

MBA Pioneer Pro 2024

Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

DPP: 5

RC- Inference and VIC Questions

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

Why do athletes always seem to get better, generation by generation? It's not always for the reasons you might think. Michael Smith, the world's No. 1-ranked darts player, has won the equivalent of \$1.5 million since the start of 2022. In January, he won the World Darts Championship in London, where he achieved the rare feat of nine perfect throws in a row. He says he hasn't reached the peak of his abilities and is "getting better every year." But of course, he isn't always perfect, or even close to it. When Smith aims for the triple 20 – the highest-value subsection of the board, but smaller than half a square inch – he hits it less than half the time. Professional darts is far from the most popular sport in the world, but it is a useful study of progress toward perfection. Its top professional players, on average, post higher scores today than their counterparts did a generation ago. These gains can be seen in other sports, too: Whether it's hitting the bull's-eye in archery, nailing a kick between the uprights in football or sinking a free throw in basketball, the world's top players have improved their rates of precision meaningfully in the last four decades. Keith Deller won his 1983 championship title in darts by hitting the triple-20 section 37 percent of the time that he aimed at it. Smith hit the same section 46 percent of the time in his 2023 championship final. The best throwers have gotten a little closer to perfection, even if perfection is very far away. What explains these improvements in darts and other sports? Why do athletes always seem to get better, generation by generation? And what happens

if they get too good? Today's athletes may be more skilled than their predecessors. But they are often playing with better equipment or technology that can boost their scores. Darts is no exception.

The darts themselves have improved. They've become thinner, making it less likely that previously thrown darts will crowd out the board.

But the triple-20 region has also grown in size, because of a change in the construction of the board. In the early 1990s, the wires that separate the scoring sections were as thick as 1.8 millimeters in diameter, according to Lee Huxtable, a production designer at Winmau, a board manufacturer. But they are now closer to 0.6 millimeters wide. These small changes have increased the height of the triple-20 region to roughly 9.4 millimeters from 8 millimeters. In addition, the wires are now less rounded and angled toward the target. This means darts are less likely to bounce off the board and more likely to be directed toward the triple-scoring segments. Scores have improved since the days of the old boards. Thirty years ago, John Lowe won the world championship with a three-dart average – the standard metric for tracking player performance – of 84. Smith had a three-dart average of 101 when he won this year's championship. It's hard to ascertain how much of the improvement is because of the boards and how much credit should go to the athletes themselves. "I know that the players from the '90s, like Eric Bristow, John Lowe, Dennis Priestley and Jocky Wilson, would have 100 percent competed with the players of today,"



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said Phil Taylor, who won 16 world championships from 1990 to 2013.

Q1 What can be inferred about the performance of professional darts players today compared to a generation ago?

- (A) Professional darts players today achieve higher scores on average than players from a generation ago.
- (B) Professional darts players today have a lower success rate in hitting the triple-20 region compared to players from a generation ago.
- (C) The performance of professional darts players today is not significantly different from players from a generation ago.
- (D) Professional darts players today use better equipment, but their performance has not improved compared to players from a generation ago.

Q2 What can be **inferred** about the future of professional sports if athletes continue to improve their performance?

- (A) Athletes will need to rely more on technology and equipment advancements to maintain their progress.
- (B) The advancement in equipment will diminish the importance of athletes' skills in achieving better scores.
- (C) Professional sports will witness a decline in viewership as the improvement in athletes' skills becomes excessive.
- (D) Athletes will strive to reach perfection in their performance, leading to new records and achievements.

Q3 What can be implied from the passage about the competitive nature of professional sports?

- (A)

Professional sports have become more competitive due to improvements in equipment and technology.

- (B) The competitive nature of professional sports has declined as athletes rely more on advancements in technology.
- (C) Athletes in professional sports compete against their predecessors from previous generations.
- (D) The improvements in equipment have made professional sports less competitive as everyone can achieve higher scores.

Q4 Based on the information provided, what is the reason behind the improvements in darts players' performance?

- (A) The players themselves have become more skilled and precise.
- (B) The changes in the construction of the dartboard have contributed to the players' improved performance.
- (C) The advancements in technology and equipment have made the players better.
- (D) The popularity and recognition of darts as a professional sport have attracted more talented players.

Q5 Which of the following shows the overall development in professional sports performance?

- (A) The improvements in professional sports performance can be attributed to advancements in equipment and technology.
- (B) Professional athletes have always been striving for perfection, leading to continuous improvements in their skills.
- (C) The world of professional sports has witnessed significant changes and advancements over the last four decades.
- (D)



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The popularity of professional darts and other sports has grown, leading to increased investment and player skill.

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

The sharp drop was largely due to lower prices for the oil and natural gas that the company produces and sells. Energy prices soared in the previous spring after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, generating huge profits for oil companies. Since then, all major energy companies have been hit by lower prices, but BP's earnings fell more proportionally than those of other large oil companies like Chevron and Shell. In an interview, BP's chief executive, Bernard Looney, attributed the results to weak profits from products like diesel fuel as well as planned maintenance outages at its refineries. "There's really no more to the story than that," Mr. Looney said. In a reminder of how important dividend payments from large energy companies are to investors, BP said it would increase its distribution 10 percent, to about 7.3 cents a share, despite the earnings drop. The company's stock price rose more than 1 percent in Tuesday trading. After launching a whirlwind of changes in both personnel and business strategy when he became chief executive three years ago, Mr. Looney seems to have settled into a company that's still heavily dependent on oil and gas but making big bets on clean energy. BP, based in London, recently said it would maintain petroleum production levels, but it also recently agreed to pay about \$7 billion for the rights to build two large wind farms off Germany. Mr. Looney suggested the price was lower than it might seem because it would be gradually paid over roughly 30 years. He also said he was confident that the projects would meet BP's profit targets. The power will be used to provide green energy to BP's two refineries in the country and its extensive vehicle charging system there. "We are delighted with

that win in Germany," he said. Oil prices have risen around 20 percent since mid-June, to about \$85 a barrel for Brent crude, the international benchmark. Mr. Looney, who has a front-row seat to the oil markets, made the case that the market may remain robust in the near term. Despite worries about the global economy and a faltering recovery in China, "demand for oil has been incredibly strong," he said. At the same time, he noted that the group of oil producers known as OPEC Plus was being increasingly disciplined about restraining supply while shale oil drillers in the United States were also reining in activity. "Despite a lot of uncertainties in the world, you'd have to believe, from that evidence at least, that prices are going to be strong over the coming months," he said.

