

MBA Pioneer Pro 2024

Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

DPP: 3

Types of Questions Asked in RC

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

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One is watching the news or reading the latest article from Forbes, and you see the terms "business" and "economics" used interchangeably; one may wonder about the differences. Business and economics are similar in that they are supplements to each other, both dealing with the process of creating products and services and selling them to generate output. These are fields of study that are closely related and include a range of shared subtopics, such as enterprises, marketing, finance, manufacturing, and banking. Both are social sciences that focus on financial measurement and analysis, focusing on variables that impact the market and also focus on short- and long-term projections, as well as the inner workings of various industries. Finally, both business and economics tend to focus on various problems facing the nation, its citizens, government, and private enterprises (Vaidya). However, there are some differences between economics and business, which are based on their conceptual purpose. Economics is a study focusing on understanding human behavior and, in turn, how that reflects on the broader economic elements of whole nations. Meanwhile, business is aimed at studying the process of the exchange of goods and money

specifically, and all the related elements starting from production to the final sale, and how a specific enterprise fulfills this process. It can be argued that business is a subset of economics, as the human behavior in that exchange of goods is a point of focus (Casson). A major difference is in concepts, economics deals with theories and broad elements of the economy, such as supply and demand, interest rate, and international trade. While these undoubtedly impact business, both individual entities and as a field of study, business focuses on the process of wealth creation within the context of the economy and typically applies practical theories. Economics focuses on and attempts to maximize the welfare of society, while business is centered on its shareholders. Both face different issues, with economics encompassing poverty, unemployment, taxation, and federal expenditure, while business focuses on product positioning and differentiation, marketing, growth or lack thereof of profitability, and individual or industry performance (Gitman et al.). While business and economics share many commonalities, their conceptual and practical differences make them distinct sciences.

Q1 All of the following can be inferred from the passage, EXCEPT:

- (A) Economics is a study that focuses on understanding human behavior.
- (B)



Economics attempts to maximize the welfare of society.

- (C) Business focuses on product positioning and differentiation.
(D) Business is centered on its shareholders.

Q2 What is the tone of the passage?

- (A) Positive (B) Negative
(C) Neutral (D) Sarcastic

Q3 What is the author's style of writing in the passage?

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

Q4 What inference can be drawn from the passage about the relationship between business and economics?

- (A) Business and economics are completely unrelated fields.
(B) Business is a subset of economics.
(C) Economics is a subset of business.
(D) Business and economics are entirely different fields.

Q5 What is the main difference in focus between economics and business according to the passage?

- I. Economics focuses on understanding human behavior while business focuses on the process of exchange of goods and money.
II. Business focuses on maximizing the welfare of society while economics is centered on its shareholders.
III. Economics deals with theories and broad elements of the economy while business focuses on practical application.
IV. Business and economics focus on

different issues with business focusing on product positioning and differentiation and economics focusing on poverty and unemployment.

- (A) I & II are correct
(B) I & III are correct
(C) II & IV are correct
(D) I, III & IV are correct

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

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

A Western scholarship has distorted the long history of African culture for centuries, and many of its basic principles have been viewed through the lens of colonization. As a result, the ideas and tenets of African philosophy have been appropriated and changed in value from the inherent parts of people's nature into commodities. In their works, p'Bitek and Marimba discuss such concepts as culture, spirituality, and philosophy of African nations and how Western ideology has reshaped their presentation without fully understanding their meaning. The commodification of African culture and the imposition of European views on the distinction between culture and philosophy, religion and spirituality have disrupted African people's ability to self-identify. The ideas by scholars show that African culture does not distinguish itself from philosophy or drive a line between reality and the spiritual nature of one's being. European culture is presented as pragmatism and commodifying – it turns pieces of life that are meant to be used into objects for observation. p'Bitek writes that culture turns from "the way of life of a people" into "something that is bought and sold" ("What



is Culture?" 14). As a result, younger generations of Africans, especially those living in Western countries, see their culture as a collection of souvenirs, not parts of everyday life. At the same time, they are subjected to the Western religions praising poverty and individualism (p'Bitek, "Man Born Unfree" 21). Ani notes that African Americans suffer as they do not feel connected enough to traditional African society but feel a divide between themselves and European identity (49). Such disconnect leads to people losing their communal and generational identification. The readings discussed above show that African and European ideologies clash in many ways, and the latter assumes control over the presentation of the former. As a result, generations of people are removed from their culture, losing it or seeing through the distorted lens of commodification. African culture is inherently linked to philosophy, spirituality, living in the moment, and seeing the richness of life. However, it is turned into a tourist attraction, and its people are forced to perceive it through the eyes of foreigners, losing their inherent link to history and nature.

- Q6** What can be inferred from the passage about the impact of Western scholarship on African culture?
- (A) It has been positive, providing new perspectives and insights.
 - (B) It has been neutral, providing an unbiased view of African culture.
 - (C) It has been negative, distorting the true nature of African culture and disrupting the ability of African people to self-identify.
 - (D) It has been negligible, having little impact on the understanding of African

culture.

- Q7** What can be inferred from the passage about the relationship between European culture and African culture?
- (A) European culture has positively influenced African culture.
 - (B) European culture and African culture have a neutral relationship.
 - (C) African culture has had little impact on European culture.
 - (D) European culture has imposed its views on African culture.
- Q8** What is the tone of the passage?
- (A) Positive
 - (B) Neutral
 - (C) Negative
 - (D) Sarcastic
- Q9** Which of the following best describes the style of the passage?
- (A) Persuasive
 - (B) Descriptive
 - (C) Narrative
 - (D) Analytical
- Q10** Which of the following, if TRUE, would WEAKEN the argument that European culture has distorted and imposed its values on traditional African culture?
- (A) African culture has been successfully commodified and is seen as souvenirs by younger generations.
 - (B) African-Americans feel a strong connection to traditional African culture.
 - (C) European cultures praise poverty and individualism.
 - (D) African culture is historically linked to philosophy and spirituality.



