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Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

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Directions (1-3) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

A symphony of colors dances with silent yet profound tales through the slender fingers of artisans in Channapatna. As the burnished hues meld into the contours of the wooden figurines, the melodic narrative of an ancient art form seamlessly intertwines with whispers of contemporary resilience. Navigating a teetering balance between economic evolution and cultural preservation, the toymakers of this quaint Karnataka town don't just craft objects; they sculpt stories, whispering tales of a time that persistently echoes through modern corridors.

Here, within every toy, is an unspoken, nuanced portrayal of India's socio-economic journey, where the vibrant, persistent tradition and the unequivocal, pulsating surge of modernity collide and coalesce. A flicker of the future reflects in the eyes of an artisan as he, with a chisel and lathe, gently coaxes form from wood, all the while preserving the spectral echoes of foregone eras within every groove and shade. The art of toymaking, thus, becomes a symbol, a parable where India's multifaceted tales of change, survival, and unyielding perseverance unfold.

Such toy tales weave into the realm of economic sustenance and cultural tenacity, encapsulating the dichotomy of maintaining tradition whilst sailing the tumultuous seas of globalization and technological advance. A toy might seem a simple, joyous, perhaps even, mundane object to a casual observer. However, delve a little deeper, peer a little closer, and one beholds a vista where every carved groove

resonates with stories of survival, every paint stroke echoes diverse, at times discordant, tales of a nation simultaneously reaching forward while anchoring firmly to its past.

Economically, Channapatna toys subtly mirror the nuanced dance India performs on a global stage. The intricate art form, though firmly rooted in ancient skills and traditional aesthetics, has not been untouched by the fingers of globalization and technological adaptation. E-commerce platforms echo with the allure of these wooden wonders, presenting a vivid portrayal of a subtle, yet profound synthesis where tradition and technology are no longer dichotomous.

It isn't merely about toys. It's about preserving a heritage that holds the collective memories of generations while ensuring that the narrative does not stagnate, but instead evolves, reverberates, and resonates within the galleries of future tales to be told. The toymakers, therefore, are not mere artisans. They are custodians – guardians of a legacy, sculptors of future stories, and subtle, yet potent, architects of socio-economic and cultural narratives.

Thus, while wooden toys animate tales of joy and innocence, beneath their vibrant exterior, they also enfold within them the rich, multilayered narratives of India's journey from the age-old to the age-new, rendering a spectacular, yet silent melody that transcends time, narrating stories of a past that is intrinsically intertwined with the beats of the future.

Q1 All of the following insights regarding the societal and economic parallels between



Channapatna toymakers and India can be drawn from the passage, EXCEPT:

- (A) The Channapatna toymaking process serves as a metaphor for India's socio-economic journey.
- (B) The artisans of Channapatna sculpt stories that resonate with India's cultural and historical legacy.
- (C) Channapatna toys are popular because they are exclusively made of rare and expensive materials.
- (D) Channapatna toys have managed to find a presence on e-commerce platforms due to the influence of globalization.

Q2 The author notes that, ***"Navigating a teetering balance between economic evolution and cultural preservation, the toymakers of this quaint Karnataka town don't just craft objects; they sculpt stories, whispering tales of a time that persistently echoes through modern corridors."*** Which one of the following statements, if true, does not contradict this assertion?

- (A) Channapatna toymakers have ceased production due to the pressures of modernity.
- (B) Despite modern influences, toymakers ensure the legacy of their craft isn't lost.
- (C) The toymaking craft in Channapatna is seeing a resurgence due to renewed global interest.
- (D) E-commerce has a negligible impact on the production and distribution of Channapatna toys.

Q3 Among the statements below, which one is the MOST likely to be true if the passage instead criticized the toy-making process?

- (A) The toymakers in Channapatna are failing to keep pace with sustainable technological advancements.

- (B) Globalization has overwhelmingly brought benefits to the toy-making process in Channapatna.
- (C) Channapatna toys are a blend of tradition and modernity, representing India's socio-economic journey.
- (D) The toymakers of Channapatna are custodians of India's rich cultural and historical narrative.

Directions (4-8) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

An eerie silence lingered as Dr. Krishnan Verma, eyes gleaming with an amalgamation of trepidation and exhilaration, unveiled an enigmatic box that concealed what might very well alter the very sinews of modern scientific understanding. With a demeanor embodying both a seasoned investigator and an impassioned discoverer, he extended an invitation into a realm wherein the empirical and speculative danced in a taut balance, threatening to cascade into chaos yet astonishingly maintaining a semblance of coherence.

In the unassuming laboratories nestled within the vibrant alleys of Bengaluru, Dr. Verma and his team of audacious researchers ventured into uncharted territories, delving into the quantum mechanical peculiarities that seemed to flout established norms. The proposition laid forth by Dr. Verma, baptized as "Vermatic Particles," hints at particles that ostensibly originate from the detritus of collapsed neutron stars, endowed with properties capable of manipulating gravitational forces.

As the dialogue unfurled, Dr. Verma elucidated, ***"Our exploratory endeavors into the enigmatic regions of space, more specifically, the vestiges of neutron star remnants, presented manifestations that were hitherto elusive. The Vermatic Particles, which we stumbled upon serendipitously, seem to elude the confines of conventional quantum mechanics, presenting***



attributes that, dare I say, border on the fantastical."

The interviewer, eyebrows knitted in a mix of skepticism and fascination, probed further into the realms of possibilities afforded by this discovery. **"The academic community often heralds established theoretical frameworks, Dr. Verma. How do Vermatic Particles find congruence, if at all, within these paradigms, and what disruptions might they propel within our foundational knowledge?"**

Navigating through the scientific labyrinths with an ardor characteristic of pioneers, Dr. Verma responded, **"It's quintessential to acknowledge that the Vermatic Particles, while intriguing, emanate from a landscape fraught with speculative entities and theoretical alignments. Our preliminary examinations hint towards an ability to modulate gravitational interactions within a defined vicinity, yet the underpinning mechanisms remain obscured in a cloak of quantum enigma."**

The discourse further spiraled into the ethical ramifications emanating from such a discovery. Could the harnessing of Vermatic Particles steer humanity into domains where gravitational manipulations become tools for progress or perhaps, instruments for cataclysmic conflicts? Dr. Verma, albeit with a countenance reflecting measured optimism, articulated the indispensability of an ethical compass guiding such pursuits.

"As with every stride in science, the Vermatic Particles whisper promises of progress and concurrently, murmur warnings of unbridled exploitation. It's imperative that the ethical delineation of such pursuits is scrupulously charted, ensuring the symbiosis of scientific advancements and moral stewardship," Dr. Verma pronounced, his voice a tranquil stream amidst the tumultuous prospects unraveling before humanity.