Q6 What can be inferred from the information provided about BP's earnings?

- (A) BP's earnings fell more than those of other major oil companies like Chevron and Shell due to lower energy prices.
- (B) BP's earnings remained stable despite the drop in energy prices.
- (C) BP's earnings increased despite the drop in energy prices.
- (D) BP's earnings were not affected by the drop in energy prices.

Q7 What can be implied about BP's decision to increase its dividend payments?

- (A) BP's decision to increase dividend payments indicates that the company is financially stable.
- (B) BP's decision to increase dividend payments reflects its commitment to investors' interests.
- (C) BP's decision to increase dividend payments may not be well-received by investors.
- (D) BP's decision to increase dividend payments is not related to the drop in



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earnings.

Q8 What is the exception to the trend of energy companies' earnings being affected by lower prices?

- (A) BP's earnings were impacted more proportionally than those of other major oil companies..
- (B) Other large oil companies like Chevron and Shell also experienced a decline in earnings.
- (C) BP's earnings remained stable despite the drop in energy prices.
- (D) All major energy companies were hit by lower prices for oil and natural gas.

Q9 What can be inferred about the future of oil prices based on Mr. Looney's statements?

- (A) Oil prices will likely decline due to worries about the global economy and a faltering recovery in China.
- (B) Oil prices are expected to remain robust in the near term due to strong demand and supply restraint by OPEC Plus.
- (C) Oil prices are expected to fluctuate significantly in the coming months.
- (D) Oil prices have already stabilized and will not experience any major changes.

Q10 What is the main idea of the passage?

- (A) BP's chief executive, Bernard Looney, discusses the factors behind the company's earnings drop.
- (B) BP is making significant investments in clean energy, such as building wind farms in Germany.
- (C) Oil prices have risen due to strong demand, and BP's chief executive believes the market will remain robust.
- (D) BP has decided to increase its dividend payments despite the drop in earnings.

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

Nikola Swann heard that Fitch Ratings had removed the United States from its list of risk-free borrowers this week, he felt a sense of satisfaction. "It was vindicating," he says. More than a decade ago, Swann played a key role in a similar decision: He was Standard & Poor's primary analyst for its sovereign credit rating on the United States when the agency became the first ever to downgrade the nation's long-term credit rating amid a debt ceiling standoff in 2011. At the time, the move was controversial, in part because the Treasury Department pointed out that S&P had overstated the federal debt by about \$2 trillion. Bloomberg called the reasons for the downgrade "fundamentally political" in 2011, while others argued that it appropriately reflected a worsening debt crisis. Both a decade ago and this week, partisan politics were cited as one reason for the downgrade. S&P cited "the gulf between the political parties." Fitch, which made the call two months after the United States narrowly avoided defaulting on its debt, cited "the repeated debt-limit political standoffs and last-minute resolutions." The recurring debt-ceiling brinkmanship highlights the structural weaknesses in U.S. fiscal governance – so the more acrimonious they are and the closer they come to the cash-flow precipice. The credit rating agency's job is to analyze all relevant information, with the two aforementioned variables among the more important indicators of the seriousness with which Washington treats U.S. federal payment obligations. It is natural to update your assessment soon after the latest debt-ceiling data point. Does it make sense to downgrade the United States if you don't downgrade all the other AAA rated countries? After all, if the United States sneezes, so do all these other countries, right? Many countries that were rated AAA, in 2011 have since been downgraded by



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one or more credit rating agencies; examples include the U.K., France and Canada. The U.S. remains the world's most influential economy, but the strength of a country's economy, while important, is only part of a sovereign rating assessment. Fundamentally, a sovereign credit rating is not an opinion on the country's economy, *per se*, but on the likelihood that holders of the government's debt will be paid on time, in full, and unconditionally. A strong economy helps enormously, but dysfunctional fiscal governance can outweigh that strength. The remaining AAA countries have stronger track records than the U.S. when it comes to fiscal governance.

Q11 What role did partisan politics play in both the recent decision by Fitch Ratings and the decision made by Standard & Poor's a decade ago?

- (A) It was the sole reason for the downgrade in both cases.
- (B) It was cited as one of the reasons for the downgrade in both cases.
- (C) It had no impact on the downgrade in either case.
- (D) It led to the upgrade of the United States in both cases.

Q12 Based on the information in the passage, what can be inferred about the impact of partisan politics on the United States' credit rating?

- (A) Partisan politics has no impact on the credit rating.
- (B) Partisan politics is the primary reason for the downgrade.
- (C) Partisan politics is one of several factors influencing the downgrade.
- (D) Partisan politics led to the upgrade of the credit rating.

Q13 Which of the following statements is NOT supported by the information in the passage?

- (A) The decision to remove the United States from the list of risk-free borrowers was controversial.
- (B) The United States' credit rating was downgraded by Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's
- (C) Partisan politics was cited as one reason for the downgrade of the United States' credit rating.
- (D) The United States remains the world's most influential economy.

Q14 What is the tone of the passage?

- (A) Neutral and informative
- (B) Emotional and biased
- (C) Humorous and sarcastic
- (D) Indifferent and uninterested

Q15 Why was Nikola Swann satisfied when he heard about the recent decision by Fitch Ratings?

- (A) He played a key role in the decision-making process.
- (B) The United States was upgraded to risk-free status
- (C) He was proven right about the debt ceiling standoff in 2011
- (D) The Treasury Department acknowledged the debt overestimation

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

On a sunny afternoon in September, a 5-year-old girl played in a sandbox. The box contained more mud than sand, and as she whacked at it with a plastic shovel, globs of dirt stained her pink dress. But at the Nicolaigarden preschool in Stockholm, no teacher chastised her, and certainly no one told her that girls aren't supposed to play like that. In fact, at Nicolai Garden, they try not to use the word girls at all. Or boys either. One of the most popular toys at the school, for both sexes, is a set of dolls designed to teach about emotions. Each wears



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a different expression--one smiles broadly, another frowns--but that is almost all they wear. Except for the homely knit hats that top their Nordically blond heads, the dolls are completely naked, which makes it easy to see that they have no distinguishable gender. And that just might be a metaphor for what this school, and perhaps Sweden as a whole, is trying to achieve. This is a country in the midst of a dramatic new experiment in gender equality--call it gender neutrality.

