer mentions that the service is not perfect as expected, and waitresses may forget what the person has ordered, making the waiting time longer. This critique is evident from the following quote: "many reviews on this restaurant prove that waitresses might forget what the person has ordered, and the waiting time is long.

**" High Prices:** The writer criticizes the restaurant for the high prices of the dishes. This is evident from the following quote: "However, the price is relatively high per one dish, which is 27 dollars.

**" Lack of Information:** The writer criticizes the restaurant for not providing enough information about their kitchen equipment and not including photos of the dishes on the menu, making it difficult to choose. This is evident from the following quote: "The restaurant does not give much information about their kitchen equipment; however, it was noticed that pizzettas are prepared in traditional cooking ovens for pizzas. After the research on the Internet, it was investigated that a similar oven is found on eBay, and its price comprises 12,906 euros... However, there are no photos, making a choice blind."

**Uncomfortable Environment:** The writer criticizes the restaurant for the crowded sitting places, making the tenure uncomfortable for guests. This is evident from the following quote: "Furthermore, there are tables for small and big companies, and it makes the tenure uncomfortable because of the crowded sitting places.

**" Recommendations for Improvement:** The writer suggests improvements in customer service, adjusting prices, expanding sitting places, and placing photos of the dishes on the menu. This critique is evident from the following quote: "Therefore, it can be recommended to develop customer service and adjust prices for this restaurant. In addition, it would be great to expand the sitting places because the restaurant may be overloaded with guests, especially on weekends. The last recommendation is to place the pictures of the dishes on the menu for customers to see what they order.

### Explanation for incorrect answers:

B. Appreciative - This option is not correct because the passage has a critical tone and the writer is pointing out the flaws and drawbacks of the restaurant.

C. Ironic - This option is not correct because the passage does not have a sarcastic or humorous tone. The writer is evaluating the restaurant and providing objective feedback based on their experience.

D. Indifferent - This option is not correct because the passage has a critical tone, and the writer is providing specific feedback on the restaurant's features, services, and quality. The recommendations for improvement also demonstrate that the writer is not indifferent but rather actively engaged in providing feedback to improve the restaurant.

### Trap of the Question:



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## **Q2. Text Solution:**

### **Essence of the question:**

This question asks for the style of the passage. The way the author has written the passage, will be his style. We can understand this by looking at vocabulary he used and his arguments.

### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option d: Expository, this style is characterized by explaining or providing information about a particular subject or concept, which matches the style of the passage. It is the correct answer. The passage describes the features and experience of a restaurant and provides recommendations for improvements.

### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: Persuasive, while the passage does make recommendations, it is not trying to persuade the reader to take a specific action.

Option b: Narrative, while there is a sequence of events described in the passage, it is not told in a story format.

Option c: It is not correct because it is providing information about a restaurant and giving an account of the author's personal experience at the restaurant. It also includes specific details about the restaurant's menu, prices, and service, and makes recommendations for improvement.

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contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

## **Q3. Text Solution:**

### **Essence of the question:**

This question asks about food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge. So, the statement which delivers information about it based on the passage, will be our answer. The passage provides insight into the food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge, a fine dining restaurant that focuses on seafood and also offers vegan options. Although the passage does not provide a direct answer to the question, one can infer from the information given that the food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge is satisfactory, but it may not be exceptional or flawless.

### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option b: Option b is a possible inference from the passage because it is mentioned that many reviews suggest that the service is not as perfect as expected. The passage also states that the chosen pizzetta was delicious, but the price was relatively high, which may suggest that the food service is not exceptional or flawless. There are some issues with the service, such as forgetful waitresses and long waiting times, but the food quality is good. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: It is not correct because the passage does not indicate that the food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge is exceptional and flawless. In fact, many reviews suggest that the service may not be perfect, as waitresses often forget orders, and the waiting time is long.

Option c: It is incorrect because although the passage mentions that the prices at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge are relatively high, it does not suggest that they make the restaurant unaffordable for most people. In addition, the passage states that the food quality is good, which may suggest that the prices are justified.



Option d: It can be a possible inference from the passage because it is mentioned that the sitting places can be crowded, which may make the dining experience uncomfortable for guests. However, the passage does not suggest that the food service is inadequate due to the crowded sitting places. In summary, based on the information given in the passage, one can infer that the food service at Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge is satisfactory, but it may not be exceptional or flawless.

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#### **Q4. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

It asks about the menu of Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge, the statement that illustrates it well, will be our answer.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option b: It is the correct answer. The passage states that the menu is divided into subcategories: appetizers, cocktails, entrees, brunch, pizzetta, salads, desserts, and bottle service menus.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: Incorrect. The passage states that the menu can be called table d'hôte because it is relatively big and does not seem to change often.

Option c: It is not correct. The passage states that the menu contains the names of dishes and their prices, however there are no photos, making a choice blind.