As the interview reached its crescendo, one could not elude the ponderous clouds of what-

ifs and maybes that lingered within the realms of the revelation. The Vermatic Particles, while a beacon of unimaginable potentialities, also plummeted the scientific fraternity into a vortex of ethical, theoretical, and existential quandaries.

Q4 All of the following statements can be inferred from Dr. Verma's discourse EXCEPT that:

- (A) Vermatic Particles may have originated from the remnants of neutron stars.
- (B) Dr. Verma is certain that the discovery of Vermatic Particles will lead to instantaneous practical applications.
- (C) Ethical considerations are paramount when exploring the potential applications of Vermatic Particles.
- (D) The particles seemingly possess properties that challenge conventional quantum mechanics.

Q5 The interviewer notes a mixture of "skepticism and fascination" when interacting with Dr. Verma. Which one of the following interviewer reactions, if true, does not contradict this observation?

- (A) The interviewer promptly dismisses Dr. Verma's findings.
- (B) The interviewer asks pointed questions but shows genuine interest in the responses.
- (C) The interviewer expresses awe at the potential ramifications of the discovery.
- (D) The interviewer actively engages in a debate about the implications of Vermatic Particles.

Q6 Given the undulating curiosity and skepticism of the interviewer in light of Dr. Verma's revelations, which of the following follow-up questions would least likely be posited by them, considering the flow and tonality of the dialogue?

- (A)



Can you elucidate the potential military applications of Vermatic Particles?

- (B) How did your team celebrate upon first encountering these enigmatic entities?
- (C) What potential does this discovery hold for revising our understanding of gravity?
- (D) Could Vermatic Particles herald a new age in space exploration, given their unique properties?

Q7 Given Dr. Verma's measured optimism and implicit concerns regarding the Vermatic Particles, which of the following hypothetical scenarios is he least likely to advocate for, even if the Vermatic Particles substantiated all theoretical propositions?

- (A) Establishing a global consortium to oversee the ethical exploration of Vermatic Particles.
- (B) Immediate commercialization of technology utilizing Vermatic Particles to expedite funding for further research.
- (C) Engaging in dialogues with various scientific communities to establish a normative framework for researching Vermatic Particles.
- (D) Advocating for a multidisciplinary approach to explore and harness Vermatic Particles cautiously.

Q8 If the interviewer was later revealed to be a skeptic of frameworks that challenge established quantum mechanics, which part of the interview might be perceived as a subtle attempt to undermine Dr. Verma's propositions?

- (A) The interviewer's pursuit to understand the congruence between Vermatic Particles and established theoretical frameworks.
- (B) Probing into Dr. Verma's emotional response upon discovering the particles.

(C) Asking about the potential commercial applications of Vermatic Particles.

(D) Allowing Dr. Verma to expound on the ethical implications of the particles.

Directions (9-11) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

A gentle paw, a silent mew, and the soft yet profound gaze of a creature that knew not the chaos of human wars and conquests—such was the unspoken bond that surreptitiously tethered beings of distinct evolutionary paths.

In a quiet, unassuming village, where time itself seemed to linger a moment longer than usual, human and animal worlds collided, not in the fierce battlefield of survival, but in the soft meadows of coexistence. It wasn't an era, not a pivotal moment in history, but an unnoticed whisper of transformation where the wild met the tamed, weaving a silent agreement unbeknownst to the scribes of human history.

The economic impacts of such silent agreements were strangely neglected by the annals of our economic foundations. Marketplaces, abundant with fresh fish and sun-dried meats, witnessed not only human traders but also four-legged negotiators, discreetly delineating boundaries of territory and power. The felines, revered yet never owned, subtly punctuated their presence in everyday life, marking territories and delineating silent boundaries amidst bustling bazaars and sleepy hamlets. Their silent watchfulness was often mistaken for docile submission, a misconception that bred a long list of misleading historical recounts.

Socially, the metaphor of a community transcended beyond human connections, embedding within its fold a silent alliance with these non-human entities. Unlike their canine counterparts, felines basked in the ambiguity of being neither wild nor entirely domestic, scripting an enigmatic narrative in the socio-economic contexts of those times. Tales from



travelers, of inns where cats lay comfortably by the fireside, often accompanied by narratives of fortune and prosperity, paint a canvas that subtly hints at a civilization that unknowingly thrived on this interspecies symbiosis.

Psychologically, this inadvertent collaboration insidiously seeped into the mental fabric of societies, subconsciously elevating the status of these creatures to entities embodying mystique and an almost divine providence. Stories narrated by crackling firesides softly hinted at an unspoken respect and borderline reverence for these beings, indicating a complex, subconscious weave of dependence, respect, and implicit coexistence.

In examining such vignettes of historical tales and social snippets, we traverse a path that is seldom trodden. By dissecting the social, economic, and psychological realms that were silently influenced by the discreet presence of the enigmatic feline, we caress the possibilities of an alternate historical narrative, one that flows beneath the surface of human conquests and civilizations, whispering tales of silent paws and watchful eyes that witnessed history unfurl, unrecorded, and uncelebrated.

Q9 All of the following statements can be inferred from the passage EXCEPT that:

- (A) Felines subtly marked their territories and delineated boundaries amidst bustling bazaars and sleepy hamlets.
- (B) The historical documentation of interspecies interaction and its economic impact is thorough and exhaustive.
- (C) Travelers' tales subtly hint at a societal prosperity correlated with the quiet yet profound presence of felines.
- (D) Felines existed in a societal status that basked in the ambiguity of being neither wild nor entirely domestic.

Q10

The author notes that, "Tales from travelers, of inns where cats lay comfortably by the fireside, often accompanied by narratives of fortune and prosperity, paint a canvas that subtly hints at a civilization that unknowingly thrived on this interspecies symbiosis." Which one of the following statements, if true, does not contradict this statement?

- (A) The travelers' stories often revolved around misfortunes and bad luck associated with places where cats resided.
- (B) Travelers highlighted an incidental, perhaps causal relationship between the presence of cats and a place's prosperity.
- (C) Most tales from travelers depicted cats as negative omens and symbols of impending doom.
- (D) There is documented historical evidence that disproves the tales of travelers and their indications of interspecies symbiosis.

Q11 Based on the information provided in the passage regarding 'the silent watchfulness of felines' which of the following outcomes is most likely to NOT occur as a result of their subtle presence in the socio-economic frameworks of ancient societies?