In the early 1970s, when the Swedish government began actively promoting women's rights, even feminists could hardly have imagined the successes to come: near parity in political representation, a near leveling of the playing field in the workplace, and fathers who share, if not equally then at least significantly, in the raising of their children. But if Sweden has gone further than almost any other country in the world to eradicate gender discrimination, it has reached a critical turning point, moving beyond mainstream feminist goals like equal pay and equal opportunity toward a society in which gender doesn't matter.

Supporters say that process is a necessary step toward eroding the lingering vestiges of sexism, and people around the world who care about gender equality are watching with keen interest to see what lessons Sweden can offer other societies. But critics charge that feminism has become something of a state religion in Sweden, to the point that the country is on the verge of doing away with the idea of men and women altogether--and in the process, they say, casting aside much of the joy and complexity that come with difference. For them, Sweden is a dangerous experiment in political correctness that would deny biological realities and impose artificial mandates of sameness. A country that has essentially built its national identity on the pursuit of equality, Sweden finds itself moving into uncharted territory over primal questions of justice and difference. For the rest

of the West, Sweden is "laying the groundwork," says Christine Ingebritsen, a professor of Scandinavian and women's studies at the University of Washington. "They're sort of postgender now and are focusing more on humanism, on what--as humans--is going to bring us all closer to equal rights. Sweden is our future."

Q16 Which of the following statements best captures the author's main message?

- (A) Sweden's focus on gender neutrality is a dangerous experiment that denies biological realities.
- (B) Sweden's pursuit of gender equality has led to a society where gender differences no longer matter.
- (C) Sweden's approach to gender equality has resulted in a society where men and women are treated equally in all aspects.
- (D) Sweden's emphasis on political correctness has led to the abandonment of traditional gender roles.

Q17 How would you describe the author's attitude towards the text?

- (A) Supportive and enthusiastic about Sweden's experiment in gender neutrality.
- (B) Critical of Sweden's focus on gender neutrality, seeing it as a dangerous path.
- (C) Neutral and objective, presenting both sides of the argument.
- (D) Indifferent to Sweden's approach to gender equality.

Q18 From the passage, it can be inferred that the author believes which of the following?

- (A) Sweden's experiment in gender equality is misguided and ignores biological realities.



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- (B) Sweden's approach to gender neutrality has the potential to reshape societal norms.
- (C) The idea of gender equality has no practical impact on a society's progress.
- (D) Sweden's focus on political correctness is leading to a decline in societal complexity.

Q19 Which of the following, if true, would most bolster the author's standpoint?

- (A) Recent studies have shown that countries that prioritize gender neutrality have higher levels of overall societal happiness and well-being.
- (B) The majority of students at the Nicolaigarden preschool in Stockholm have reported feeling more comfortable and accepted since the implementation of gender-neutral practices.
- (C) Sweden's economy has experienced significant growth and innovation since adopting a gender-neutral approach to education and workplace policies.
- (D) Critics of Sweden's gender-neutral experiment have been found to have misconceptions about the true goals and outcomes of the approach.

Q20 Which of the following, if true, would most reinforce the author's claim?

- (A) Recent surveys indicate that students at the Nicolaigarden preschool feel more empowered and confident in expressing themselves since the adoption of gender-neutral practices.
- (B) Sweden's government has allocated significant funding to research projects exploring the long-term societal benefits of gender-neutral education.

- (C) Countries that have embraced gender neutrality in their education systems have seen a decline in academic achievement and innovation.
- (D) Critics of Sweden's gender-neutral experiment have voiced concerns about the potential negative impact on the country's cultural heritage.

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

TIME's Dec. 14 cover crosses out the bane of a year that is 2020 with a big red "X." It is the latest in a long tradition saved for some of the worst foes humanity has faced in the magazine's history. TIME has used a red "X" to cross out various things on its cover only four other times. The first time was 75 years ago, in 1945, to mark the death of Adolf Hitler (and later that year, a black "X" over Japan's rising sun marked the end of the war in the Pacific theater). The second use of the "X" came in 2003. This time it crossed out Saddam Hussein at the beginning of the Iraq war. The third "X" on TIME's cover happened in 2006, when U.S. forces killed Abu Mousab al-Zarqawi, the leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq. The most recent usage of the "X" was in 2011, for the killing of Osama bin Laden. TIME used the X to symbolize "the end of a long struggle," from World War II to milestones in the war on terrorism, and in 2020, the world battles the COVID-19 virus. Just as TIME acknowledged that bin Laden's May 2, 2011, death was "the end of an era in some ways, but not the end of our struggle against terrorism," so TIME's use of the red X in Dec. 2020 marks the end of a historic year, but not the end of the battle to curb the spread of this deadly virus. That May 20, 2011, issue featuring the "X" over bin Laden's face on the cover, also included reflections on how the 9/11 attacks affected Americans on the home front. [P]erhaps the most poignant words in this issue come from



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three of the children who were reading *The Pet Goat* with President George W. Bush in their second-grade classroom when Bush learned that the U.S. had been attacked. These kids, now high school juniors, had a front-row seat to history. Our news director Howard Chua-Eoan asked Miami bureau chief Tim Padgett to track them down. Lazaro Dubrocq, 17, remembers seeing the President's horrified expression and recalls how his heart started racing. That day in the classroom had a lasting impact, Dubrocq says: it "motivated me to get a better handle on the world and to want to help improve the world." That goes on, even with bin Laden gone. The impact of 2020 remains to be seen and certainly much more attention will be paid to how this historic year will shape future generations.

Q21 Which of the following best illustrates the author's argument?

- (A) The use of a red "X" on TIME magazine's cover to mark the end of significant historical events.
- (B) The reflection on the impact of the 9/11 attacks in an issue of TIME magazine.
- (C) The statement that Lazaro Dubrocq's motivation to improve the world was influenced by historical events.
- (D) The acknowledgment that 2020 has been a historic year with lasting consequences.

Q22 Which of the following is a possible consequence of the action described?