Option d: It is Incorrect. The passage states that the restaurant focuses on seafood, but also offers vegan options.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q5. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

There are some issues related to Seaspice Brasserie & Lounge, discussed in the passage. We shall find out them.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option a: It is correct. The passage states that one issue with the restaurant is that the menu does not contain pictures of dishes, which can make it difficult for guests to make a choice. Additionally, the passage mentions that the service is not as perfect as expected, with reviews indicating that waitresses may forget what guests have ordered and the waiting time is long.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option b: It is not entirely correct as the passage describes that the dishes taste delicious, but the price is relatively high, but it is not too high.

Option c: This is not entirely correct as the passage describes that the seating is uncomfortable because of the crowded sitting places and not because of the waitresses.

Option d: It is not entirely correct as the passage describes that the kitchen equipment is not specified but it was noticed that pizzettas are prepared in traditional cooking ovens for pizzas and not that food takes too long to prepare.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

#### **Q6. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

Here we need to find out the statement, that does not deliver true information based on the passage.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option c: The correct answer is option c. The 20th century saw a shift from imperialism to colonialism. The passage states that the 20th century was a time of social and political change across the globe, with the rise of anti-imperialism coinciding with the rise of colonial nationalism. It then goes on to discuss the effects of World War I and the Great Depression, which had global implications. Additionally, the passage states that the 20th century was a time of technological advancements that allowed people to interact regardless of distances or political and cultural differences. However, the passage does not suggest a shift from imperialism to colonialism, which is why this option is the correct answer.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: The passage states that World War I led to the establishment of the mandate system and the victors in the war were restricted from taking over defeated lands in that, this shows that it can be inferred from the passage.

Option b: It is mentioned that the Great Depression was caused by the Great Crash of the American stock market, as it is stated in the passage that 'the American stock market experienced the Great Crash, it affected the rest of the world, leading to the Great Depression', so it cannot be the answer.

Option d: The Internet has allowed people to interact beyond boundaries is also discussed in the passage. So, it can be inferred.

##### **Trap of the Question:**

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elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify the given question or is partially or completely incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

#### **Q7. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

There are some arguments quoted in the passage. We need to choose that option, that does not quote the argument.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option d: Imperialism was replaced with colonialism in the 20th century. The passage states that an anti-imperialist trend was growing in the 20th century, which coincided with a rise of colonial nationalism at the same time. However, the passage does not suggest that imperialism was replaced with colonialism, which is why this option is the correct answer.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: 'The 20th century was the beginning of many social changes', is discussed in the passage. So, this option is mentioned in the passage and it cannot be the answer.

Option b: It is stated 'when the USSR became a major powerhouse, the US was the nation that opposed it the most', thus this is mentioned in the passage and cannot be the answer.

Option c: The Internet has allowed people to interact beyond boundaries is also discussed in the passage. Thus, this cannot be the answer.

##### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q8. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

It is a tone based question. This asks us about the feeling of the author or attitude of writer in



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writing this passage.

#### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option c: Realistic. The passage discusses the events of the 20th century in a factual and non-emotional manner. While it does point out the social and political changes and the effects of previous decades, it does not take a firm stance on any particular issue, which suggests a realistic tone.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: We do not see that the author is shopping for something. Thus, it cannot be the tone of the author.

Option b: The passage does not indicate that the author is ambitious about any issue, so it cannot be the answer.

Option d: Critical tone means fault finding tone, however the passage does not suggest that.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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### **Q9. Text Solution:**

#### **Essence of the question:**

This question asks us the way the author uses to deliver his views and information to readers.

#### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option d: The passage is an expository style, which is defined as a type of writing that is used to explain, inform, or describe a subject. The passage provides an overview of the major social changes and conflicts that occurred in the 20th century and how they continue to affect the world in the 21st century. The writer uses factual information and historical evidence to support their argument and presents the information in a neutral and objective manner.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: Persuasive is not correct because the passage does not attempt to persuade the reader to adopt a particular point of view. The writer presents the information in an objective manner and does not try to convince the reader to agree with a particular viewpoint.

Option b: Descriptive is not correct because the passage does not focus on describing the physical characteristics of a particular place or object. The writer provides an overview of historical events and social changes that occurred in the 20th century.

Option c: Narrative is not correct because the passage is not a story with a plot and characters. The writer provides a factual overview of historical events and social changes that occurred in the 20th century, rather than telling a story. Overall the passage is written in a manner that is objective, informative and neutral, which are the hallmarks of an Expository style.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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### **Q10. Text Solution:**

#### **Essence of the question:**

It asks for the extension of the passage. If the passage is enlarged, then what would be its next line. Based on the topic or issues discussed later on, we can choose the option.

#### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option c: Option c is a plausible answer because the passage talks about how the Cold War had a lasting impact on post-Soviet countries. The text states that even though the USSR fell apart, its history still affects the region. Therefore, this option is not too broad or too narrow, and it is not strange or extreme. It is a



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direct extension of the arguments in the passage.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: It can be eliminated because it is too narrow. The passage mentions that anti-imperialist trends were growing in the 20th century, but it also points out that there were other factors such as the mandate system and World War I that led to changes in perceptions of annexation. Therefore, this option is too narrow to be the most direct extension of the passage.

Option b: It can be eliminated because it is too extreme. The passage states that the American stock market crash of the 1920s affected the rest of the world, leading to the Great Depression, but it does not say that it was the only cause. There were other factors such as bank failures, reduction in purchasing, and international trade policies that contributed to the economic crisis. Therefore, this option is too extreme to be the most direct extension of the passage.

Option d: This is too broad because the passage does not make a claim that this is the only time in history that countries were prevented from annexing defeated lands. It only states that the mandate system declared that annexation was never Allied Forces' intention after World War I. Therefore, this option is too broad to be the most direct extension of the passage. In conclusion, option c is the most direct extension of the arguments in the passage because it is not too broad, too narrow, or too extreme, and it directly relates to the passage's discussion on the lasting impact of the Cold War on post-Soviet countries.

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contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

#### **Q11. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

This question asks us the way the author uses to write the passage.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

The style of the passage is persuasive as it presents arguments, facts and opinions to influence the reader's thoughts about local food festivals as a way of attracting tourists and boosting the local economy. The author uses Lewis' views as evidence to support his argument that local food festivals are essential for the growth of local regions. The passage argues that festivals such as the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival create job opportunities and economic development, invent new cultural views, and provide opportunities for visitors to experience unorthodox activities in an "out of realtime" setting. Hence, option A is correct.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option b: Descriptive is not correct because while the passage does describe the events that take place at the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival, it also presents arguments and opinions to persuade the reader.

Option c: Analytical is not correct because the author does not analyze data or facts to draw conclusions. Instead, the author presents arguments and opinions to persuade the reader.

Option d: Narrative is not correct because the passage does not present a story or chronological events. The author presents arguments and opinions about the significance of local food festivals.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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is partially or completely incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

#### **Q12. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence for the question:**

It asks for the opinion after reading the passage. To resolve this question, we shall focus on the main points and wrap it together in a nutshell.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

The whole passage is focused on discussing the significance of local food festivals, specifically the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival, as a way of bolstering the local economy. Lewis asserts that food festivals are utilized to bolster the local economy. The author mentions that tourism contribution associated with food festivals is essential for the growth of local regions, as it creates needed job opportunities and leads to economic development. The San Joaquin Asparagus Festival is mentioned as an example of a food festival that has raised nearly 1.75 million dollars for area non-profit groups and has generated high levels of profit for promoters. Moreover, the festival has created employment opportunities, generating hundreds of jobs for locals and visitors (as stated on the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival website). The passage also mentions that both the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival and the Boston Seafood Festival are major tourist attractions that generate income for the local government by attracting thousands of visitors who rent hotels, buy food, and participate in various activities. Hence, option b is correct.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: It is not correct because the passage only specifically mentions the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival and the Boston Seafood Festival, but does not suggest that all local food festivals in the United States are the same.

Option c: This is incorrect because the author mentions that local festivals provide a platform

for people to experiment with new cultural behaviors, but this is not the main focus of the passage. The primary emphasis is on the economic benefits of food festivals.

Option d: It is incorrect because while the author mentions that the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival and the Boston Seafood Festival are important tourist attractions that generate income for the local government, this is not the only conclusion that can be drawn from the whole passage. The primary focus of the passage is on the role of food festivals in boosting the local economy, rather than just being tourist attractions.

##### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q13. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

This question is about extension of the passage. Based on the arguments discussed in the passage, we shall choose the statement that could be the direct enlargement of the passage. If the passage is extended then what will be the next statement.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option c: It is the correct answer, as it directly extends the arguments in the passage by stating that tourism contribution associated with food festivals is essential to the growth of local regions and creates job opportunities that lead to economic development. This statement aligns with the author's argument that festivals like the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival bolster the local economy and generate needed job opportunities.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**



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Option a: It can be eliminated using the Narrow principle because the passage clearly states that the festival has raised nearly 1.75 million dollars for area non-profit groups, as well as high levels of profit for promoters, and generates hundreds of jobs for locals and visitors who want to sell their products.

Option b: Using the Alien principle because the passage clearly states that festivals like the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival provide opportunities for everyday people to experience unorthodox indulgences in an "out-of realtime" setting and that these events are a vital motivation for tourists to travel. It cannot be the answer.

Option d: The Extreme principle because the passage clearly states that local festivals provide a sanctuary where different people can interact and learn about each other's cultural perspectives. We can eliminate this option.