- (A) The subtle yet profound integration of felines into societal structures leads to an unnoticeable shift in economic dynamics.
- (B) Felines discreetly impact the societal and economic structures by marking territories amidst bustling and dormant human activities.
- (C) Unspoken agreements and silent alliances form between humans and



felines, contributing to an interspecies coexistence.

- (D) Felines contribute to an alternative, yet uncelebrated historical narrative that whispers of silent paws and watchful eyes observing human civilization unfold.

Directions (12-15) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Body language, a powerful yet often underestimated channel, swathes us in an aura that conveys more than words often manage, lending gravity to unvoiced thoughts and painting vibrancy on otherwise pale interactions. Delving into the intricacies of this silent yet potent dialogic dance, Joe Navarro illuminates an enigmatic realm where every subtle movement becomes a potent whisper, narrating tales that eyes seek but ears seldom hear.

The former FBI agent, Navarro, locates the essence of unspoken communication in what he terms as the "nonverbal dictionary", presenting a potent perspective that transcends mere interaction, morphing into an instrument that probes into the depths of psychological and emotional realms. Navarro doesn't simply lay down an archive of physical gestures and their respective interpretations; rather, he ventures into the abyss of neurological and psychological phenomena that script these silent dialogs. A fluttering eyelid is not merely a physiological reaction; to him, it's a manuscript, scribing tales of trepidation, anxiety, or possibly deceit.

Diving into Navarro's framework of understanding, the domain of non-verbal communication extrapolates far beyond simplistic interpretations of gestures. It nests in the very sinews of human behavior, entwining with our cognitive, emotional, and psychological matrices. The emphasis here isn't merely on understanding what a crossed arm or

an averted gaze might signal. Instead, Navarro's discourse directs the spotlight onto the cognitive underpinnings that orchestrate these non-verbal symphonies, wherein each gesture becomes a note, composed not by deliberate intention but by the subconscious maestro within.

Consider, for instance, the realm of 'pacifying behaviors' as coined by Navarro. This isn't merely a categorization of gestures but an exploration into the neurological symphony that results in such expressions. When an individual encounters stress, the brain, specifically the limbic system, reacts not just internally but choreographs a physical response, manifested in behaviors such as neck touching or face covering. Pacifying behaviors thus are not mere random physical responses but a somatic reflection of our internal mental and emotional tempests.

Navarro does not only analyze but also challenges traditional paradigms surrounding non-verbal communication. His perspective underscores the significance of holistic comprehension rather than isolated interpretation. A smirk is not simply a smirk, and a shrug isn't merely a gesture of ignorance. Within the matrix of various socio-cultural, personal, and situational variables, these gestures carry narratives that are multi-layered and deep-seated in the realms of our cognitive and emotional worlds.

His insights do not invalidate the other theoretical perspectives on body language but rather expand upon them, urging a dive deeper than surface-level interpretations and engaging in a conversation with the silent narratives written through our physical beings. This is not merely observing and understanding but engaging in a dynamic discourse with the unvoiced, discerning not just the what but earnestly seeking the why behind every subtle nuance of physical expression.



Within this discussion lies a potent tool for not merely communicators but anyone navigating through the vast ocean of human interaction. The non-verbal cues, as per Navarro's perspective, transform from mere reactionary gestures to a gateway, unveiling realms of understanding human thought, emotion, and ultimately, our intricate psychological tapestry. He places before us not merely a tool but a lens, through which, if we gaze with enough discernment and understanding, we can engage in profound, unspoken dialogues, painted not with words but with the subtle, often unnoticed strokes of our physical beings.

Q12 Imagine the passage is part of a debate on non-verbal communication. All of the following statements can be inferred from the passage EXCEPT that:

- (A) Joe Navarro leans towards a psychological and neurological interpretation of non-verbal cues.
- (B) Non-verbal communication can reveal concealed emotional and cognitive states.
- (C) A smirk or a shrug can convey multi-layered narratives, subject to various variables
- (D) Navarro's perspective largely dismisses the relevance of the socio-cultural context in interpreting non-verbal cues.

Q13 The author notes that, "Non-verbal cues transform from mere reactionary gestures to a gateway, unveiling realms of understanding human thought and emotion." Which one of the following statements, if true, does not contradict this statement?

- (A) Non-verbal cues, when deeply understood, can inhibit our capacity to perceive emotional states.
- (B)

The revelation of concealed emotional states is seldom achieved through the interpretation of physical gestures.

- (C) Navarro perceives non-verbal cues as pivotal connectors between observable behavior and latent psychological realms.
- (D) Non-verbal communication does not merely react but also unveils intricate psychological narratives.

Q14 Among the statements below, which one diverges from the central premise in the paragraph concerning 'pacifying behaviors,' challenging the conclusion drawn therein?

- (A) The limbic system is crucial in initiating a physical response to stress, orchestrating gestures that are reflective of internal emotional turmoil.
- (B) Navarro's "pacifying behaviors" concern physiological movements that are mere random responses, detached from psychological phenomena.
- (C) Stressful situations invariably provoke a somatic reaction, navigated by neurological processes, as outlined in Navarro's framework.
- (D) Pacifying behaviors serve as a mirror, reflecting the emotional and mental states stirred by stress, by enacting particular physical gestures.

Q15 Based on the information provided in the passage regarding 'pacifying behaviors' which of the following outcomes is most likely to NOT occur as a result OF a stressful situation?

- (A) A person may engage in physical gestures such as neck touching or face covering.
- (B) The limbic system remains inactive and unresponsive to the experienced stress.



- (C) The physical gestures materialize as a response to internal emotional and psychological unrest.
- (D) Pacifying behaviors emerge, serving as a communicative tool that speaks to underlying emotional experiences.

Directions (16–19) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

At a recent Techno-Ethical Symposium, Amelia, a leading data scientist, found herself engaged in a stimulating discussion with Dr. Elridge, a respected psychologist and philosopher. The environment, where technology met classic academia, echoed the contrasting nature of their impending discourse.

Amelia began, **"Dr. Elridge, our modern age of data-driven analytics offers unparalleled empirical insights. Algorithms today can predict with staggering precision the purchasing habits, online behavior, and even emotional tendencies of individuals."**

With a nod, Dr. Elridge responded, **"That may be so, Amelia, but while data might provide a semblance of predictability, the human psyche is a complex blend of order and impulsiveness. Where does free will stand amidst these predictive methodologies and their ethical ramifications?"**

The attendees, a mix of tech enthusiasts and scholars, appeared divided, mirroring the tension between data-driven insights and age-old philosophical beliefs.