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

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In Chile, the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research has begun to debate a “neurorights” bill to be written into the country’s constitution. The world, and most importantly the OECD, UNESCO and the United Nations, should be watching closely. The Chilean bill sets out to protect the right to personal identity, free will, mental privacy, equitable access to technologies that augment human capacities, and the right to protection against bias and discrimination. The landmark bill would be the first of its kind to pioneer a regulatory framework which protects human rights from the manipulation of brain activity. The relatively nascent concept of neurorights follows a number of recent medical innovations, most notably brain computer interface technology (BCI), which has the potential to revolutionize the field of neuroscience. BCI based therapy may be useful for poststroke motor rehabilitation and may be a potential method for the accurate detection and treatment of neurological diseases such as Alzheimer’s. Advocates claim there is therefore a moral imperative to use the technology, given the benefits it could bring; others worry about its ethical, moral and societal consequences. Many (mistakenly) see this process as being potentially undermined by premature governance restrictions, or accuse any mention of brake mechanisms as an exaggerated reaction to an unlikely science-fiction scenario. However, if there is to be any doubt as to why regulatory frameworks need to be put in place, we must examine, not only the speed of

progression and normalization of disruptive technologies, but also the promotional half-truths that surround these new technological advancements. In a similar manner to the evolution of external, non invasive artificial intelligence, we need to find ways to navigate the complex regulatory dynamics around privacy, liability authenticity, fairness and autonomy that exist on a human, economic, societal and geopolitical level. This needs to be done while allowing room for the science to evolve, and while mitigating incorrect or implausible expectations about what potential therapies might achieve. Though we are making great progress in the health care sector, we must recognize that innovative milestones will be translated across the board and enter into commercialized consumer markets for the purposes of video games and self health monitoring. This will generate enormous amounts of valuable data (some accurate, some erroneous), which will be in the hands of the companies that own this technology, which would benefit from this access in much the way Google has through its DeepMind program. This prospect raises concerning questions about the huge amounts of data that will be churned out by electroencephalograms or invasive devices, and collected by the corporations behind them. Issues around safeguarding, accessibility and corporate monopolies run parallel with the concerns some institutions have raised around tech giants and AI. Neurotechnology also brings to the fore the added layer of epigenetic consequences, neuropsychiatric complications, and biohacking. This is why the concept of ethical innovations is so important. As outlined by the Neurorights Initiative set up by Colombia University, ethical guidelines should prompt



researchers and practitioners to recognize personal accountability for the societal impacts of their innovations. Some have gone so far as to advocate for a set of principles on the permissible uses and misuses of neurotechnology, followed by the drafting of a user bill of rights. However, technological frameworks, while much discussed, have proved mostly ineffectual when put into practice, even in the established fields of AI and data, which already shape millions of lives. Chile's debate is a landmark one, not just in its own jurisdiction but for the world. . .

- Q11** All of the following are the reasons behind being conscious and careful about the growing development in the field of Neuroscience (Neurotechnology) EXCEPT?
- (A) Data privacy may not be respected as the technology progresses.
 - (B) The frameworks providing a working mechanism of technological advancements when applied in the real world have gaps in their mode of working.
 - (C) The invasive technological advancements are delving deep into the world of information collection.
 - (D) The added challenges other than the traditional data related challenges that growth in neurotechnology brings with it.
- Q12** Which of the following best describes the reason for the world to watch closely the debate on Neurorights in Chile?
- (A) The prevailing technology could disrupt data privacy and manipulation to a different level.
 - (B)

The corporate monopolies could exaggerate if stricter action is not taken in different parts of the world.

- (C) The future will have more such disruptive technologies, thus the need to act in synergy is more important than before.
- (D) The power cannot be handed to a select few as they can manipulate the general human behaviour.

Q13 Which of the following is TRUE based on the passage?

- I. The author of the passage advocates the draft on the laws on neurorights.
 - II. Neurological diseases like Alzheimer's is on the brink of cure thanks to the advancements in Neurotechnology.
 - III. Personal identity data breach is not relevant in most of the world except for Chile and a couple of organizations.
- (A) Only I
 - (B) Only II and III
 - (C) Only I and II
 - (D) Only I and III

Q14 Why is the concept of Ethical Innovation important?

- (A) It sets the standard for further innovation in a specific field.
- (B) It ensures that corporate monopolies do not exist.
- (C) It provides a framework to a researcher to safeguard personal digital space of an individual that could otherwise be breached.
- (D) It provides certain guiding principles to a researcher that highlights the importance of privacy of an individual.



Q15 Which of the following best depict the similarity between AI and recent advancements in Neurotechnology?

- (A) Both have their data collected by a select few companies.
- (B) The laws regarding both are difficult to be comprehended.
- (C) The psychological impact both the technologies have is often overlooked.
- (D) Both have the ability to affect millions of lives.

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

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Iran is a theocratic republic in the Middle East (ME) and one of the most controversial states in the region. A diverse population includes many ethnicities, such as Persian, Azerbaijani, Gilaki, and others, being a significant factor contributing to the development of the highly divided society with the various interests and political aspirations. The continuous instability in the state, the efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction as well as Iran's connection to the terrorist groups, give plausible reasons to discuss its sponsoring of global terrorism. This essay will analyze the reasons for Iran's involvement, the state's foreign policy, and its support for the specific terrorist groups, which influence the ME as well as the whole world. Due to the particular features of the theocratic regimes, in the case of Iran, the inclination towards terrorism can be explained by two pillars of the Islamic doctrine underlying the constitution. Firstly, the obligation to support jihad – the holy war waged on behalf of Islam as a religious duty (Merriam-Webster, n.d.).

Secondly, the mission to spread the Muslim faith, which is expressed in backing the proxy organizations. Since the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1979 as a result of the Iranian Revolution prepared by the Mujahedin-e-Khalq (MEK), the secular regime of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was overthrown. Thus, the Islamic principles in the regime started to play an even more crucial guiding role under the religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini. Beyond the above mentioned Islamic motives, the critical implications for Iran's foreign policy conclude in the anti US and anti-Israel actions, posing a threat to their citizens. In Bush's speech in 2002, he named Iran an 'axis of evil,' thus, accusing the state of the hostility. However, already in 1989, after Khomeini's call to kill Rushdie, the British author, the relations between the Western powers and Iran were not favorable. According to Spindlove&Simonsen (2018), the US considers Iran the main sponsor of terrorism and indicates the impossibility of establishing normal relations between the states until the changes in Iran's behavior. The relations with the state in the region are complicated by the propagation of Islam as well as by the explicit desire to destroy Israel. The specific examples of Iran's involvement in sponsoring international terrorism can be observed in the ME region and the West. Iran assisted Hamas and Palestine Islamic Jihad (PIJ) with the weapons, training, and resources, whereas the primary beneficiary of Iran's support for terror has been Lebanese Hezbollah. The attack on the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, the violation of Arab-Israeli armistices, and interference almost in every state of the region are clear examples of the state-sponsored terrorism in the Middle East,



contributing to the continuous turmoil in the area. The Qods Force is another prominent actor providing military assistance in troubled regions, including espionage and assassination. As for the terrorism outside the region, Iran has a connection with 9/11, as it was the original source of the Commission Report. Their aiding and abetting Al Qaeda and the engagement of Hezbollah in the attack led to one of the most disastrous terrorist attacks in the Western world. To conclude, Iran's involvement in international terrorism is undeniable and can be explained through different factors, with special attention to the government's Islamic regime. The actions of the state in the Middle East as well as outside of the region led to countless wars, revolutions, and deaths, contributing to the destabilization of the world order.