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#### **Q14. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

Here we need to give a suitable name to the passage based on the information present in the passage. We shall pay attention to the core ideas presented in the passage, to provide a suitable title.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option a: The Importance of Local Festivals for Economic Development: This title accurately describes the main theme of the passage, which is the contribution of local festivals, such as the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival, to the growth of the local economy. The author argues that these events are essential for job creation

and economic development because they attract tourists and generate income for the region. This title is supported by the statement that the festival has raised nearly 1.75 million dollars for area non-profit groups, and the carnival midway generates hundreds of jobs for locals and visitors.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option b: The Significance of High Class Foods in Tourism: This title is not entirely accurate because it only focuses on one aspect of the festival, which is the celebration of high-class foods. While the author mentions that both the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival and the Boston Seafood event celebrate foods that are considered high class, the main focus of the passage is not solely on the food but on the impact of local festivals on the local economy.

Option c: The Role of Food Festivals in Inventing New Cultural Behaviors: This title accurately captures the author's views on local festivals, but it is not comprehensive enough to describe the entire content of the passage. The author states that these events offer opportunities for individuals to experience unorthodox behaviors and learn about different cultural perspectives. However, this is just one aspect of the passage, and the title does not reflect the main theme of the passage, which is the economic impact of local festivals.

Option d: The Benefits of Tourist Attractions on Local Economies: This title is similar to the correct answer but does not specifically mention local festivals. While the author mentions that local festivals are a major tourist attraction and generate income for the local government, the title does not accurately reflect the main focus of the passage, which is the contribution of local festivals to the growth of the local economy. In conclusion, the best title for the passage is "The Importance of Local Festivals for Economic Development" because it accurately captures the main theme of the passage and reflects the author's arguments



about the contribution of local festivals to the growth of the local economy.

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#### **Q15. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

The author has mentioned some arguments in the passage. We shall search out whether the statements provided in the question are supported by the author or not, for this we shall check whether these statements are based on the arguments mentioned in the passage or not.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

(I) Food festivals are a way to attract tourists and boost the local economy. This argument is supported by the passage. The author states that across the world, destinations are promoting and developing food events as a way of attracting tourists and that tourism contribution associated with food festivals is essential for the growth of local regions. The author also mentions that the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival has raised nearly 1.75 million dollars for area non-profit groups and has high levels of profit for promoters. The festival generates income for the local MBA Wallah government through visitors who rent hotels, buy food, and engage in other activities.

(II) Local food festivals create new cultural behaviors. This argument is also supported by the passage. The author states that local festivals provide a sanctuary for people to interact and learn about each other's cultural perspectives and that the festival creates an environment that allows individuals to invent new cultural behaviors without fear of being

judged harshly. The author mentions that these events offer opportunities for everyday people to experience unorthodox activities in an "out-of-realtime" setting.

(III) Food festivals are an opportunity to experience unorthodox activities. This argument is supported by the passage. The author states that food festivals offer opportunities for everyday people to experience unorthodox activities in an "out-of-realtime" setting and that individuals are free to invent new cultural behaviors without fear of being judged harshly.

(IV) Food festivals provide employment opportunities. This argument is also supported by the passage. The author mentions that the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival generates hundreds of jobs for locals and visitors who want to sell their products and that the midway of fun carnival is one of the several activities that take place during the event.

(V) Food festivals promote high-class foods. This argument is supported by the passage. The author mentions that asparagus is regarded as belonging to individuals in the high-class category and that both the San Joaquin Asparagus Festival and the Boston seafood event celebrate foods that are considered high class. Hence, all of the statements are correct.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q16. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

Here three statements are given, we shall check which statement reflects soft empathy in context of the office environment.



**Explanation for the correct answer:**

First we should analyze what is soft empathy. Soft Empathy can be best understood as leaders standing through thick and thin with their team members and not knowing when to back out when the things go wrong or leaders giving excess leverage to their team members or them providing the people with what they want rather than what they need.

Situation I: The statement talks about a situation where the leader gives leeway to his/her team whereas in tough empathy it is about ensuring the commitments are met. Thus, the situation can be categorized as Soft Empathy.

Situation III: The situation can be considered under Soft Empathy, where the leader supports his/her recruits despite them not meeting the commitments, unlike the case with Tough Empathy.

Thus, both I and III can be categorized under soft empathy. Hence, option c is the correct answer for the question.

**Explanation for incorrect answer:**

Situation II: The situation is clearly of Tough Empathy where things are fixed and there is no scope of flexibility or want.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap lies in the right interpretation and elimination of incorrect options. An incorrect elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify the given question or is partially or completely incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

**Q17. Text Solution:****Essence of the question:**

This is an 'except' category question, here we have to find out an option which does not reflect tough empathy or which is not an attribute of tough sympathy.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option C - Tough Empathy can have risk benefits as can be seen from the passage, however arguing that it rewards people who take risks will be wrong. Hence, the option cannot be said to be the characteristic of Tough Empathy. Thus, it is the correct answer.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option A - The option can be understood from the lines, "But caring with detachment is not easy, especially since, when done right, tough empathy is harder on you than on your employees." Thus, unlike soft empathy, where it is comparably easy to care, hard empathy can be hard to follow. It cannot be the answer.