"We cannot deny the ethical dilemmas," Amelia admitted. **"However, it's our interpretation and application of this data where ethical boundaries are drawn and reshaped. The data itself, being neutral, merely offers a perspective. Would you concur?"**

Adjusting his glasses, Dr. Elridge countered, **"But isn't there a fine line? By harnessing data to predict both personal and collective behaviors, we might inadvertently sway choices. This, in**

essence, crafts a realm of preordained decisions, overshadowing genuine free will."

Continuing, he stated, **"Imagine someone being continuously exposed to certain ads or content, which over time might alter their preferences. We must then ask: Is this choice a genuine expression of individuality, or a result of orchestrated exposure?"**

Reflecting on his points, Amelia remarked, **"Your perspective illuminates a significant aspect of our data-driven society. While data can be harnessed to predict and potentially influence behaviors, can't it also serve to enhance user experiences, provide tailored services, and optimize various societal mechanisms?"**

Murmurs of agreement resonated among the audience.

With a contemplative look, Dr. Elridge replied, **"It's a delicate balance. The intersection of using data for improvement while safeguarding against unwarranted influence is a challenge that consistently beckons our attention."**

Concluding, he said, **"Hence, Amelia, for those of us in the realms of data and human behavior, vigilance is key. We must ensure that our pursuit of technological progress doesn't compromise the ethical underpinnings that ground us."**

Amelia nodded, adding, **"Indeed, Dr. Elridge. As we move forward, the intricate relationship between data, ethics, and philosophy will demand constant introspection and recalibration. It's a journey where our ethical compass must be steadfast, ensuring we navigate the digital landscape responsibly."**

Q16 Considering the ethical and philosophical nuances discussed by Amelia and Dr. Elridge, which of the following statements might be an UNLIKELY conclusion drawn by a member of the audience?

- (A) The ethical implications of data usage require meticulous attention.



- (B) Dr. Elridge disregards the potential societal benefits of data.
- (C) Data, being neutral, is subject to ethical and unethical applications by users.
- (D) Technology can shape and potentially manipulate user behavior and choices.

Q17 Amelia mentions, "The data itself, being neutral, merely offers a perspective." Which one of the following occurrences, if it were to happen, would most STRONGLY contradict Amelia's viewpoint?

- (A) A data algorithm autonomously filters out crucial information.
- (B) A user makes a purchase based on recommended items.
- (C) Data accurately predicting a consumer's next purchase.
- (D) A tech firm uses data to enhance user experience.

Q18 Which statement below, presented as a subsequent remark by Amelia, would seem MOST incongruent following Dr. Elridge's expression of concern about the potential of data to "sway choices" and "craft a realm of preordained decisions"?

- (A) "But the question still remains, how does one distinguish between enhancement and manipulation in data application?"
- (B) "Yet, data can provide seamless and personalized online experiences for users, don't you think?"
- (C) "I completely agree, and this is why I propose a full halt on predictive data analytics."
- (D) "Certainly, there's a genuine risk of diluting autonomous decision-making, which we must guard against assiduously."

Q19 Analyze the implications of Amelia's admission - "We cannot deny the ethical

dilemmas." Which one of the following responses from Dr. Elridge would be seen as FULLY embracing the depths of Amelia's acknowledgment?

- (A) "Then we must be unyielding in defining and adhering to these ethical boundaries, mustn't we?"
- (B) "Isn't this a minor inconvenience in the larger scheme of technological development?"
- (C) "Nevertheless, ethical dilemmas have always existed, haven't they?"
- (D) "But don't these dilemmas also provide us with numerous opportunities?"

Directions (20-22) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Harriet Beecher Stowe is best-known as the author of the antislavery novel **Uncle Tom's Cabin** (1852), a book that James Baldwin later christened the 'cornerstone of American social protest fiction'. It might also be considered the **nec plus ultra** of American sentimental fiction – and for that reason a 'very bad novel', according to Baldwin. Stowe hoped her treacly tale would open the nation's eyes to the evils of slavery by melting the hearts of its white readers.

Beecher Stowe is less well-known as the author of a popular Victorian homemaker's manual coauthored with her sister Catharine Beecher, **The American Woman's Home, or, Principles of Domestic Science; Being a Guide to the Formation and Maintenance of Economical, Healthful, and Christian Homes** (1869). In it, she counsels housewives on how to fulfil their function as 'angels in the house', the moral voice of the middle-class white American family. That Stowe should prove a standout in two such different genres might appear odd to 21st-century eyes. But to the 19th-century reader, the bridge between the two genres would have been obvious: it was



the power that Americans then accorded to white women's feelings as markers of virtue and agents of salvation, both within the private family circle and in the larger sphere of 'community housekeeping'. White women's status as beacons of maternal sentiment aligned, briefly, with public action and liberal social reform.

It was not to last. Over the course of the 20th century, the nation's evolving economic system worked to strip white women's feelings of their potentially transformative political force, redirecting them, instead, into private displays of sympathy. We recognise it today as white virtue signalling. Tre Johnson in *The Washington Post* recently called it America's 'racial ouroboros': 'a time loop where my white friends and acquaintances perform the same pieties over and over again', joining book clubs, 'owning' their white privilege on social media, 'checking in on' Black friends, and then going back to business as usual. The purely performative nature of much white sentimental allyship – and in particular, the systematic redirection of 'well-meaning' white women's feelings away from the public sphere – has a long history. We would do well to revisit it today. Many Americans were appalled by the ethos of unregulated capitalism that the Industrial Revolution unleashed in the 1840s and '50s. The brutal market logic dictated that, to succeed, a man had to be willing to ride roughshod over his neighbours. The domestic sphere, where the old communal values of selflessness and Christian charity still held sway, emerged as a counterweight, and one whose virtue the Beecher sisters made it their business to extol in *The American Woman's Home*. Unlike men, who 'toil for wealth, honour and power ... mainly for earthly, selfish advantages', the Beechers lectured, a woman was the 'chief minister' of the Christian home who taught 'all under her care to lay up treasures, not on earth, but in heaven'. The middle-class married couple thus

formed a moral tag team: if the husband had no choice but to earn his bread in the morally bankrupt marketplace, he at least found solace in knowing that his wife back at home was holding a torch for lost virtue.

Q20 The author notes that Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" aimed to "open the nation's eyes to the evils of slavery by melting the hearts of its white readers." Which of the following statements, if true, does not contradict this statement?

- (A) The novel primarily sought to educate readers on the historical facts of slavery.
- (B) Stowe's work was intended to evoke emotional responses to foster empathy towards slaves.
- (C) "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written to provide an objective, unemotional account of slavery.
- (D) The book aimed to promote political activism against slavery rather than emotional response.