Q16 What is the tone of the passage?

- (A) Positive (B) Neutral
- (C) Negative (D) Objective

Q17 What is the style of the passage?

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

Q18 What can be inferred from the passage about the involvement of Iran in international terrorism?

- (A) Iran is not involved in international terrorism.
- (B) Iran's involvement is limited to the Middle East region.
- (C) Iran's involvement is backed by its theocratic regime.
- (D) Iran's involvement is not clear.

Q19

What can be inferred from the passage about the relationship between the US and Iran?

- (A) The US and Iran have a positive relationship.
- (B) The US and Iran have a neutral relationship.
- (C) The US and Iran have a hostile relationship.
- (D) The passage does not provide information about the relationship between the US and Iran.

Q20 Which of the following best describes the paradox presented in the passage regarding Iran's foreign policy?

- (A) Iran's efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction while also trying to prevent global terrorism.
- (B) Iran's support for Islamic principles and its anti-US and anti-Israel actions.
- (C) Iran's desire to spread the Muslim faith while also engaging in state-sponsored terrorism.
- (D) Iran's involvement in international terrorism while also trying to maintain stability in the region.

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

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Negro spirituals are songs composed by Africans who were abducted and transported to the United States to be sold into slavery. While they were stripped of their languages, families, and culture, their masters could not take away their musical characteristics. A negro spiritual known as Ring Shout uniquely expresses African Christianity. Ring Shout is



characterized by hand clapping, footsteps, and other percussion accompanying the lush orchestral singing of the leader and chorus in this folk spiritual. It has a highly stylized religious dance in which participants dance in counter-clockwise circuits (blackhistorywalks 6:24). In the United States, the term "spiritual" is most closely connected with the racial oppression of African Americans. In terms of traditional music, the African American spiritual, also referred to as the Negro Spiritual, is among the most significant and most prominent cultural practices (blackhistorywalks). A few well-known spirituals are Wallis Willis' Swing low, dear chariot, and Deep down my heart. (African American Spirituals). The word "spiritual" comes from a King James Bible conversion of Ephesians 5:19: "Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs and singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord." (African American Spirituals). African slaves held "praise houses" and outdoor assemblies titled bush or camp meetings, and brush arbor meetings where they met informally to discuss their conditions of slavery (African American Spirituals). There were ecstatic trances at the gatherings where people would sing, chant and dance. Enslaved Africans sang about their plight to the American slave lords through the spiritual hymns (blackhistorywalks 5:34). Slave lords let their slaves follow certain Eurocentric religious rituals, even though they did not have the right to free speech. However, they had no idea that a rich culture full of outstanding and complex songs would arise from that, serving as the soundtrack to some people's spiritual life (blackhistorywalks). Call and response is a crucial feature of negro spirituals. It later found its way into other musical genres, including the

blues and gospel. According to Sonia Caldwell in the documentary Origin of the Negro Spiritual (10:20), as a form of resistance, spirituals were used by enslaved people because they wanted to retain African components in their lives. The negro spiritual is sometimes cited as the source of all subsequent musical styles because of its widespread influence. In the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, spirituals played a crucial part in black people's protests. Spirituals and Gospel songs were essential in the civil rights movements of 1950s and 1960s (African American Spirituals). Majority of the "liberation songs" of the era, such as Eye on the Prize and, Oh Freedom were based on old spirituals. Songs based on spirituals have been used in various countries worldwide, including Russia, East Europe, South Africa, and China. In creating new protest songs, several of today's best-known pop singers continue to draw inspiration from the spirituals of the past. Songs like Redemption Song by Bob Marley and Billy Bragg's Sing their souls back home are good examples. Everyone who participated in the ring scream felt a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie after the event. Negro spirituals enabled African-Americans to express their identities and capacities. Because of the prejudice of white superiors who were adverse to the results of the Civil War, Negro Spirituals were also immensely popular amongst African Americans. African Americans discovered a means to deal with their misfortunes through spirituals, which is why Negro Spirituals are considered a part of the African American criterion for American Identity. Negro Spirituals inspired African-Americans to unite and fight for their rights, encouraging them to demonstrate their strength in numbers.



Q21 Which of the following, if true, would best strengthen the argument that the Negro Spirituals were a form of resistance among enslaved Africans?

- (A) The slaves were not allowed to express their opinions freely.
- (B) The slaves were not allowed to practice their own religious rituals.
- (C) The spirituals were inspired by European religious hymns.
- (D) The spirituals were not widely popular among African Americans.

Q22 What does the passage LEAST support about the role of Negro Spirituals in the lives of African Americans?

- (A) Negro Spirituals served as a form of resistance for enslaved Africans.
- (B) Negro Spirituals were used as protest songs in the civil rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s.
- (C) Negro Spirituals provided a way for African Americans to deal with their misfortunes.
- (D) Negro Spirituals inspired African Americans to participate in religious gatherings.

Q23 What is the main theme of the passage?

- (A) The history of African American spirituals and its cultural significance.
- (B) The musical characteristics of the Ring Shout.
- (C) The use of spirituals in contemporary protest songs.
- (D) The influence of spirituals on modern musical styles.

Q24 Which of the following is a correct description of the source of the passage?

- (A) A research paper on the origin of Negro Spirituals.
- (B) A historical account of African-American music.
- (C) A personal diary of an African-American slave.
- (D) A news article on the cultural significance of Negro Spirituals.

Q25 What is the TONE of the passage?