- (A) The COVID-19 virus will be completely eradicated by the end of 2020.
- (B) The use of the red "X" symbol on TIME's Dec. 14 cover will lead to a decrease in public health measures.
- (C) The battle against the spread of the COVID-19 virus will intensify after 2020.
- (D)

The red "X" symbol on TIME's Dec. 14 cover will have no impact on public perception.

Q23 Which of the following is a necessary condition for the author's proposal to succeed?

- (A) The red "X" symbol must be used on the cover of TIME magazine.
- (B) The battle against the COVID-19 virus must continue beyond 2020.
- (C) The death of a prominent figure must occur.
- (D) The red "X" symbol must be used exclusively for significant events.

Q24 Which of the following, if true, would weaken the analogy presented by the author?

- (A) The red "X" symbol has been used to mark events that were not significant struggles.
- (B) The red "X" symbol has only been used in years ending with a zero.
- (C) The red "X" symbol has been used more frequently in recent years.
- (D) The red "X" symbol has been used to commemorate positive achievements.

Q25 TIME has used a red "X" to cross out various things on its cover.

If the statement above is true, which of the following must also be true?

- (A) The red "X" symbol has been used by TIME magazine to mark significant historical events.
- (B) The use of the red "X" symbol on TIME's Dec. 14 cover signifies the end of the COVID-19 virus.
- (C) The use of the red "X" symbol on TIME's Dec. 14 cover is the first time it has been used in the magazine's history.
- (D) None of these



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

Irus Braverman will join the Toronto Palestine Film Festival and Another Story Bookshop for a talk discussing her new book Settling Nature: The Conservation Regime in Palestine-Israel on Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. in conversation with Wafaa Hasan and Ghada Sasa. Settling Nature draws on more than a decade of ethnographic fieldwork to document how the administration of nature in Palestine-Israel advances the Zionist project of Jewish settlement alongside the corresponding dispossession of non-Jews from this space. Highlighting the violent repercussions of Israel's conservation regime, Braverman plants the seeds for possible reimaginings of nature that transcend the grip of the state's settler ecologies. This remarkable book expertly covers a neglected part of the planet's most commented-on conflict, the central role of nature protection in Palestine-Israel. Combining rich empirics and eye-opening theoretical insights, Irus Braverman presses a highly 'unsettling' yet profoundly important point: how the conservation of critical more-than-human natures sits at the heart of many of the most consequential and distressing power struggles of our time. Environmentalism in the Era of Post-truth Politics and Platform Capitalism. Irus Braverman's fascinating account of the formulation and enforcement of conservation policies in Palestine-Israel examines a series of cases that exemplify tensions that emerge around attempts to conserve species, landscapes, and ecosystems. As it illuminates the environmental and political history of Palestine-Israel, Settling Nature will also engage those interested in the conflicts surrounding conservation movements in many other places. Settling Nature is a necessary read for all who are interested in justice, human rights and a livable planet. Written in fluid, easy to follow language that weaves stories with

facts, the book is also fun to read. This remarkable book expertly covers a neglected part of planet's most commented-on conflict, the central role of nature protection in Palestine-Israel. Combining rich empirics and eye-opening theoretical insights, Irus Braverman presses a highly 'unsettling' yet profoundly important point: how the conservation of critical more-than-human natures sits at the heart of many of the consequential and distressing power struggles of our time.

Q26 What does the author mean by "the formulation and enforcement of conservation policies"?

- (A) The creation of new laws and regulations for nature protection.
- (B) The manipulation of media narratives about environmental issues.
- (C) The establishment of diplomatic relations for international conservation.
- (D) The involvement of celebrities in promoting environmental awareness

Q27 According to the passage, what role does the administration of nature in Palestine-Israel play in advancing the Zionist project?

- (A) It promotes coexistence between different ethnic groups.
- (B) It fosters international collaboration on conservation efforts.
- (C) It supports the preservation of local traditions and identities.
- (D) It contributes to the settlement of Jewish communities.

Q28 Which of the following best summarizes the author's viewpoint on the relationship between conservation and power struggles?

- (A) Conservation efforts should be focused solely on protecting



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ecosystems.

- (B) Power struggles are exacerbated by the neglect of environmental concerns
- (C) The conservation of nature is intricately linked to significant power struggles.
- (D) Power struggles are irrelevant to the field of environmentalism

Q29 What is the significance of the term "unsettling" in the passage?

- (A) It refers to the destabilization of political power structures.
- (B) It describes the feeling of discomfort caused by environmental issues.
- (C) It signifies the disruption of ecosystems in Palestine-Israel.

(D) It suggests a critical and thought-provoking perspective on conservation.

Q30 What is the main focus of Irus Braverman's book "Settling Nature: The Conservation Regime in Palestine-Israel"?

- (A) Documenting the history of political conflicts in Palestine-Israel.
- (B) Analyzing the impact of environmentalism on post-truth politics.
- (C) Examining the relationship between nature conservation and settlement in Palestine-Israel.
- (D) Exploring the role of storytelling in environmental movements.



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Answer Key

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

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Q26 (A)
Q27 (D)
Q28 (C)
Q29 (D)
Q30 (C)



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Hints & Solutions

Q1. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is inference based question. Here we need to find out about professional darts players and their difference in performance from present to earlier one.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The passage mentions that top professional players in darts, as well as other sports, have improved their rates of precision meaningfully in the last four decades. It also gives a comparison between Keith Deller's performance in 1983 and Michael Smith's performance in 2023, indicating that players today achieve higher scores. Option a is the correct inference because the passage explicitly mentions that top professional players in darts have improved their rates of precision meaningfully in the last four decades, indicating that players today achieve higher scores on average than players from a generation ago.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage does not provide any information or data about the success rate of hitting the triple-20 region for players from a generation ago or the current players. It only mentions the improvement in rates of precision for top professional players in general.

Option c: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage clearly indicates that top professional players in darts have improved their rates of precision in the last four decades, implying that there is a significant difference in the performance of players today compared to a generation ago.