Q21 Among the statements below, which one does **NOT** diverge from the central premise in the paragraph concerning the role of white women's sentiments in social reform, challenging the conclusion drawn therein?

- (A) White women's sentiments in the 19th century were primarily directed towards domestic and family affairs, not social reform.
- (B) The role of white women's feelings as agents of salvation extended well into the 20th century without significant change.
- (C) White women's sentiments were initially a political force before being redirected into private displays of sympathy.



(D) Throughout American history, white women's sentiments have always been perceived as superficial and performative.

Q22 Which of the given options, IF TRUE, would strengthen the idea that the domestic sphere served as a counterweight to the ethos of unregulated capitalism in the 19th century?

- (A) The domestic sphere was seen as a retreat from the harsh realities of the capitalist marketplace.
- (B) Both the domestic sphere and the marketplace equally valued material success and individual advancement.
- (C) The domestic sphere gradually adopted the competitive and materialistic values of the capitalist marketplace.
- (D) Unregulated capitalism was widely regarded as morally superior to the values upheld in the domestic sphere.

Directions (23-26) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Running its campaign slogan 'Your bed: the most important place in the world,' Flex's advertisement is tasteful in its depiction of the young family welcoming its newest member into the world. With a midwife, her husband Nico and young son Cimar by her side, Carol and her family are beautiful people.

Following its release, the evocative Flex advertisement quickly became a hot topic across blogs and websites in Spain. Flex, which had hired Sra Rushmore, a prestigious advertising company known for its socially responsible ad campaigns, had embraced birth, and in particular home birth, as part of its branding.

Flex's one-and-a-half-minute commercial on home birth brought the topic of birth care to

the public's attention more quickly and widely than had 50 years of activism in Spain. In addition to the numerous conversations taking place online and in the media about the commercial, the Spanish ministry of health released a statement only two months after the ad had aired. While not directly addressing the commercial, the governmental agency cited a largescale, respected nationwide study on home birth in the Netherlands, providing readers with statistics and declaring home birth and midwifery care safe and secure options for women and their families. The advertisement had succeeded in promoting a message that years of activism had not: home birth and midwifery care are safe.

Numerous studies have shown that, due to a myriad of cognitive biases such as belief perseverance and confirmation bias, facts unfortunately do not change people's minds. Propaganda, on the other hand, works very well on this front, something we see clearly from how people and groups have used it over the past century. The Flex commercial, which taps into human emotion to depict birth and home birth as beautiful and desirable, is a form of positive propaganda.

The word 'propaganda' comes from the Latin propagare, which simply means 'to spread' or 'propagate', and finds its origins in the context of furthering Catholic missionary activity. However, its contemporary usage connotes the spreading of an idea or ideology through any means, often of a negative, manipulative nature. Some therefore view the concept of 'positive propaganda' as an oxymoron due to the word's association with manipulation.

As seen in cases such as the Flex commercial, however, propaganda can also bring about a real transformation of a public mindset for the good. Martin Luther King Jr believed in the need for positive propaganda, as did W E B Du Bois, the latter of whom spoke of propaganda's power in the arts. The intelligent use of words



and images is of central importance to these undertakings.

In the United States, the key 20th-century figure who understood how to use propaganda was Edward Bernays, Sigmund Freud's nephew and the father of the field of public relations. Born in Vienna, Austria in 1891, Bernays died in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1995, living a long, prolific life and architecting profound changes in US society from behind the scenes.

Surprisingly, Bernays and his ideas exist beneath the radar for most contemporary scholars.

- Q23** In the context of the passage about the Flex advertisement, which of the following inferences is not supported by the information provided in the passage?
- (A) The advertisement was more effective in promoting home birth than previous activist efforts.
 - (B) The Flex ad's portrayal of home birth led to swift legislative changes in Spain.
 - (C) Emotional appeals in advertising can override cognitive biases in public opinion.
 - (D) The ad successfully altered public perception about the safety of home birth.
- Q24** Based on the information provided in the passage regarding 'positive propaganda', which of the following outcomes is most likely to NOT occur as a result of the Flex advertisement?
- (A) A heightened awareness about the safety of home birth in the general public.
 - (B) An increase in negative perceptions of home birth due to its association with propaganda.
 - (C) A shift in the public's understanding of propaganda from negative to more

positive.

- (D) Furthering the dialogue on home birth within both online and offline communities.

- Q25** Which underlying ideology accentuating the discourse of positive propaganda would not be circumscribed by which of the following statement?
- (A) Propaganda, regardless of its intent, manipulates public opinion and is inherently deceitful.
 - (B) Positive propaganda can be a tool for social change by transforming public perceptions.
 - (C) The use of emotional appeals in propaganda is universal for creating lasting societal impacts.
 - (D) Positive propaganda respects the audience's intelligence and fosters informed decision-making.
- Q26** Within the context provided by the passage, which hypothetical alteration to public cognitive biases would most fundamentally shift the implications drawn from the text?
- (A) If the public had a stronger resistance to emotional appeals in advertising.
 - (B) If belief perseverance and confirmation bias were less prevalent in public opinion.
 - (C) If cognitive biases favored more rational and fact-based advertising approaches.
 - (D) If the public was more susceptible to negative propaganda compared to positive forms.

Directions (27-30) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

It is important to remember why mammalian pregnancy was such a successful adaptation, and the kiwi bird points at the reasons. When a mammal (other than a human) is pregnant, time



is on her side. Take the elephant, with the longest pregnancy of any mammal: about two years. The elephant calf, though huge by human standards, is smaller compared with the mother than our human infants – and even more importantly, is much smaller compared with the mother's hips. This long pregnancy might sound a bit of a drag, but for the elephant, who has a relatively easy birth to look forward to, and a relatively smaller baby causing her minimal discomfort, it is a huge advantage over an egg. First, she remains entirely mobile, not bound to a nest and to a physically separate offspring that could tempt a predator or that might need to be abandoned if danger strikes. Moreover, she can take her time growing her baby to a much more mature and capable age before it is birthed and must be looked after. All she needs to do to look after her baby while pregnant is to look after herself, eat well, and stay safe. She can keep 'feeding' the baby (via the placenta) simply by feeding herself.