- (A) Nostalgic
- (B) Hateful
- (C) Inspiring
- (D) Neutral

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

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

Four-year-old Nadia began to show some worrisome signs. She had an unusually poor appetite accompanied by a dry cough. Sure enough, testing revealed that she was infected with COVID-19. Nadia now seems to be on the mend after receiving medical attention. Good thing too, because Nadia is one of the very few of her kind left on Earth. Nadia is a Malayan tiger whose home is in New York City's Bronx Zoo. Malayan tiger numbers have plummeted from 3,000 in the 1950s to 300 or fewer today. Their plight has come about because people have encroached on their tropical and subtropical forest habitats, converting them to other land uses to support human livelihoods and economic welfare. So, zoos like the Bronx Zoo that are home to 70 Malayan tigers worldwide act as safe havens for this and other endangered species. Or so we think. In a fateful twist, the very factors that have endangered Malayan tigers in the wild have come full circle



to potentially endanger them in captivity. Evidence suggests that human encroachment on wild nature and associated hunting and selling of wild animals for their meat created the conditions that sparked the spread of COVID-19. There is always a rush to find something to blame for these circumstances and quickly fix the problem. Some offer a quick-fix solution: eliminate populations of disease-carrying animals to remove the immediate threat. But getting rid of species that are deemed harmful to us can circle back to be harmful to us. This is because many species that pose risks to our health and safety provide critical functions that sustain humanity. Others see this as a larger symptom of humanity's impact on the planet; a wake-up call for humans to think differently about their encroachment on nature. Scientists characterize our time as the "great acceleration" in which we are speeding up our economic productivity and technological advancement, both of which accelerate our demands and impacts on nature. Our headlong drive to exploit nature increasingly puts us into closer proximity to one another. Such encroachment often alters species movements and habitat use in ways that increase the likelihood for direct contact with humans. Livestock herders in West Africa often kill lions out of fear that their attacks threaten their livelihoods and personal safety. But lions naturally keep baboon populations in check. Baboons can be heavily infested with gut parasites, including worms and protozoans. Once relieved from predation threat themselves, baboons in turn move more widely, oftentimes into villages, resulting in the spill over of parasites to humans. Microbes and parasites

are a natural part of the web of life, among the millions of species with which we share the planet. Their evolved functional roles in nature are effectively no different than predator species that keep prey populations in check, or the herbivore species that graze down vegetation. And so, they too contribute to sustaining the planet. The lesson from the pandemic is not that we can or should retreat from nature. Rather we must learn to become better stewards.

Q26 Why does the author feel that zoos are not the safe havens they are known to be?

- (A) Zoos act as a front for animal trafficking
- (B) Effects of Human activities threaten life of animals in zoos.
- (C) Zoos aren't able to provide proper facilities to treat animals
- (D) None of the above

Q27 What of the following best expresses the central idea of the passage?

- (A) Human activities have led to pandemics like covid-19.
- (B) We must look for quicker solutions to fix problems caused by nature.
- (C) Humans need to think differently about encroaching nature, allowing them to function naturally and keep them at bay.
- (D) Animals should be kept in captivity to check on disease spreads.

Q28 Which of the following shows the correct sequence of activities which lead to Nadia having covid 19?

- (A)



Humans destroyed habitats and exploited animals for meat, Animals came in close proximity to humans, Disease spill over to humans, animals held in captivity, disease spread to animals in captivity.

- (B) Disease spill over to humans, animals held in captivity, animals in close proximity to humans, disease spread to animals in captivity.
- (C) Animals came in close proximity to humans, animals held in captivity, disease spread to animals in captivity, Disease spill over to humans.
- (D) None of the above

Q29 All of the following cannot be inferred from the passage except:

- (A) Only humans are responsible for sustaining the planet
- (B) Microbes and parasites are natural part of human life
- (C) Elimination of disease-ridden animals to remove immediate threat
- (D) Organisms who can spread diseases perform critical activities.

Q30 What can be the tone of this passage?

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



Answer Key

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

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



Hints & Solutions

Q1. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is inference based question, we have to choose an option which is not based on the information given in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: It is the correct answer because, while it is true that economics is a study focusing on understanding human behavior, there is no indication in the passage that this understanding is used to maximize the welfare of society.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: It is not correct because it can be inferred from the passage that economics attempts to maximize the welfare of society, as it is a study focusing on understanding human behavior and how that reflects on the broader economic elements of whole nations.

Option c: It is also not correct because it can be inferred from the passage that business focuses on product positioning and differentiation, as it is aimed at studying the process of the exchange of goods and money specifically, and all the related elements starting from production to the final sale, and how a specific enterprise fulfills this process.

Option d: It is also not correct because it can be inferred from the passage that business is centered on its shareholders, as it focuses on the process of wealth creation within the context of the economy and typically applies practical theories.

Q2. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is tone based question. We need to check what is the attitude or feeling of the author while writing this passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: Neutral is the correct answer as the passage provides a neutral, informative description of the similarities and differences between the subjects of business and economics, without expressing a positive or negative sentiment. The passage describes how the two subjects are similar and related, but also explains how they are distinct with different conceptual and practical differences.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Positive would be incorrect as the passage does not express a positive sentiment towards the subjects of business and economics.

Option b: Negative would be incorrect as the passage does not express a negative sentiment towards the subjects of business and economics.

Option d: Sarcastic would be incorrect as the passage does not express any sarcasm or irony. The passage presents the information in a straightforward and informative manner.

Q3. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks about the way, which the author uses to deliver information to the readers.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: Descriptive is the correct answer as the passage provides a detailed, informative description of the similarities and differences between the subjects of business and



economics. The passage uses specific examples and references to explain the concepts and theories.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Persuasive would be incorrect as the passage does not try to persuade the reader to adopt a particular point of view or belief.

Option c: Narrative would be incorrect as the passage does not tell a story or present events in a chronological order.

Option d: Argumentative would be incorrect as the passage does not present a clear argument or position on the subjects of business and economics, but instead provides a neutral, informative description of the similarities and differences between the two subjects.

Q4. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a topic based question. Here we need to find relationship between business and economics discussed in the passage. For this proper analysis of the content is required.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: Business is a subset of economics. The passage states that "it can be argued that business is a subset of economics, as the human behavior in that exchange of goods is a point of focus." This means that business is a part of the broader field of economics and is focused on a specific aspect of it.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: It is incorrect because the passage clearly states that business and economics are related and have shared subtopics.

Option c: This is incorrect because the passage does not suggest that economics is a subset of business.

Option d: It is incorrect because the passage states that business and economics share many commonalities, and have conceptual and practical differences, which make them distinct sciences.

Q5. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a topic based question. Here we need to find difference between business and economics discussed in the passage. For this proper analysis of the content of the passage is required related to business and economics.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: Business and economics focus on different issues with business focusing on product positioning and differentiation and economics focusing on poverty and unemployment. This option is correct because the passage states that both face different issues, with economics encompassing poverty, unemployment, taxation, and federal expenditure, while business focuses on product positioning and differentiation, marketing, growth or lack thereof of profitability, and individual or industry performance.