Option d: This option goes beyond the scope of the passage. While the passage mentions that advancements in equipment may have contributed to improved performance, it also

emphasizes the role of skill development and training in the improvement of players. Therefore, it cannot be inferred that the performance of players today has not improved compared to players from a generation ago. The passage does suggest improvement in performance.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q2. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is inference based question. This question asks us the information for the future of professional sports, discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The passage suggests that athletes are continually improving their precision and performance, and while perfection may be far away, they keep getting better. This implies that athletes will continue to strive for higher levels of performance, pushing boundaries and potentially achieving new records and achievements. Option d is the correct analysis because the passage suggests that athletes will continue to strive for higher levels of performance, potentially achieving new records and achievements. It implies that athletes' pursuit of perfection in their performance may lead to further progress and accomplishments in professional sports.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage mentions improvements



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in technology and equipment, but it does not suggest that athletes will need to rely more on these advancements to maintain their progress. It emphasizes that athletes' skills and precision have improved meaningfully over time.

Option b: This option is not supported by the passage. While the passage mentions advancements in equipment contributing to improved performance, it also emphasizes the role of athletes' skills and precision in achieving better scores. The passage does not suggest that equipment advancements will diminish the importance of athletes' skills.

Option c: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage does not mention anything about a decline in viewership due to excessive improvement in athletes' skills. It focuses on the factors that have contributed to improved performance but does not discuss the impact on viewership.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q3. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to search for professional sports, discussed in the passage and find out about its competitive nature.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The passage mentions that athletes in professional sports have improved their precision and performance, indicating that the competition has become more intense. The advancements in equipment and technology may have played a role in making professional sports more competitive as athletes strive for

better scores. Option A is the correct analysis because the passage suggests that professional sports have become more competitive due to improvements in equipment and technology, leading to athletes achieving higher precision and performance.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage does not indicate that the competitive nature of professional sports has declined. Instead, it highlights that athletes have improved their precision and performance, which implies an increase in competitiveness.

Option c: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage does not mention anything about current athletes in professional sports competing against their predecessors from previous generations. It focuses on the improvement in athletes' precision over the last four decades.

Option d: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage does not suggest that improvements in equipment have made professional sports less competitive. It highlights the improvements in athletes' precision but does not mention that everyone can achieve higher scores due to equipment improvements.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q4. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here we need to find out the reason for the improvement in the performance of darts players, discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:



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Option b: The passage explains that improvements in darts and other sports can be attributed to better equipment and technology, including the construction of the dartboard. Changes in the board have increased the size of the triple-20 region and made it less likely for darts to bounce off, leading to better scores. Option b is the correct analysis because the passage explicitly explains that changes in the construction of the dartboard have contributed to the players' improved performance. The increased size of the triple-20 region and the reduced likelihood of darts bouncing off the board have led to better scores for players.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This option is partially correct and supported by the passage. The passage mentions that top professional players in darts, as well as other sports, have improved their rates of precision meaningfully in the last four decades. This implies that players themselves have become more skilled and precise, but it is not the only factor contributing to the improved performance.

Option c: This option is partially correct and supported by the passage. The passage mentions that advancements in equipment, including the construction of the dartboard, have contributed to improved performance. However, it also emphasizes the role of skill development and training in the improvement of players.

Option d: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage does not mention anything about the popularity and recognition of darts attracting more talented players. It focuses on the factors that have contributed to the improvement in the performance of players, such as better equipment and training.

Trap of the Question:

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exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q5. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to find out the option which tells us about development in professional sports, discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The passage discusses how professional darts players and athletes in other sports have improved their precision and performance meaningfully over the last four decades. It points out that advancements in equipment and technology, such as changes in the dartboard's construction, have contributed to these improvements. Option a is the correct analysis because the passage discusses how advancements in equipment and technology, such as changes in the dartboard's construction, have contributed to the improvement in professional darts players' performance.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage does not mention anything about professional athletes always striving for perfection. It focuses on the improvement in athletes' precision over the last four decades but does not attribute it to a continuous pursuit of perfection.

Option c: This option is not supported by the passage. While the passage discusses the improvement in professional darts players' performance and mentions changes in equipment, it does not provide a broader discussion of significant changes and advancements in the world of professional sports.

Option d: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage does not provide any



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information about the popularity of professional darts or other sports growing and leading to increased investment and player skill. It primarily focuses on improvements in athletes' precision.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q6. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is inference based question. Here we need to search the information about BP's earnings, discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The passage states that all major energy companies, including BP, were hit by lower prices for oil and natural gas. However, it further mentions that BP's earnings fell more proportionally than those of other large oil companies like Chevron and Shell. From this information, it can be inferred that BP's earnings were affected more significantly by the drop in energy prices compared to its competitors.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: BP's earnings remained stable despite the drop in energy prices. - This statement contradicts the information provided in the passage, which clearly states that BP's earnings fell due to lower prices for oil and natural gas.

Option c: BP's earnings increased despite the drop in energy prices. - This statement contradicts the information provided in the passage, which explicitly mentions that BP's earnings fell due to lower energy prices.

Option d: BP's earnings were not affected by the drop in energy prices. - This statement

contradicts the information provided in the passage, which states that all major energy companies, including BP, were hit by lower prices for oil and natural gas, resulting in a drop in earnings.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q7. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here we have to search out in the passage, how BP's decision has contributed to increase its dividend payments.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The passage mentions that BP decided to increase its distribution by 10 percent, despite the earnings drop. This decision highlights the importance of dividend payments to investors and suggests that BP is committed to meeting their interests, even during challenging times.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: BP's decision to increase dividend payments indicates that the company is financially stable. - The passage does not provide enough information to infer BP's financial stability solely based on the decision to increase dividend payments. It only suggests that dividend payments are significant to investors.

Option c: BP's decision to increase dividend payments may not be well-received by investors. - There is no information in the passage to suggest that investors would react negatively to BP's decision to increase dividend payments. On the contrary, the passage



emphasizes the importance of dividend payments to investors.

Option d: BP's decision to increase dividend payments is not related to the drop in earnings.

- The passage does not explicitly state the exact reason behind BP's decision to increase dividend payments. However, it can be implied that the decision is likely driven by the company's commitment to investors' interests despite the earnings drop.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q8. Text Solution:

Essence of the question :

The passage discusses energy companies' earnings being affected by lower prices. We have to find out the exception in that. It means, which will not be affected by lower prices.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: It is the exception to the trend mentioned in the passage. The passage states that all major energy companies, including BP, were hit by lower prices for oil and natural gas. However, it specifically mentions that BP's earnings fell more proportionally than those of other large oil companies like Chevron and Shell, indicating that BP's earnings were not stable despite the drop in energy prices.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: BP's earnings were impacted more proportionally than those of other major oil companies. - This statement is consistent with the information provided in the passage and does not represent an exception to the trend.