The kiwi has a very different problem. Laying an egg means giving your baby all the nutrients it will need to develop from fertilised embryo to hatched baby, all at once. At the moment the egg is laid, it has all the nutrients it will ever have – a very different proposition from the constant feeding the elephant baby gets in the womb. That means that eggs place a fundamental limit on how long a baby can grow before it hatches, which mammals (other than the egg-laying monotremes) do not face. The kiwi is living right at the edge of that limit. By laying such enormous eggs, and incubating them so long, the kiwi is giving its babies the maximum amount of development time it can before the babies hatch out and have to face the world. Achieving that maximum is not without its costs. Laying eggs is fairly draining for any bird, and the kiwi more than most. She must eat as much as three times her normal intake for the full month in which the egg

develops, and is left significantly weakened by the experience. Moreover, the size of the kiwi egg is about as large as a bird of her size can safely grow and lay – it takes up a great deal of the space in her body by the time it is ready to be laid. And, for all this compromise, the kiwi ekes out a three-month gestation. The elephant, with little compromise at all, sails on happily for another 19 months.

Either way, both egg-tending and pregnancy are easier for the mother kiwi and the elephant than for us. The evolutionary incentive is to gestate as long as possible, so that childrearing will be less onerous. The elephant pulls this off entirely, with a baby that is born, wobbles to its legs, and can, within the day, walk behind its mother, nurse when it needs to, and feed itself with supplementary food. The kiwi manages to achieve much the same result; the babies can walk, feed themselves, and follow their mother within a few hours of birth.

But while elephants represent the typical mammal experience, kiwis are a very unusual bird.

Q27 Considering the information provided in the passage about the kiwi bird, which of the following statements accurately represents the kiwi's egg-laying process as described in the passage?

- (A) The kiwi bird lays multiple large eggs to increase the chances of offspring survival.
- (B) Kiwi birds experience significant physical strain due to the large size of their eggs.
- (C) Kiwi eggs are laid with limited nutrients, restricting the growth of the embryos before hatching.
- (D) The size of the kiwi egg is proportionally smaller compared to the bird's body size.

Q28



The passage affirms that mammalian pregnancy, like that of the elephant, offers evolutionary advantages. Which of the following options, if NOT FALSE, challenges this assertion?

- (A) Elephants have a shorter pregnancy period compared to other mammals, leading to less developed offspring.
- (B) Mammalian pregnancy allows for continuous nourishment of the offspring, enhancing development.
- (C) The size of the elephant calf at birth is relatively smaller compared to the mother, easing birth.
- (D) Mammalian offspring, such as the elephant calf, require extensive postnatal care after birth.

Q29 Which of the following, if introduced as a fact, aligns most closely with the author's underlying assumptions within the passage?

- (A) Kiwi birds have a shorter gestation period than most birds, leading to underdeveloped chicks.
- (B) Longer gestation periods in mammals correlate with more self-sufficient offspring at birth.

(C) The kiwi bird's egg-laying method is more efficient in terms of energy consumption than mammalian pregnancy.

(D) Mammalian pregnancy is a recent evolutionary adaptation compared to egg-laying in birds.

Q30 Considering the implications of the passage, which additional piece of evidence would most substantially reinforce the author's position on the role of the placenta in mammalian pregnancy?

- (A) Studies showing that the placenta is a unique organ that is absent in egg-laying animals.
- (B) Evidence that mammalian mothers, like elephants, consume more food during pregnancy than egg-laying animals.
- (C) Research indicating that the placenta evolved in mammals independently of other vertebrates.
- (D) Data demonstrating that egg-laying animals have longer lifespans than mammals.



Answer Key

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

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



Hints & Solutions

Q1. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Art and Literature

Correct Option: C

What the Question Asks:

- The question wants the candidate to identify the one statement that cannot be inferred from the given passage. It challenges the aspirant's comprehensive reading and analytical skills. The approach should involve identifying key points in the passage and then cross-checking them with the provided options.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Upon thorough reading, the passage extensively covers the cultural significance, adaptability, and influence of globalization on Channapatna toys. However, there is no mention or hint regarding the material from which these toys are made. Thus, the idea that they are made from "rare and expensive materials" cannot be derived from the text.

Incorrect Options:

- **Option A**
 - The passage clearly establishes a metaphorical comparison between the Channapatna toymaking journey and India's socio-economic progression.
 - An aspirant might confuse the depth of the metaphor and think the comparison is merely a passing reference, thus considering it as an invalid insight.
- **Option B**
 - The passage explicitly speaks about the Channapatna toymakers sculpting stories that resonate with India's cultural and historical legacy.
 - The statement is straightforwardly supported by the passage.
 - Option B is rooted deeply in the content and message of the passage, unlike

Option C, which is without any basis.

• Option D

- The passage does hint at the influence of globalization and modern technologies, which can be linked to e-commerce platforms.
- A candidate might think the passage does not directly mention e-commerce, making it an indirect inference.
- While Option D requires some interpretation, it is still grounded in the passage's themes, unlike Option C which lacks support.

Q2. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Art and Literature

Correct Option: B

What the Question Asks:

- The question demands a meticulous comprehension of the specified quote and a discernment of its implications. It further requires the identification of a statement that, if accurate, would not contradict the author's claim about the toymakers and India navigating global fluctuations while maintaining a connection with their heritage.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- The quote emphasizes the Channapatna toymakers' (and India's) ability to adapt to global changes while sustaining a tether to the past. Option B, which underscores the coexistence of traditional practices alongside new, innovative methods, complements this notion without offering any contradiction.

Incorrect Options:

• Option A

- This option implies stagnation and resistance to change, contrasting sharply with the quote that signifies adaptability amidst changing tides.



- The mention of preserving traditions might mislead some to think it aligns with the quote, neglecting the part about stagnation.
- Unlike Option B, which harmonizes with the idea of preservation amid adaptation, Option A contravenes the concept of adaptability.

• **Option C**

- This option hinges on a complete abandonment of traditional methods, which is antithetical to the author's description of maintaining threads to yesteryears.
- The aspect of venturing into digital platforms might be misinterpreted as a form of adaptation mentioned in the quote.
- Option C diverges sharply from Option B by dismissing the preservation of traditional practices, a notion embedded in the quote.

• **Option D**

- While it speaks about diversification, it introduces an idea of complete departure from toymaking, which neither aligns with the passage nor the quote.
- The mention of diversification might be wrongly perceived as an adaptable strategy.
- Unlike Option B, which balances tradition and innovation, Option D introduces an unsupportable facet of complete sectoral change.

Q3. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Art and Literature

Correct Option: A

What the Question Asks:

- The aspirant must pivot towards recognizing the most plausible statement under a hypothetical scenario where the passage critiques the toymaking process. This

necessitates an understanding of the passage's actual tone and then hypothesizing a critical perspective.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Given the original positive and almost reverential tone towards the toymakers, a critique would likely focus on aspects such as environmental sustainability. Option A, highlighting a potential neglect of sustainable practices, fits as a likely assertion under a critical view.