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Option a: Economics focuses on understanding human behavior while business focuses on the process of exchange of goods and money. This option is correct because the passage states that economics is a study focusing on understanding human behavior and how it reflects on the broader economic elements of whole nations, while business is aimed at studying the process of the exchange of goods and money specifically, and all the related elements starting from production to the final sale, and how a specific enterprise fulfills this process.



Option b: Business focuses on maximizing the welfare of society while economics is centered on its shareholders. This option is incorrect because the passage states that economics focuses on and attempts to maximize the welfare of society, while business is centered on its shareholders.

Option c: Economics deals with theories and broad elements of the economy while business focuses on practical application. This option is correct because the passage states that a major difference is in concepts, economics deals with theories and broad elements of the economy, such as supply and demand, interest rate, and international trade. While these undoubtedly impact business, both individual entities and as a field of study, business focuses on the process of wealth creation within the context of the economy and typically applies practical theories.

Q6. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is inference based question. On the basis of the information given in the passage, we need to find out impact of Western scholarship on African culture. Here analysis of the topic western scholarship is required.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: It has been negative, distorting the true nature of African culture and disrupting the ability of African people to self-identify - The passage states that Western scholarship has distorted the true nature of African culture, commodified it, and imposed European views, making it hard for African people to self-identify. This choice is the correct answer.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: It has been positive, providing new perspectives and insights - The passage argues that Western scholarship has distorted and commodified African culture, making this choice incorrect.

Option b: It has been neutral, providing an unbiased view of African culture - The passage states that Western scholarship has viewed African culture through the lens of colonization and imposed European views, making this choice incorrect.

Option d: It has been negligible, having little impact on the understanding of African culture - The passage argues that Western scholarship has had a significant impact on the understanding of African culture, making this choice incorrect.

Q7. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question is inference based. We shall analyze the topic European culture and African culture discussed in the passage and find out the relationship between them.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: European culture has imposed its views on African culture - The passage states that Western scholarship has imposed European views on African culture, distorting its true nature and disrupting the ability of African people to self-identify. This choice is the correct answer.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: European culture has positively influenced African culture - The passage argues that Western scholarship has distorted and commodified African culture, and imposed European views, making this choice incorrect.

Option b: European culture and African culture have a neutral relationship - The passage



states that Western scholarship has viewed African culture through the lens of colonization and imposed European views, making this choice incorrect.

Option c: African culture has had little impact on European culture – The passage argues that European culture has had a significant impact on African culture, making this choice incorrect.

Q8. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is tone based question. For finding out the correct tone, we shall analyze the attitude and feeling of the author in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: Negative – The passage expresses a critical view of Western scholarship and its impact on African culture, making this choice the correct answer.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Positive – The passage argues that Western scholarship has distorted and commodified African culture, imposed European views, and disrupted the ability of African people to self-identify, making this choice incorrect.

Option b: Neutral – The passage expresses opinions and presents an argument about the impact of Western scholarship on African culture, making this choice incorrect.

Option d: Sarcastic – The passage presents a serious argument and doesn't convey any sarcasm, making this choice incorrect.

Q9. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here we need to analyze the way in which the author has written this passage and that will be the style of the author.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: An analytical style is used to examine and evaluate a subject by breaking it down into parts and investigating the relationships between them. The passage examines and evaluates the impact of Western scholarship on African culture, and how Western ideology has reshaped the presentation of African philosophy. The passage also discusses how African culture is inherently linked to philosophy, spirituality, and living in the moment, and how it is turned into a tourist attraction. The passage also provides evidence for the arguments it makes and makes connections between different ideas. This style of writing is commonly used in academic and research contexts.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: A persuasive style is used to convince the reader to adopt a certain viewpoint or take a particular action. The passage does not attempt to persuade the reader to adopt a certain viewpoint or take a particular action. Instead, it analyzes the impact of Western scholarship on African culture.

Option b: A descriptive style is used to provide a detailed account of a person, place, or thing. The passage does not provide a detailed account of a person, place or thing, but it provides an analysis of the impact of Western scholarship on African culture.

Option c: A narrative style is used to tell a story or describe a series of events. The passage does not tell a story or describe a series of events, but it provides an analysis of the impact of Western scholarship on African culture.

Q10. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a weakening question. Here we need to search an option which does not support the



argument that European culture has distorted and imposed its values on traditional African culture.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: Option b is the correct answer, as it weakens the argument that European culture has distorted and imposed its values on traditional African culture. This is because the readings discussed in the passage show that African-Americans suffer from a disconnect with traditional African culture, with younger generations feeling a divide between themselves and European identity. If African-Americans feel a strong connection to traditional African culture, it indicates that the imposition of European values has not been as successful as the passage suggests, thus weakening the argument.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: It is not correct, as it supports the argument that European culture has distorted and imposed its values on traditional African culture by noting that African culture has been successfully commodified and is seen as souvenirs by younger generations.

Option c: It is also not correct, as it supports the argument by noting that European cultures praise poverty and individualism.

Option d: It is incorrect, as it supports the argument by noting that African culture is historically linked to philosophy and spirituality.

Q11. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is 'except' category question. Here we need to choose an option which does not reflect reason behind being conscious and careful about the growing development in the field of Neuroscience.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: Option b doesn't talk about the reason behind being careful of the advances in technology, it talks about the gaps in planning and implementation, which the author talks with the concerns that despite proper planning, execution of it may be bad and this could affect a lot of people. Hence, option b is the correct answer to the question.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Refer to the lines, "Though we are making great progress in the health care sector, we must recognize that innovative milestones will be translated across the board and enter into commercialized consumer markets for the purposes of video games and self-health monitoring." And "Issues around safeguarding, accessibility and corporate monopolies run parallel with the concerns some institutions have raised around tech giants and AI." Thus, when the data enters into commercialized consumer markets, data could be accessed by companies, thus there could be data breach. Hence, this option is incorrect.

Option c: The author clearly presents his/her concerns regarding data collection. This is clear with the example of AI that the author gives and the links it has with advancements in neurotechnology, which will also generate enormous amounts of data. Thus, the option can be eliminated.

Option d: Option d is also a concern as the author highlights that there are more challenges like biohacking that comes with Neurotechnology. Thus, the option can be eliminated.