Option B - Tough Empathy focuses on providing what is necessary and not what an employee wants, thus it pushes an individual to be their best and thus is about the best usage of resources. It is an attribute of tough sympathy.

Option D - Option d is also true. It can be interpreted that the people who pursue Tough Empathy really care about something, thus it can be considered as a characteristic of tough empathy that people who are truly devoted in something pursue it.

**Trap of the Question:**

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**Q18. Text Solution:****Essence of the question:**

The author has discussed traits of real leaders in the passage. In this question we need to choose an option that does not present features of a real leader.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

We shall discuss real leaders first. Real Leaders in the passage are referred to as people who manage through Tough Empathy.



Option B: As discussed in the third paragraph of the passage through the case-based example of Unilever, real leaders know when to back off. Thus, they may not stick through thick and thin with their people as they practice tough empathy and are committed to the work as they are committed to the people. Thus, this is the correct answer.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option A: The example in the passage of Greg Dyke of BBC serves to drive home the point that real leaders are committed to their work/projects and once they have the trust of their people, they can be strict on people who are not committed. Thus, option a is true.

Option C: Since the Real leaders manage through Tough Empathy, they are committed to their work and have similar people on board. They, thus let go people who are not as committed.

Option D: The option is explicitly stated in the passage and as the real leaders manage through tough empathy, they must follow option D.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q19. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

This question asks us to identify the term 'popular place' mentioned in the passage in its third paragraph. We shall see the term popular place is used to represent which thing.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option B: Refer to the lines, "Even though the product was showing early signs of trouble, CEO Niall FitzGerald stood by his troops. "That

was the popular place to be, but I should not have been there," he says now. "I should have stood back, cool and detached, looked at the whole field, watched out for the customer." Popular place here refers to a situation in which generally most of the leaders support their team members despite the assessment of external environment, and that demonstrates their ability to stick to their people through thick and thin. Thus, this option mirrors the above explanation and is the answer for the question.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option A - The option states that the leader partially supports the team members, which is not true as the leader here would support in any kind of situation.

Option C - It is not necessarily about hiding the mistakes of team members, it can also be about excessively supporting team members when clearly their work is affecting the work of other team members, thus, the option is restrictive and inferior to option b.

Option D - the option can be eliminated the Popular Place cannot be attributed as a specific situation.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q20. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

As the passage discusses leadership in business, here we shall check which characteristic is demonstrated by its leader, when the business is struggling for survival.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option C: Refer to the lines, "At such times, caring leaders have to give selflessly to the people around them and know when to pull



back." Thus, at such times the leader has to ensure they s/he supports the people while also ensuring that it doesn't impact the end goals/outputs. This option reflects the above explanation and is the answer to the question.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option A - The option can be easily eliminated as it presents an extreme situation and doesn't talk about the role of a leader to support their team members.

Option B - The option, again, is an extreme option and can be eliminated as the work cannot be second fiddle to human development otherwise the start-up may not exist altogether as it is already battling for survival.

Option D - The option is slightly distorted as it brings an element of subjectivity. The option states that the leader should back off when things go slightly out of track, which is ambiguous. When we compare it to option c, it is inferior to it as option c is much more precise. Hence, this option can be eliminated.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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### **Q21. Text Solution:**

#### **Essence of the question:**

This is tone based question. We shall analyze the feeling and attitude of the author while writing the passage in order to resolve this question.

#### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option d: The tone of the passage is optimistic as it presents the idea of creating an improved society as being one of the most prominent in philosophy, with a focus on the possibility of achieving this goal through technological

advancements. The passage notes that Thomas More's vision of a utopian society in his work "Utopia" has had a significant impact on philosophical discourse and that this utopian idea can be closely related to the philosophical school of utilitarianism, which seeks to maximize individual and societal well-being. The author also mentions that technological progress could change the idea that a utopian society is unfeasible and that technological utopianism plays a significant role in scientific advancement towards a perfect society. The author highlights the benefits of technological innovations such as genetic engineering, solar energy, and universal access to the Internet in alleviating the divide between countries and social classes, and thus mitigating social inequity. The author also notes that progress in renewable energy research, genetic manipulations, and communication technologies give reason to believe that the society described in "Utopia" could be a reality in the near future. As the author presents the idea of creating an improved society as being possible and highlights the role that technological advancements can play in achieving this goal, thus this is the correct answer.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: Cynical is not correct as the tone of the passage is not characterized by doubt, skepticism, or mistrust. There is no evidence in the passage of the author expressing doubt or skepticism about the possibility of achieving a utopian society.