Incorrect Options:

• **Option B**

- This option still champions the artistry and skill of the toymakers, consistent with the original tone, not a critical one.
- The mention of an "age-old" method might be misconstrued as a negative.
- Unlike Option A, which introduces a critique, Option B maintains an appreciative view, much like the actual passage.

• **Option C**

- This still recognizes the toymakers' adaptability and innovative approaches, aligning with the actual passage's tone.
- Appreciation of innovation could be misinterpreted as a critique of traditional methods.
- Option C does not introduce any critical perspective as Option A does, thus staying close to the original tone.

• **Option D**

- By praising the toymakers' economic contributions, it adheres to the positive tone of the original passage.
- Economic emphasis might be misinterpreted as a sidelining of cultural aspects.
- While Option D may diverge slightly in focus, it doesn't embody a critical perspective as Option A does.

Q4. Text Solution:



Topic: Reading Comprehension**Subtopic: Science**

Correct Option: B. Dr. Verma is certain that the discovery of Vermatic Particles will lead to instantaneous practical applications.

What the Question Asks:

- This question prompts candidates to dissect the passage and pinpoint a statement that cannot be inferred from Dr. Verma's discourse. It demands a synthesis of information and an understanding of the implicit confidence level of Dr. Verma regarding the applications of Vermatic Particles.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Dr. Verma's conversation radiates an air of meticulousness and restrained enthusiasm about the Vermatic Particles. While discussing the potential and the novelty of the particles, he never insinuates an immediate transition to practical applications. His discourse is interlaced with cautious optimism and an underpinning of scientific and ethical considerations, which intrinsically defies the idea of instantaneous applications (Option B).

Incorrect Options:

- **A. Vermatic Particles may have originated from the remnants of neutron stars.**
 - The passage does hint at this possibility, making it an inferable statement.
 - This could be deemed too speculative, yet the exploration of origins does form a part of the discourse.
 - Unlike B, A is somewhat supported by Dr. Verma's explanatory dialogue and does not diverge from his expressed theories.
- **C. Ethical considerations are paramount when exploring the potential applications of Vermatic Particles.**
 - Dr. Verma's discourse prominently features ethical considerations, making this statement inferable.

- The detailed nature of scientific and ethical discussions might be perceived as disparate, yet Dr. Verma seamlessly intertwines them.

- Option C adheres to the tenets of Dr. Verma's conversation, contrasting with B which directly opposes his articulated standpoint.

- **D. The particles seemingly possess properties that challenge conventional quantum mechanics.**

- The passage does communicate this through Dr. Verma's intricate explanations, making it inferable.
- The novelty of Vermatic Particles might be misunderstood as alignment with conventional quantum mechanics.
- Unlike B, D is supported by the passage and aligns harmoniously with Dr. Verma's discussed theories and findings.

Q5. Text Solution:**Topic: Reading Comprehension****Subtopic: Science**

Correct Option: B. The interviewer asks pointed questions but shows genuine interest in the responses.

What the Question Asks:

- This question necessitates the blending of comprehensive reading with a keen understanding of emotional cues exhibited by the interviewer towards Dr. Verma's explanations about Vermatic Particles. Essentially, candidates should identify a reaction that harmoniously aligns with a sentiment that juxtaposes "skepticism and fascination" without overshadowing one with the other.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- The correct option (B) aligns most fittingly with the duality of skepticism and fascination. Whereas the skepticism is embodied through "pointed questions", the "genuine interest in the responses" mirrors



fascination. This duality isn't as clear or present in the other options, making B the most plausible answer. It's imperative to underscore that subtle expressions and inflections of emotions during dialogues are often pivotal in comprehension-based questions.

Incorrect Options:

• A. The interviewer promptly dismisses Dr. Verma's findings.

- Direct dismissal contradicts the facet of "fascination" and only amplifies skepticism.
- Dismissal may be misinterpreted as skepticism. However, this neglects the requisite balance with fascination.
- Unlike B, option A lacks the nuanced balance of both emotional states dictated by the interviewer's stance in the passage.

• C. The interviewer expresses awe at the potential ramifications of the discovery.

- This answer gravitates excessively towards fascination and omits the skepticism component entirely.
- Overemphasis on potential ramifications may be misconstrued as simultaneous skepticism and fascination.
- C articulates a one-dimensional sentiment, diverging from B, which encapsulates the duality of the interviewer's demeanor accurately.

• D. The interviewer actively engages in a debate about the implications of Vermatic Particles.

- While it engages both skepticism and fascination, debating may suggest an oppositional stance rather than a harmonious intertwining of the two emotions.
- The active debate might be misinterpreted as a fusion of skepticism and fascination rather than an aggressive skew toward skepticism.

- Unlike B, D evokes a confrontational aura, thus sidestepping the balanced interplay between skepticism and fascination.

Q6. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Science

Correct Option: B. How did your team celebrate upon first encountering these enigmatic entities?

What the Question Asks:

- The question seeks to explore the consistency in the interviewer's disposition and their line of questioning. It demands an understanding of the flow and tone of the dialogue and requires the candidate to anticipate a question that is incongruous with the interviewer's expressed and implied curiosities and skepticism.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- The interviewer, while being dually intrigued and skeptical, has consistently maintained a dialogue that delves into the technical and philosophical aspects of the discovery. Option B strays from this approach, introducing a social and emotional query that doesn't align with the previously established scientific and ethical thematic trajectory of the interview.

Incorrect Options:

• A. Can you elucidate the potential military applications of Vermatic Particles?

- The question aligns with the interviewer's probing nature concerning the particles' potential applications.
- Unlike B, this option sticks to the interviewer's trajectory of exploring practical implications, keeping the conversation thematic and substantive.

• C. What potential does this discovery hold for revising our understanding of gravity?

- It resonates with the interviewer's thematic and speculative query style,



maintaining alignment with the professional and exploratory tone.

- Unlike B, C sustains the scientific inquiry and exploration evident throughout the interview.
- **D. Could Vermatic Particles herald a new age in space exploration, given their unique properties?**
 - The question is consonant with the existing thematic and speculative nature of the dialogue.
 - D, contrary to B, sustains the ongoing scientific and speculative exploration, which has been consistent throughout the dialogue.

Q7. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Science

Correct Option: B. Immediate commercialization of technology utilizing Vermatic Particles to expedite funding for further research.