Q12. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:



This is a topic based question. Here we need to search reason for the world to watch closely the debate on Neurorights in Chile. For this we shall analyze the topic debate on Neurorights, discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The whole passage provides the reason for how the disruptive technology can affect us in different number of ways and the need for a regulatory framework for it as it can affect millions of lives specifically w.r.t data breach and mental manipulation. Option a correctly sums up the author's argument for the world to watch out for the debate in Chile. The option matches with the above explanation and presents a general view of concern that encapsulates the other parameters of concern within it.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: The option is a concern related to data breach and privacy and a legit one as well, however it can be encompassed in option a, which is not restrictive as option B.

Option c: The option presents a scenario that cannot be understood from the passage.

Option d: It is not just about corporate monopolies as the passage discusses other factors as well. The option is restrictive and can be encompassed in option a. Thus, option a presents a more complete and encompassing reason for the world to watch and the other options mainly options b and d can be said to be subsets of option a.

Q13. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here three statements are given. We have to check which statement delivers true information based on the passage. The option which

contains those true statements, will be our answer.

Explanation for the answer:

Statement I: The author clearly advocates his/her support for the regulatory framework regarding the neurorights. Refer to the paragraph and lines, "However, if there is to be any doubt as to why regulatory frameworks need to be put in place, we must examine, not only the speed of progression and normalization of disruptive technologies, but also the promotional half-truths that surround these new technological advancements." This clearly indicates author's endorsement for the framework. Statement II: The statement is an exaggeration as the author gives a possibility that advancements may assist in the treatment of neurological diseases whereas the statement assures that this is going to be the case and the diseases are on the brink of being treated, which is wrong. Statement III: The statement cannot be understood from anywhere in the passage as there is no clear description of any other country than Chile and arguing that data breach is not relevant in most of the world cannot be concluded. Hence, option a is the correct answer to the question.

Since only statement I is true as per the content of the passage, option a is the right answer.

Q14. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a topic based question. Here we shall analyze the concept of Ethical Innovation discussed in the passage to find out the correct option which reflects this concept.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The concept of Ethical information is all about nudging the researchers to account for individual's privacy in their researches and



realise the consequences of their innovations. Refer to the lines for more clarity, "This is why the concept of ethical innovations is so important. As outlined by the Neurorights Initiative set up by Colombia University, ethical guidelines should prompt researchers and practitioners to recognize personal accountability for the societal impacts of their innovations." Option c aptly covers the gist of Ethical Innovations and reflects the explanation above. Hence, option c is the correct answer for the question.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The option is slightly distorted as it's about all innovations and not about "further innovations".

Option b: It is not about mitigating corporate monopolies; it is rather the realization of the impact researcher's innovation can have on people. Thus, the option can be easily eliminated.

Option d: The option is slightly distorted as providing a framework for safeguarding privacy is different from a framework that highlights the importance of privacy and Ethical Innovation provides the former. Hence, option d can be eliminated.

Q15. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

As the passage discusses advancements in neurotechnology and AI advancements also. We have to find out similarity between these two topics as per the content of the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The option is correct as both generate/will generate lots of data that can be used for manipulation, thus the technologies have the ability to impact millions of lives, as can also be seen from the last paragraph.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The data related to neurotechnology has not been started to be collected. It is a futuristic thought that may become a reality soon. Thus, option A is factually not true.

Option b: The laws regarding both the technologies are difficult to implement and frame. We cannot conclude anything related to comprehension of those laws.

Option c: The option cannot be explicitly interpreted from anywhere in the passage and can be easily eliminated.

Q16. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

It is the mood or feeling of the author which is expressed in his writings. The attitude of the writer towards the topic of the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The tone of the passage is Negative. The passage is discussing the involvement of Iran in international terrorism and the destabilization of the world order caused by it. The passage mentions Iran's connection to weapons of mass destruction, terrorist groups, and states that the country's actions have led to countless wars, revolutions, and deaths. The author also mentions that the US considers Iran to be the main sponsor of terrorism and that relations between the two countries are not favorable. All of these statements convey a negative tone towards Iran.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: As the author has mentioned many negative points towards Iran, we cannot call it a positive tone. It is not correct.

Option b: It cannot be neutral as we do not find as many positive points but there are some



negative points which the author has mentioned. It is incorrect.

Option d: We do not find unbiased information in the passage. Thus, we cannot say that tone is objective.

Q17. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us the way which the writer uses to convey his views and information to readers.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The style of the passage is Argumentative. The passage presents an argument about Iran's involvement in international terrorism and its destabilizing effects on the world order. The author uses evidence, such as Iran's connection to weapons of mass destruction and terrorist groups, to support their argument. The author also presents different factors that contribute to Iran's involvement in terrorism, such as its theocratic regime and anti-US and anti-Israel actions. The passage also uses phrases like "undeniable" and "can be explained through different factors" which are indicative of an argumentative style.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Persuasive style is not used by the author as the author is not trying to convince the audience.

Option b: The author is not narrating any story. He is discussing controversial states. So this is not correct.

Option c: The author is not describing any picture or depicting anything, thus it is not the answer.

Q18. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is an inference based question. As the passage discusses Iran and terrorism. We need to extract information from the passage related to the involvement of Iran in international terrorism.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: Iran's involvement is backed by its theocratic regime. This option is true, as the passage states that Iran's involvement in international terrorism can be explained by two pillars of the Islamic doctrine underlining the constitution, which include the obligation to support jihad and the mission to spread the Muslim faith. Additionally, the passage highlights that the actions of the state in the Middle East as well as outside of the region led to countless wars, revolutions, and deaths, contributing to the destabilization of the world order.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Iran is not involved in international terrorism. This option is false, as the passage clearly states that Iran's involvement in international terrorism is undeniable. The passage presents evidence, such as Iran's connection to weapons of mass destruction and terrorist groups, as well as specific examples of Iran's involvement in sponsoring international terrorism in the Middle East region and the West.

Option b: Iran's involvement is limited to the Middle East region. This option is false, as the passage mentions that Iran's involvement in international terrorism can be observed in the Middle East region as well as the West. The passage states that Iran has a connection with 9/11 and that it was the original source of the Commission Report and their aiding and abetting Al Qaeda and the engagement of



Hezbollah in the attack led to one of the most disastrous terrorist attacks in the Western world.

Option d: Iran's involvement is not clear This option is false, as the passage provides clear evidence and specific examples of Iran's involvement in international terrorism. The passage presents a well-supported argument that Iran's involvement in international terrorism is undeniable and can be explained through different factors, with special attention to the government's Islamic regime.