Option b: Other large oil companies like Chevron and Shell also experienced a decline in earnings. - This statement is consistent with the information provided in the passage and does not represent an exception to the trend.

Option d: All major energy companies were hit by lower prices for oil and natural gas. - This statement is consistent with the information provided in the passage and does not represent an exception to the trend.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q9. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is inference based question. We shall find out, what Mr. Looney's statements' has suggested about the future of oil prices.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: Mr. Looney's statements suggest that despite uncertainties in the world economy and concerns about China's recovery, demand for oil has been incredibly strong. Additionally, he mentions that OPEC Plus is being increasingly disciplined about restraining supply. These factors lead to the inference that oil prices are expected to remain robust in the near term.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Oil prices will likely decline due to worries about the global economy and a faltering recovery in China. - This statement contradicts the information provided in the passage, which states that demand for oil has been incredibly strong, and Mr. Looney does not indicate a likely decline in oil prices.



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Option c: Oil prices are expected to fluctuate significantly in the coming months. - The passage does not provide any specific information about the extent of oil price fluctuations in the coming months. Mr. Looney's statements imply that oil prices will remain robust, not that they will fluctuate significantly.

Option d: Oil prices have already stabilized and will not experience any major changes. - The passage does not provide any information suggesting that oil prices have already stabilized. Mr. Looney's statements indicate a belief in strong demand for oil and the possibility of robust prices in the near term, which is different from the conclusion that oil prices will not experience any major changes.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q10. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us the focus of the passage. What is the issue discussed in overall passage, that the author wants to convey to readers.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The main idea of the passage is to discuss the factors behind BP's earnings drop, with a focus on the lower prices for oil and natural gas and weak profits from certain products, as explained by BP's chief executive, Bernard Looney, in an interview.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: BP is making significant investments in clean energy, such as building wind farms in Germany. - While the passage mentions BP's investments in wind farms, it is not the main

idea of the entire passage. The primary focus is on the factors behind the company's earnings drop.

Option c: Oil prices have risen due to strong demand, and BP's chief executive believes the market will remain robust. - While the passage mentions the rise in oil prices and Mr. Looney's belief in a robust market, it is not the main idea of the entire passage. The main idea is centered around BP's earnings drop and the factors contributing to it.

Option d: BP has decided to increase its dividend payments despite the drop in earnings. - The passage mentions BP's decision to increase its dividend payments, but it is not the main idea of the entire passage. The main idea is focused on the factors behind BP's earnings drop.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q11. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

The passage discusses about partisan politics and we need to find out its role in decisions made by Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The passage states that both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's cited partisan politics as one reason for the downgrade of the United States' credit rating.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: It was the sole reason for the downgrade in both cases. - The passage does not mention that partisan politics was the sole



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reason for the downgrade; it was one of the reasons.

Option c: It had no impact on the downgrade in either case. - The passage explicitly mentions that partisan politics was cited as a reason for the downgrade in both cases, so this statement is incorrect.

Option d: It led to the upgrade of the United States in both cases. - The passage discusses downgrades, not upgrades, and does not provide any information about partisan politics leading to upgrades.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q12. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is an inference based question. It is asking about impact of partisan politics on the United States' credit rating, discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The passage states that both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's cited partisan politics as one reason for the downgrade, indicating that it is one of several factors influencing the credit rating. Option C is the correct inference because the passage explicitly states that partisan politics was cited as one reason for the downgrade of the United States' credit rating, indicating that it is one of several factors influencing the credit rating.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage clearly states that partisan politics were cited as one reason for the downgrade of the United States' credit

rating by both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's. Therefore, partisan politics do have an impact on the credit rating.

Option b: This option is not supported by the passage. While the passage mentions that partisan politics were cited as one reason for the downgrade, it does not specify that it is the primary reason. There may be other factors involved in the downgrade as well.

Option d: This option is not supported by the passage. The passage only talks about the downgrade of the United States' credit rating due to partisan politics. It does not mention anything about an upgrade of the credit rating.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q13. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us to select an option which does not deliver the information discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The passage does not mention that the United States remains the world's most influential economy. It discusses the importance of the U.S. economy but does not make a statement about its current status as the most influential economy in the world.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

A) The decision to remove the United States from the list of risk-free borrowers was controversial. - The passage mentions that the decision to downgrade the United States' credit rating a decade ago was controversial,



indicating that this statement is supported by the information in the passage.

B) The United States' credit rating was downgraded by Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's. - The passage mentions that Fitch Ratings removed the United States from its list of risk-free borrowers, and Standard & Poor's downgraded the nation's long-term credit rating a decade ago, supporting this statement.

C) Partisan politics was cited as one reason for the downgrade of the United States' credit rating. - The passage explicitly states that both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's cited partisan politics as one reason for the downgrade, supporting this statement.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q14. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is tone based question. What are the feelings of the author while writing the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The passage presents information about credit rating agencies' decisions regarding the United States' credit rating. It provides facts, quotes, and descriptions without expressing any emotional bias or using humor or sarcasm. Therefore, the tone of the passage is neutral and informative.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: Emotional and biased - There is no emotional language or biased opinion in the passage. The information is presented objectively, making this choice incorrect.

Option c: Humorous and sarcastic - There is no use of humor or sarcasm in the passage. The content is straightforward and does not aim to entertain, making this choice incorrect.

Option d: Indifferent and uninterested - The passage is not indifferent or uninterested in its tone. It actively discusses credit rating decisions and their implications, making this choice incorrect.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q15. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us about Nikola Swann satisfaction when he heard about the recent decision by Fitch Ratings.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The passage mentions that Nikola Swann played a key role in a similar decision made by Standard & Poor's in 2011. As a result, when he heard about the recent decision by Fitch Ratings, he felt a sense of satisfaction.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: The United States was upgraded to risk-free status. - The passage states that the United States was removed from the list of risk-free borrowers, not upgraded to risk-free status. This statement is incorrect.