Option b: Pessimistic is not correct as the tone of the passage is not characterized by negativity, despair, or hopelessness. The author does not express any negative or despairing thoughts about the possibility of achieving a utopian society, but rather presents the idea in a positive and hopeful light.

Option c: Neutral is not correct as the tone of the passage is not characterized by impartiality



or detachment. The author presents a clear perspective and makes a case for the potential benefits of technological advancements in creating a utopian society, which is not impartial or detached.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q22. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

Here five statements are given. We need to check which option does not deliver the true information based on the passage.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

The passage primarily discusses the concept of a utopian society and its significance in philosophy. It mentions several works, including Plato's Republic and Thomas More's Utopia, that present ideas of an ideal society. The passage also states that the original meaning of the word "utopia" suggests that a perfect society is unachievable. It discusses the utilitarian aspects of More's Utopian society, which suggests that rehabilitation of offenders is preferable to punitive measures. Finally, the passage discusses how technological progress has the potential to make a utopian society more feasible.

Statement-2 is not supported by the passage. The passage mentions that Plato's Republic was written before Thomas More's Utopia and that More's work was not the first of its kind to imagine a perfect society.

Statement-5 is not supported by the passage. The passage states that More's Utopian society emphasizes the importance of rehabilitation for offenders rather than punitive measures. The passage states, "primarily punitive systems are

politically wrong, whereas those that prefer rehabilitation are favored." Therefore, Statement-2 and 5 are the correct answer, as they are the only statement that is not supported by the passage.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Statement-1 is supported by the passage, as the passage states that the desire to create an improved society is a prominent topic in philosophy. The author mentions several works, including Thomas More's Utopia and Plato's Republic, that have contributed to the discourse on creating an ideal society.

Statement-3 is supported by the passage.

"The word coined to signify a community with a flawless government can be translated from Greek as "no place," a place that does not or cannot exist (Hodgkinson, 2016). The modern meaning of "utopia" in many aspects coincides with Greek translation. Although the word seems to be chiefly used to mean a perfect state or a place and not necessarily from a political standpoint, its connotative meaning entails a sense of infeasibility or impracticability." It is explained how the meaning of the word is derived from 'no place' and its connotative meaning entails a sense of infeasibility.

Statement-4 is supported by the passage. The passage states that technological progress has the potential to make a utopian society more feasible. The author mentions several technological advancements, such as genetic engineering and renewable energy research, that could help mitigate social inequities and bring us closer to a utopian society.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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**Q23. Text Solution:****Essence of the question:**

This question asks the core idea discussed in the passage. We shall analyze the focus of the author throughout the passage.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option a: The concept of Utopia and its historical development is the main topic discussed in the passage. The passage begins by mentioning Thomas More as a social philosopher who envisioned a perfect world in his most celebrated work, Utopia. It then explains the original meaning of the word "utopia" and how it evolved over time. The passage also mentions Plato, who described an ideal society in Republic, and highlights how More's vision and the name that he gave to the phenomenon contributed immensely to the idea of an idealized world and shaped modern philosophical tendencies. Therefore, this is the correct answer.

**Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option b: The relationship between Utopia and the philosophical school of Utilitarianism is discussed in the passage but is not the main topic. The passage MBA Wallah mentions that Utopia could be closely related to the philosophical school of utilitarianism, as the utopian idea of moral and political right and wrong can be thought of as utilitarian, meant to maximize individual and societal well-being. However, this is not the main focus of the passage, as the main focus is on the concept of Utopia and its historical development.

Option c: The impact of technological progress on the feasibility of Utopia is discussed in the passage but is not the main topic. The passage mentions that technological progress could change the idea that a utopian society is unfeasible and that technological utopianism allocates a fundamental role in scientific advancement in achieving a perfect society, particularly regarding social justice. The

benefits of technological development, such as genetic engineering, extensive use of solar energy, and universal access to the Internet, are also discussed in the context of mitigating social inequity. However, this is not the main focus of the passage, as the main focus is on the concept of Utopia and its historical development.

Option d: The historical significance of Thomas More's Utopia is discussed in the passage but is not the main topic. The passage mentions that the society that More described in Utopia served as a blueprint for many political activists and possibly tipped history in the direction of somewhat higher social justice. However, this is not the main focus of the passage, as the main focus is on the concept of Utopia and its historical development.

**Trap of the Question:**

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**Q24. Text Solution:****Essence of the question:**

This question asks to choose an option that does not show conclusion based on the passage. The statement that cannot be considered as a conclusion, will be the answer.

**Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option C: The idea of a utopian society is unrealistic and cannot be achieved. Incorrect. The passage mentions that the original meaning of the word "utopia" accentuates the elusive nature of the notion, as it can be translated from Greek as "no place," a place that does not or cannot exist. However, the passage also states that technological progress could change the idea that a utopian society is unfeasible and that technological



utopianism allocates a fundamental role in scientific advancement in achieving a perfect society. Therefore, option c is the answer to the given as it contradicts information presented in the passage about the possibility of a utopian society being achieved through technological advancements.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option A: The society described in Utopia is influenced by utilitarianism. Correct. The passage states that the utopian idea of moral and political right and wrong can be thought of as utilitarian, meaning it is meant to maximize individual and societal well-being. The notion that to improve society, offenders should be rehabilitated rather than punished is also said to be utilitarian in nature.

Option B: The concept of a utopian society is not new and dates back to ancient times. Correct. The passage mentions that Thomas More, a social philosopher, envisioned a perfect world in his most celebrated work, Utopia, which shaped philosophical discourse for centuries. It also mentions that long before More, Plato described an ideal society in Republic.

Option D: Technological advancements may bring us closer to realizing a utopian society. Correct. The passage mentions that technological progress could change the idea that a utopian society is unfeasible and that technological utopianism allocates a fundamental role in scientific advancement in achieving a perfect society. It also mentions that innovations such as genetic engineering, extensive use of solar energy, and universal access to the Internet could alleviate the colossal divide between countries and social classes, and that despite the polarization to which it contributes, technology is instrumental in mitigating social inequity. The significance of the objective helps to overcome the concern regarding polarization.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q25. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

It asks us to find out the relationship between the concept of utopia and the field of philosophy. The statement that delivers this link in the best possible way, will be the answer.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option B: The passage discusses the importance of the concept of utopia in the field of philosophy, specifically in discussions of a perfect society and political morality. Thomas More's Utopia, for example, is mentioned as a significant work that has shaped philosophical discourse for centuries. Plato's Republic is also cited as an example of a text that describes an ideal society. While the concept of utopia may have been present in human thought MBA Wallah long before these works were written, the passage suggests that they played a significant role in shaping modern philosophical tendencies. Hence, option b is correct.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option A: It is incorrect because the passage explicitly states that the concept of utopia has shaped philosophical discourse for centuries, suggesting that it has been an important part of the history of philosophy.

Option C: This is incorrect because the passage explains that the word "utopia" originally referred to a community with a flawless government, a concept that is political in nature. However, the passage also notes that the meaning of utopia has evolved to encompass the idea of a perfect state or place more generally. Therefore, it is not accurate to say that the term originated in political science.



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Option D: It is not correct because the passage discusses the relevance of the concept of utopia in philosophy, not science fiction. While the passage does suggest that technological advancements could make a utopian society more feasible, it is clear that the topic is being discussed in a philosophical context.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q26. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

Here we need to find out the statement that supports the arguments mentioned in the passage. We shall check which statement provides information based on the arguments of the passage.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option c: The passage clearly indicates that the proposed research aims to assess the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to BTEX and evaluate the effectiveness of existing control measures. The passage also highlights the health risks associated with manual tank cleaning, including hydrocarbon vapor inhalation and sludge contact with the skin. Therefore, it can be inferred that the study's primary objective is to examine the effectiveness of existing control measures to mitigate these risks. Option c is the correct answer because the passage explicitly mentions that the proposed research aims to evaluate the effectiveness of existing control measures regarding hazardous contaminants that can cause acute or chronic adverse health effects to workers. The study aims to develop a relevant theoretical framework to determine the impact of BTEX exposure on workers and

examine the effectiveness of control measures used in manual tank cleaning operations. Therefore, option c supports the arguments of the passage.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: It is incorrect because the passage does not indicate that manual tank cleaning is the only method available in the crude oil industry in Oman. It merely states that manual tank cleaning is the cheapest and most common method.

Option b: This is also incorrect because the passage clearly states that exposure to BTEX presents significant health risks to workers, including carcinogenic elements and risks to the central nervous system. Therefore, it cannot be inferred that there are no risks associated with exposure to BTEX.

Option d: This is not correct because the passage states that the sample size for the study will include 8-15 workers involved in tank cleaning in one of the oil production sites in Oman, not all the workers involved in tank cleaning in Oman.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q27. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

Based on the fourth paragraph, we have to find out the author's point of view discussed in it. The statement that reflects the author's claim, will be the answer.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option d: The fourth paragraph of the passage discusses the theoretical framework for the proposed research. The main argument of this paragraph is that the theoretical framework



involves relevant concepts and focuses on the occupational health and safety hazards involved in the crude oil industry in Oman. The paragraph further explains that to address the study's objectives, BETX toxicokinetics will be studied to understand the respiratory, reproductive, neurological, immunological, endocrine, cardiovascular, hepatic, and renal effects of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene, as well as the associated carcinogenic risk. Confounding factors must be established posing additional risks for workers in the crude oil tank cleaning industry. The principle of modified stimulus can be applied to monitoring the workers' activity. Therefore, option d is the correct answer as it best reflects the main argument of the fourth paragraph.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: It is incorrect because it only lists the research methods chosen for the study, without providing any information on the main argument of the paragraph.