Q19. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is also inference based question. We have to take out the details about the relationship between the US and Iran from the given passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The US and Iran have a hostile relationship This option is true, as the passage states that the US considers Iran the main sponsor of terrorism and indicates the impossibility of establishing normal relations between the states until the changes in Iran's behavior. The passage also mentions that In Bush's speech in 2002, he named Iran an 'axis of evil,' thus, accusing the state of the hostility. Also, the relations between the Western powers and Iran were not favorable after Khomeini's call to kill Rushdie, the British author, in 1989.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The US and Iran have a positive relationship This option is false, as the passage states that the US considers Iran the main sponsor of terrorism and indicates the impossibility of establishing normal relations between the states until the changes in Iran's behavior.

Option b: The US and Iran have a neutral relationship This option is false, as the passage states that the US considers Iran the main sponsor of terrorism and indicates the impossibility of establishing normal relations between the states until the changes in Iran's behavior.

Option d: The passage does not provide information about the relationship between the US and Iran This option is false, as the passage clearly states that the US considers Iran the main sponsor of terrorism and indicates the impossibility of establishing normal relations between the states until the changes in Iran's behavior.

Q20. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks for paradox mentioned in the passage regarding Iran's foreign policy. It means we have to find out those points which show opposite views or facts on Iran's foreign policy.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: This option describes a paradox as the passage states that Iran's foreign policy includes both the support for Islamic principles outlined in the constitution and the anti-US and anti-Israel actions, which pose a threat to their citizens. The support for Islamic principles is described as the obligation to support jihad and the mission to spread the Muslim faith, while the anti-US and anti-Israel actions are described as hostile and contributing to the destabilization of the world order.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This option is not a paradox as the passage only mentions that Iran's efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction and its connection to terrorist groups give plausible



reasons to discuss its sponsoring of global terrorism. It does not mention any efforts to prevent global terrorism.

Option c: This option is not a paradox as the passage only mentions that Iran's support for proxy organizations and its involvement in state sponsored terrorism in the Middle East are both influenced by the obligation to support jihad and the mission to spread the Muslim faith.

Option d: This option is not a paradox as the passage only mentions that Iran's involvement in international terrorism contributes to the destabilization of the region and the world order, but it does not mention any efforts to maintain stability in the region.

Q21. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a strengthening question. We have to choose an option which supports the argument that the Negro Spirituals were a form of resistance among enslaved Africans.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a is the best answer to strengthen the argument that the Negro Spirituals were a form of resistance among enslaved Africans. The passage states that "Slave lords let their slaves follow certain Eurocentric religious rituals, even though they did not have the right to free speech." This suggests that the slaves were not allowed to express their opinions freely and that the spirituals were a way for them to resist their oppression by retaining African elements in their lives, as stated in the passage: "As a form of resistance, spirituals were used by enslaved people because they wanted to retain African components in their lives."

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: It is not the answer because while the passage mentions that the slaves were allowed to follow certain Eurocentric religious rituals, it does not state that they were not allowed to practice their own religious rituals.

Option c: It is incorrect because the passage states that the word "spiritual" comes from a King James Bible conversion of Ephesians, which is a reference to European religious hymns. However, the passage also mentions that the negro spirituals are characterized by African musical characteristics and express African Christianity.

Option d: It is not correct because the passage states that the negro spirituals were immensely popular among African Americans and inspired them to unite and fight for their rights. The passage also mentions that the spirituals were a means for African Americans to express their identities and capacities and deal with their misfortunes.

Q22. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a weakening question. Here we have to find an option which does not support the role of Negro Spirituals in the lives of African Americans.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The passage mentions that African slaves held "praise houses" and outdoor assemblies such as bush or camp meetings and brush arbor meetings, where they discussed their conditions of slavery and had ecstatic trances while singing, chanting and dancing. However, the passage does not explicitly state that Negro Spirituals inspired African Americans to participate in these religious gatherings. The purpose of these gatherings was more likely to provide a space for African Americans to



express their faith and connect with their community, rather than being directly inspired by the musical form of Negro Spirituals. Hence, option d is correct.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: It is not correct because the passage clearly states that spirituals served as a form of resistance for enslaved Africans, as they wanted to retain African components in their lives and express their experiences and identities through the music.

Option b: It is also not correct because the passage states that spirituals and gospel songs were essential in the civil rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s, and that songs based on spirituals have been used in various countries worldwide for protest purposes.

Option c: It is not incorrect because the passage states that African Americans discovered a means to deal with their misfortunes through spirituals, and that they served as a means of expression and coping with their difficult experiences. The passage also states that Negro Spirituals are considered a part of the African American criterion for American identity due to their role in providing a means of dealing with hardship. In conclusion, while the other options are supported by the passage, option d is the least supported as the connection between Negro Spirituals and inspiring African Americans to participate in religious gatherings is not explicitly stated.

Q23. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us the central idea of the passage or what author wants to convey to readers through this passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The history of African American spirituals and its cultural significance. This can be inferred from various parts of the passage, including the description of the songs as being composed by enslaved Africans who were stripped of their language, families, and culture but managed to retain their musical characteristics, as well as the fact that spirituals are considered a part of the African American criterion for American identity. The passage also highlights the significance of spirituals in African American history, such as the role they played in their protests, such as during the civil rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s, and their importance in expressing African American identities and capacities.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: The musical characteristics of the Ring Shout is not the main theme of the passage as it only describes the Ring Shout briefly, without going into much detail about its musical characteristics.

Option c: The use of spirituals in contemporary protest songs is only mentioned briefly in the passage and is not the main focus, as the passage primarily focuses on the history of African American spirituals and its cultural significance.

Option d: The influence of spirituals on modern musical styles is also not the main theme of the passage, as the influence is only mentioned briefly and the main focus is on the history of African American spirituals and its cultural significance.

Q24. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

It is asking the source of the passage or from where this passage has been taken. After



analyzing the provided content and what type of content it is, we can identify the source.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The passage describes the cultural and historical significance of the musical genre of Negro Spirituals. It explains how these songs were created by enslaved Africans who were stripped of their languages, families, and culture by their masters. The passage also talks about the influence of spirituals on black people's protests, their role in the civil rights movements of 1950s and 1960s, and how they served as a form of resistance for enslaved people. The language used in the passage is objective, informative and intended to educate the reader on the cultural and historical significance of Negro Spirituals. Hence, the most appropriate description of the source of the passage is a news article on the cultural significance of Negro Spirituals. Hence, option d is correct.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: As we do not find any research mentioned in the passage, so option a cannot be the source.