Option c: He was proven right about the debt ceiling standoff in 2011. - The passage does not provide information about Nikola Swann being proven right or wrong about the debt ceiling standoff. This statement is not supported by the passage.



Option d: The Treasury Department acknowledged the debt overestimation. - While the passage mentions that the Treasury Department pointed out S&P's overestimation of the federal debt, it does not state that the Treasury Department acknowledged it as a reason for the recent decision by Fitch Ratings. This statement is not supported by the passage.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q16. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us the foremost or chief idea of the author which he wants to deliver through this passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The passage discusses how Sweden is undergoing a transformation in its approach to gender equality, moving beyond traditional feminist goals to embrace a form of gender neutrality. This main message is best captured by option B, which highlights that gender differences no longer matter in Sweden's pursuit of equality.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: incorrectly portrays Sweden's experiment as "dangerous" and "denies biological realities," which is a biased interpretation not supported by the passage.

Option c: simplifies the author's message by suggesting complete equality in all aspects, which is not entirely accurate according to the passage.

Option d: focuses solely on "political correctness" and "traditional gender roles," overlooking the broader context of gender neutrality and equality discussed in the passage.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q17. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us about the feeling of the author which he expressed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option A: Throughout the passage, the author discusses Sweden's efforts towards gender equality and gender neutrality in a positive light. The author presents various aspects of Sweden's approach, such as eradicating gender discrimination and moving beyond traditional feminist goals. The passage does not display any criticism or negative sentiment towards Sweden's experiment. Therefore, option A accurately captures the author's attitude, which is supportive and enthusiastic about the country's pursuit of gender neutrality.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Options B, C, D, are incorrect:

- Option B suggests a critical attitude, which is not evident in the passage.
- Option C, while the passage presents both supporters and critics, the overall tone is not neutral; the author's positive perspective is clear.
- Option D, the passage's tone is not indifferent; the author expresses a clear viewpoint.



Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

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

This is inference based question. It asks us to choose an option which delivers the belief of the author.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option B: The passage discusses Sweden's experiment in gender neutrality and how it represents a dramatic new approach to gender equality. The author discusses the significant steps Sweden has taken and suggests that the country is moving beyond mainstream feminist goals. This implies that the author believes Sweden's approach has the potential to reshape societal norms. Option B captures this perspective accurately.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Options A, C, D, are incorrect:

- Option A suggests a negative view, which is not supported by the passage.
- Option C is contradicted by the passage, as it highlights the significant impact of gender equality on Sweden's progress.
- Option D focuses on "political correctness," which is a narrow interpretation and does not fully capture the author's belief.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for

such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q19. Text Solution:**Essence of the question:**

This question asks us to which statement the author supports the most.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option A: Recent studies have shown that countries that prioritize gender neutrality have higher levels of overall societal happiness and well-being.

The author's standpoint in the passage is supportive of Sweden's experiment in gender neutrality and suggests that it may lead to positive outcomes. Option A, which states that countries prioritizing gender neutrality have higher societal happiness and well-being, aligns with the author's positive perspective on Sweden's approach.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Options B, C, D, are incorrect because:

- Option B is specific to the Nicolaigarden preschool and doesn't directly address the author's standpoint on Sweden's gender neutrality experiment as a whole.
- Option C focuses on the economy and doesn't directly relate to the author's standpoint on societal attitudes towards gender neutrality.
- Option D refers to critics' misconceptions, but it doesn't directly strengthen the author's overall standpoint.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.



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Q20. Text Solution:**Essence of the question:**

This is a strengthening question. Here we need to choose an option which supports the claim of the author.

Explanation for the correct answer:

The passage discusses Sweden's experiment in gender neutrality and its impact on societal norms. Option A reinforces the author's claim by providing evidence that the adoption of gender-neutral practices has led to positive outcomes, particularly in terms of student empowerment and self-expression.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Options B, C, D, are incorrect:

- Option B focuses on funding for research projects, which, although related to gender-neutral education, does not directly reinforce the author's claim about positive outcomes.
- Option C presents a negative consequence of gender neutrality, which contradicts the author's positive standpoint.
- Option D focuses on concerns about cultural heritage, which is not directly related to the author's claim about student empowerment and confidence.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q21. Text Solution:**Essence of the question:**

This question asks us about the author's argument. The option which delivers the argument in the best possible way, will be our answer.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The author's argument revolves around the use of the red "X" symbol on TIME magazine's cover to mark the end of significant historical events. The author emphasizes that while the symbol marks the end of a historic year (2020), it does not signify the end of the battle against the COVID-19 virus. Option D best illustrates this underlying argument by highlighting the author's focus on the impact and consequences of the year 2020.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: While the use of the red "X" symbol is a key element of the argument, it does not illustrate the underlying argument as effectively as option D.

Option b: The reflection on the impact of the 9/11 attacks is mentioned, but it is not the central focus of the author's argument.

Option c: Lazaro Dubrocq's motivation is mentioned in the context of the 9/11 attacks, but it is not the primary focus of the author's argument.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q22. Text Solution:**Essence of the question:**

This question asks us to find which option shows the result of the action described in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The passage states that the use of the red "X" symbol on TIME's Dec. 14 cover marks the end of a historic year but not the end of the battle to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This suggests that a possible consequence of



the action described (using the red "X" symbol) is that the battle against the spread of the COVID-19 virus will intensify after 2020.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The passage does not suggest that the COVID-19 virus will be completely eradicated by the end of 2020.

Option b: The passage does not indicate that the use of the red "X" symbol will lead to a decrease in public health measures; it is focused on marking the end of a year and the ongoing battle against the virus.

Option d: The passage implies that the red "X" symbol has significance, so it is unlikely to have no impact on public perception.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q23. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

We need to find out the required condition, mentioned in the passage for the author's proposal to succeed.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The author's proposal in this context refers to the use of the red "X" symbol on TIME magazine covers to mark the end of significant struggles or challenges. To succeed in this proposal, a necessary condition is that the battle against the COVID-19 virus must continue beyond 2020, as indicated in the passage.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: While the use of the red "X" symbol is mentioned in the passage, it is not a necessary condition for the author's proposal to succeed.

Option c: The death of a prominent figure is a common theme in the use of the red "X" symbol, but it is not a necessary condition for the author's proposal to succeed.