Option b: This is not correct because it only mentions one of the concepts that will be used for monitoring MBA Wallah workers' activity and does not address the main argument of the paragraph.

Option c: It is not correct because it only restates the objective of the proposed research, which was already discussed in the first paragraph, and does not reflect the main argument of the fourth paragraph.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q28. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

This question asks for the overall observation of the first paragraph. We shall analyze the first paragraph meaning to resolve this question.

#### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option c: The correct answer is option c. The first paragraph of the passage introduces the proposed research study that aims to critically assess the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to BTEX and evaluate the effectiveness of existing control measures. The paragraph highlights that manual tank cleaning is the cheapest and most common method in the industry, which presents significant health-related risks to workers. The paragraph emphasizes the need to develop a relevant theoretical framework to determine the impact of BTEX exposure on workers and examine the effectiveness of control measures used in the manual tank cleaning operation. Therefore, option c is the best answer because it accurately captures the sense of the first paragraph and encompasses the entire scope of the proposed research study, which is to evaluate the effectiveness of existing control measures to prevent exposure to BTEX contaminants and assess the occupational health risks associated with crude oil tank cleaning in Oman.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: It is incorrect because it only focuses on evaluating the health hazards associated with manual crude oil tank cleaning in Oman, but it does not encompass the whole scope of the proposed research study, which aims to assess the effectiveness of existing control measures to prevent exposure to hazardous contaminants.

Option b: This is not correct because it only focuses on the two main health hazards associated with tank maintenance, hydrocarbon vapor inhalation and sludge contact with skin, and the development of a theoretical framework to evaluate control measures used in the industry. However, the



proposed study goes beyond just these two health hazards and includes BTEX contaminants and other confounding factors. Option d: This is incorrect because although the theoretical framework will be developed to understand the respiratory, reproductive, neurological, immunological, endocrine, cardiovascular, hepatic, and renal effects of BTEX contaminants on crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman, the proposed research study encompasses more than just developing the theoretical framework. It also includes evaluating the effectiveness of existing control measures and assessing the occupational health risks associated with crude oil tank cleaning in Oman.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q29. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

The author has discussed some reasons for critically assessing the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman. We need to choose that statement which does not show the reason.

##### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

Option d: In the passage, the author discusses the proposed research that aims to assess the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to BTEX and evaluate the effectiveness of existing control measures. The author mentions several reasons for critically assessing the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to BTEX, including the prevalence of health-related risks associated with manual tank cleaning, the presence of carcinogenic

elements in hazardous contaminants, and the need to develop a relevant theoretical framework to determine the impact of BTEX exposure on workers. However, the author does not mention the effectiveness of control measures used in the manual tank cleaning operation as a reason for critically assessing the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to BTEX. Therefore, option d is the correct answer to the question.

##### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option a: It is incorrect because the author explicitly states that the prevalence of health-related risks associated with manual tank cleaning is one of the reasons for critically assessing the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to BTEX.

Option b: This is not correct because the author explicitly states that the presence of carcinogenic elements in hazardous contaminants is one of the reasons for critically assessing the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to BTEX.

Option c: It is not correct because the author explicitly states that the need to develop a relevant theoretical framework to determine the impact of BTEX exposure on workers is one of the reasons for critically assessing the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to BTEX.

##### **Trap of the Question:**

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#### **Q30. Text Solution:**

##### **Essence of the question:**

Here we need to find out from where the passage has been taken. Based on the



information discussed, we shall choose the suitable option.

#### **Explanation for the correct answer:**

The passage discusses the proposed research study to critically assess the occupational exposure of crude oil tank cleaning workers in Oman to benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX) and evaluate the effectiveness of existing control measures. The study aims to develop a relevant theoretical framework to determine the impact of BTEX exposure on workers and examine the effectiveness of control measures used in the manual tank cleaning operation. The passage further discusses the theoretical framework, research methods, and statistical analysis of data for the proposed study. Therefore, option a is the correct answer as the passage's logical source is the health hazards and occupational exposure of workers involved in manual tank cleaning in the oil production industry.

#### **Explanation for incorrect answers:**

Option b: It is incorrect as the statistical analysis of urine biomarker levels of workers is only one of the research methods discussed in the passage to determine the BTEX

contamination level among the workers of Oman's oil tank cleaning sector. It does not constitute the main logical source of the passage.

Option c: It is not correct as the passage does not discuss the effects of crude oil exposure on the environment and wildlife in Oman. The passage is focused on the occupational health and safety hazards involved in the crude oil industry in Oman.

Option d: This is not correct as the passage does not discuss the methods and tools used in the transportation of crude oil in the Middle East. The passage is focused on the health hazards and occupational exposure of workers involved in manual tank cleaning in the oil production industry.

#### **Trap of the Question:**

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