Option b: The passage is about only music, so a historical account of African-American music is not correct.

Option c: We do not any personal comment or views in the passage. So, option c is not correct.

Q25. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is tone based question. We shall analyze the author's attitude towards topic or his feelings written in the passage. The language and vocabulary used in the passage, will help in finding out the tone of the author.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The tone of the passage can be described as "Inspiring". The author presents the history of negro spirituals, which were created by African Americans who were enslaved and stripped of their language, families, and culture. The author highlights that despite their difficult circumstances, the slaves were able to create and maintain a rich cultural tradition through music. The author also mentions that spirituals played a crucial role in the civil rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s, serving as a source of inspiration for protest songs and providing African Americans with a means to express their identities and capacities. The author also mentions that participants in the ring shout felt a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie, which suggests that the author sees the negro spirituals as a positive force in the lives of African Americans. Hence, option c is correct.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: "Nostalgic" is not correct as the author does not express a longing for the past or a sense of nostalgia. The author presents the history of negro spirituals objectively and does not express any personal emotions.

Option b: "Hateful" is not correct as there is no mention of any negative emotions towards the subject of the passage or towards any particular group of people. The author presents the history of negro spirituals objectively and does not express any animosity.

Option d: "Neutral" is not correct as the author does not present the information in a dispassionate manner. The author highlights the significance of negro spirituals in the lives of African Americans and presents them as a source of inspiration and a means to express



their identities and capacities, which suggests a positive view of the subject.

Q26. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to find out information on zoos. We shall search why the author mentioned that zoos are not safe.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b – Let us refer to the passage "So, zoos like the Bronx Zoo that are home to 70 Malayan tigers worldwide act as safe havens for this and other endangered species. Or so we think. In a fateful twist, the very factors that have endangered Malayan tigers in the wild have come full circle to potentially endanger them in captivity. Evidence suggests that human encroachment on wild nature and associated hunting and selling of wild animals for their meat created the conditions that sparked the spread of COVID-19." Covid-19 the disease which infected Nadia was sparked due to human activities. Thus, zoos which were supposed to protect endangered animals is not a safe haven as effects of human activities continue to haunt them in zoos too. Hence, this option is correct.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a – This option is not mentioned in the passage by the author. Hence, it is out of context and incorrect.

Option c – We have no evidence from the passage that zoos were not able to provide adequate medical facilities to animals. Hence, this option is incorrect.

Option d: As the passage indicates that zoos are getting affected by human activities. Thus, it is incorrect.

Q27. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

It asks for the main idea which states purpose and sets direction of the passage. It is underlying idea that is mentioned in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c – "Our headlong drive to exploit nature increasingly puts us into closer proximity to one another. Such encroachment often alters species movements and habitat use in ways that increase the likelihood for direct contact with humans." In the paragraphs following this excerpt the author tells us how animals free in nature keep the balance intact and how breaking his balance due to human activities and putting animals in close proximity to us can lead to pandemics like covid-19. This option perfectly captures the main essence of the passage and hence it is correct

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This has been stated in the passage, but it is a subtheme which leads to the central idea of the passage i.e how these pandemics are caused when the natural habitat of animals is destroyed due to human activities. Hence, this option is incorrect.

Option b: "There is always a rush to find something to blame for these circumstances and quickly fix the problem. Some offer a quick-fix solution: eliminate populations of disease-carrying animals to remove the immediate threat. But getting rid of species that are deemed harmful to us can circle back to be harmful to us. This is because many species that pose risks to our health and safety provide critical functions that sustain humanity." The author is against the quick fix solutions, hence this option is incorrect.



Option d: Animals being kept in captivity to keep check on diseases is not mentioned in the passage. Hence, this option is incorrect.

Q28. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here we need to identify the correct sequence or order of activities mentioned in the passage which lead to Nadia having covid 19.

Explanation for the answer:

Option d: The first event is Nadia being captured due to human encroachment "Nadia is a Malayan tiger whose home is in New York City's Bronx Zoo. Malayan tiger numbers have plummeted from 3,000 in the 1950s to 300 or fewer today. Their plight has come about because people have encroached on their tropical and subtropical forest habitats, converting them to other land uses to support human livelihoods and economic welfare." Next event is creation of human made conditions that led to spread of covid-19 "Evidence suggests that human encroachment on wild nature and associated hunting and selling of wild animals for their meat created the conditions that sparked the spread of COVID-19." Humans catch the disease and eventually give it to animals in captivity. Human destroying habitats -> Animals help in captivity -> Spread of covid-19 to humans -> Humans give covid to animals in captivity. Since none of the options shows correct order, hence, option d is correct.

Q29. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is inference based question. Here we need to select an option which is not true as per the information given in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: "Microbes and parasites are a natural part of the web of life, among the millions of species with which we share the planet. Their evolved functional roles in nature are effectively no different than predator species that keep prey populations in check, or the herbivore species that graze down vegetation. And so, they too contribute to sustaining the planet." From this excerpt we can infer that even organisms who spread diseases have critical functions in the web of life.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: "Microbes and parasites are a natural part of the web of life, among the millions of species with which we share the planet." Only humans are not responsible for sustaining the planet as evidenced by the excerpt above. Hence, this option is incorrect.

Option b: "Microbes and parasites are a natural part of the web of life" The passage says they are a part of the web of life and not specifically human life. Hence, this option cannot be inferred and is incorrect.

Option c: This is a short-term fix which the author disagreed with as it exacerbates the problem. Hence, this option is incorrect.

Q30. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us the attitude of the author towards the topic or the feelings he expressed in his writing. The language and words used in the passage will help us to identify the tone of the author.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: It is correct. i.e., the tone of the passage is critical, as it reflects a deep concern about the effects of human encroachment on wild nature, and how this could lead to the endangerment of Malayan tigers both in the



wild and in captivity. The author expresses a sense of urgency, urging humans to become better stewards of nature, and warning against quick-fix solutions that could do more harm than good.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: It is incorrect because the passage does not express any optimism. Rather, it emphasizes the need to take responsibility for environmental crisis and to take steps to protect endangered species.

Option c: It is not correct because the passage does not express any neutrality. Instead, there is a sense of urgency, warning against quick-fix solutions that could do more harm than good.

Option d: This is incorrect because the passage does not express any pessimism. Rather, it calls for humans to become better stewards of nature and to take steps to protect endangered species.



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