Option d: The exclusive use of the red "X" symbol for significant events is not explicitly stated as a necessary condition for the author's proposal to succeed.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q24. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here we need to find out which statement does not support the analogy presented in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The analogy presented by the author draws a parallel between the use of the red "X" symbol on TIME magazine covers and the marking of significant struggles or challenges. If it is true that the red "X" symbol has been used to mark events that were not significant struggles, it weakens the analogy by suggesting that the symbol's use is not exclusively tied to marking the end of significant struggles.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: The pattern of using the red "X" symbol in years ending with a zero does not directly impact the analogy presented by the author.

Option c: The frequency of using the red "X" symbol in recent years does not necessarily weaken the analogy, as long as it is still used to mark significant struggles.



Option d: The use of the red "X" symbol to commemorate positive achievements does not directly weaken the analogy focused on marking the end of significant struggles.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad, too narrow, outside the scope of the passage, exaggerated, or half of the option is correct but the other half is distorted. One should look for such distortions and eliminate options to arrive at the best option that does justice to the question.

Q25. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here one statement is given, we need to check which statement is true as per the statement, mentioned in the passage.

Explanation for correct answer:

Option a: The statement talks about the tradition of using the red "X" symbol on TIME magazine's cover to mark significant historical events, such as the death of Adolf Hitler and the killing of Osama bin Laden. Therefore, if this statement is true, it implies that the red "X" symbol has been used by TIME magazine to mark significant historical events.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: While the use of the red "X" symbol on TIME's Dec. 14 cover is mentioned, it does not necessarily imply that the symbol signifies the end of the COVID-19 virus.

Option c: The statement does not provide any information about the beginning of a new era in relation to the red "X" symbol on TIME's Dec. 14 cover.

Option d: As the statement indicates towards option a, option d cannot be the answer.

Trap of the Question:

The trap in such questions lies in the distortion of facts in the options. This distortion can be created by either making the option too broad,

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Q26. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

It asks us the author's views about the formulation and enforcement of conservation policies

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option A: "The formulation and enforcement of conservation policies" refers to the process of creating and implementing rules and regulations related to the protection of nature. This is clarified by the context of the passage, which discusses tensions that emerge around attempts to conserve species, landscapes, and ecosystems.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

B) The manipulation of media narratives about environmental issues.

This option is incorrect because the passage does not mention media manipulation or narratives about environmental issues in relation to "the formulation and enforcement of conservation policies."

C) The establishment of diplomatic relations for international conservation.

This option is incorrect because the passage does not discuss the establishment of diplomatic relations for international conservation in the context of "the formulation and enforcement of conservation policies."

D) The involvement of celebrities in promoting environmental awareness.

This option is incorrect because the passage does not mention celebrity involvement in promoting environmental awareness as part of "the formulation and enforcement of conservation policies."

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Q27. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

It asks us the role of administration of nature in Palestine-Israel play in advancing the Zionist project, discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option D: The passage states that the administration of nature in Palestine-Israel advances the Zionist project of Jewish settlement. This implies that the administration of nature is linked to the settlement of Jewish communities.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

A) It promotes coexistence between different ethnic groups.

- This option is incorrect because the passage does not mention the promotion of coexistence between different ethnic groups as a role of the administration of nature in Palestine-Israel.

B) It fosters international collaboration on conservation efforts.

- This option is incorrect because the passage does not discuss fostering international collaboration on conservation efforts as a role of the administration of nature in Palestine-Israel.

C) It supports the preservation of local traditions and identities.

- This option is incorrect because the passage does not mention supporting the preservation of local traditions and identities as a role of the administration of nature in Palestine-Israel.

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Q28. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us the author's views on the relationship between conservation and power struggles.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The passage highlights that the author's point is that the conservation of critical more-than-human natures is at the heart of many significant power struggles. This choice captures the idea that conservation and power struggles are closely intertwined.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

A) Conservation efforts should be focused solely on protecting ecosystems.

- This option is incorrect because the passage emphasizes the central role of conservation in power struggles, not a narrow focus solely on protecting ecosystems.

B) Power struggles are exacerbated by the neglect of environmental concerns.

- This option is incorrect because the author's viewpoint is not about the neglect of environmental concerns causing power struggles, but about the integral connection between conservation and power struggles.

D) Power struggles are irrelevant to the field of environmentalism.

- This option is incorrect because the passage clearly states that power struggles are central to the author's perspective on conservation, making this option incorrect.



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Q29. Text Solution:**Essence of the question:**

This is asking about a word unsettling, the statement that is nearest to its meaning, will be the answer.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option D: The term "unsettling" is used to describe the author's perspective on the conservation of critical more-than-human natures and how it relates to power struggles. It indicates that the author offers a thought-provoking and critical viewpoint on conservation issues.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

A) It refers to the destabilization of political power structures.

- This option is incorrect because the term "unsettling" is used in the context of discussing the author's critical perspective on conservation, not the destabilization of political power structures.

B) It describes the feeling of discomfort caused by environmental issues.

- This option is incorrect because the term "unsettling" is not used to describe the feeling of discomfort caused by environmental issues. Instead, it refers to a critical and thought-provoking perspective.

C) It signifies the disruption of ecosystems in Palestine-Israel.

- This option is incorrect because the term "unsettling" does not refer to the disruption of

ecosystems, but rather to the critical viewpoint presented by the author.

Trap of the Question:

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Q30. Text Solution:**Essence of the question:**

It asks us the prime focus of Irus Braverman's book "Settling Nature", discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option C: The passage mentions that Irus Braverman's book "Settling Nature" documents how the administration of nature in Palestine-Israel advances the Zionist project of Jewish settlement. This implies that the book focuses on the connection between nature conservation and settlement.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

A) Documenting the history of political conflicts in Palestine-Israel.

- This option is incorrect because the passage specifically focuses on the relationship between nature conservation and settlement, not the history of political conflicts.

B) Analyzing the impact of environmentalism on post-truth politics.

- This option is incorrect because although the passage briefly mentions "Environmentalism in the Era of Post-truth Politics," it does not suggest that the entire book is focused on this topic.

D) Exploring the role of storytelling in environmental movements.



- This option is incorrect because the passage does not mention storytelling or its role in environmental movements as the main focus of the book.

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