What the Question Asks:

- The question delves into hypothetical scenarios, demanding an understanding of Dr. Verma's ethics and his scientific diligence, as presented in the passage. Here, the candidate must identify a course of action that Dr. Verma would least likely champion, given his scientific and ethical disposition towards the Vermatic Particles.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Throughout the discourse, Dr. Verma demonstrates a cautious optimism, distinctly marred by a visible resistance towards hasty implementations of the Vermatic Particles. This cautiousness stems from an acknowledgment of the unknown and a deep-seated respect for ethical boundaries in scientific explorations. Thus, immediate commercialization (Option B) misaligns with his cautiously optimistic and ethically driven stance.

Incorrect Options:

- **A. Establishing a global consortium to oversee the ethical exploration of Vermatic Particles.**
 - Dr. Verma, with his ethical leanings, would potentially be supportive of a consortium focusing on ethical explorations.
 - The establishment of a consortium may be misinterpreted as a hurried approach. However, its ethical focus aligns
 - Option B blatantly contradicts Dr. Verma's inherent cautiousness and ethical perspective, while A harmonizes with them.
- **C. Engaging in dialogues with various scientific communities to establish a normative framework for researching Vermatic Particles.**
 - This approach aligns with Dr. Verma's ethical and cautious approach, making it plausible.
 - The engagement in dialogues may be seen as too direct or assertive. However, the ethical focus remains congruent with Dr. Verma's philosophy.
 - Unlike B, C reflects a patience and ethical engagement that resonates with Dr. Verma's perspectives shared in the passage.
- **D. Advocating for a multidisciplinary approach to explore and harness Vermatic Particles cautiously.**
 - This embodies Dr. Verma's philosophy of cautious exploration and ethical consistency.
 - A multidisciplinary approach might be misinterpreted as diversification and potentially hurried implementation. However, the cautious approach mirrors Dr. Verma's disposition.
 - Unlike B, D integrates the ethical and cautious exploration that Dr. Verma persistently advocates for in his discourse.



Q8. Text Solution:**Topic: Reading Comprehension****Subtopic: Science**

Correct Option: A. The interviewer's pursuit to understand the congruence between Vermatic Particles and established theoretical frameworks.

What the Question Asks:

- The question nudges candidates to extrapolate a portion of the dialogue that could possibly be interpreted as an attempt to subtly undermine Dr. Verma, especially in a context where the interviewer is later revealed to be a skeptic of frameworks challenging established quantum mechanics.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- If the interviewer is skeptical about any new theoretical frameworks challenging quantum mechanics, their probing into the congruence between Vermatic Particles and established theoretical frameworks could be seen as a subtle undermining. They might be attempting to expose potential flaws or inconsistencies in Dr. Verma's propositions by aligning them against prevailing frameworks.

Incorrect Options:

- **B. Probing into Dr. Verma's emotional response upon discovering the particles.**
 - This seems more like an attempt to understand the human aspect behind scientific discoveries rather than a discreet endeavor to discredit the propositions.
 - Unlike A, this doesn't present a direct or indirect challenge to the veracity of the new discovery.
- **C. Asking about the potential commercial applications of Vermatic Particles.**
 - The question aligns more with exploring the practical implications and is not inherently undermining the scientific foundation of the discovery.

- A directly challenges the theoretical underpinning of the discovery, whereas C diverts towards practicality and utility, not validity.

- **D. Allowing Dr. Verma to expound on the ethical implications of the particles.**
 - Giving space for ethical discussions doesn't inherently undermine the theoretical propositions; rather, it seeks to explore resultant implications.
 - D explores subsequent ramifications, while A directly pits the discovery against existing theories, potentially highlighting disparities or weaknesses.

Q9. Text Solution:**Topic: Reading Comprehension****Subtopic: Human & Culture****Correct Option:** B**What the Question Asks:**

- This question mandates a nuanced understanding of the text. By asking for the statement that CANNOT be inferred from the passage, it gauges the reader's grasp over both explicit content and subtle hints in the text. A candidate should approach this question by cross-referencing each option with the passage, while being wary of statements that either stretch the truth too far or entirely invent new concepts not covered in the text.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Upon thorough reading, the passage does not explicitly state or imply that the historical documentation of interspecies interaction and its economic impact is exhaustive or thoroughly documented. Instead, it talks about cats' silent and subtle presence, largely drawing from tales of travelers.

Incorrect Options:

- **Option A:**
 - The passage directly indicates that cats subtly marked their territories, making their silent presence felt in both bustling and



dormant human domains. This option is an accurate inference from the text.

- Some readers might overlook the word "subtly" and assume this statement is exaggerating the cats' impact.
- Option A is in line with the theme of the passage and captures the essence of cats' roles in historical societies. Option B, on the other hand, introduces a level of documentation the passage doesn't discuss.
- **Option C:**
 - This option aligns closely with the part of the text that mentions tales of fortune and prosperity in places where cats were present, making it a correct inference from the passage.
 - Candidates might misinterpret the word "hint" to assume the link between prosperity and the presence of cats is weak or uncertain.
 - Unlike Option B, which introduces an entirely new concept, Option C directly draws from the text, making it an accurate representation of the author's narrative.
- **Option D:**
 - The passage indeed talks about cats existing in a societal status that enjoyed ambiguity - they were neither entirely wild nor completely domestic. Thus, this statement captures the essence of the text.
 - Readers might focus on the words "wild" and "domestic" and ignore the intermediary position the passage highlights for the felines.
 - While Option D is rooted in the passage's description of cats' societal status, Option B diverges by discussing the thoroughness of historical documentation, a topic not delved into within the passage.

Q10. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Human and Culture

Correct Option: B

What the Question Asks:

- The question probes the reader's understanding of a specific quotation from the text. It demands the aspirant not only to recall the given quote but also to interpret its implications and nuances. The right approach is to juxtapose each option against the quoted line, ensuring that the chosen option doesn't contradict the mentioned statement.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Drawing from the nuanced vocabulary of the given quote, it becomes evident that travelers did hint at a possible relationship between the presence of cats and the prosperity of a place. Option B supports this sentiment by suggesting that travelers highlighted a potential cause-effect relationship between cats and a location's affluence.

Incorrect Options:

- **Option A:**
 - The quoted statement suggests a positive association between cats and prosperity, making Option A's negative association contradictory.
 - Aspirants might lean towards this option if they misinterpret "narratives of fortune and prosperity" to mean stories of misfortune.
 - While Option B accentuates the positive association from the quoted text, Option A does the exact opposite, making it a clear contradiction.
- **Option C:**
 - The quote from the passage paints a positive picture of cats, so any statement hinting at a negative perception of cats, such as Option C, contradicts it.
 - If readers fail to identify the overall positive tone of the passage towards



cats, they might mistakenly align with this option.

- While Option B reinforces the positive connotations from the quoted text, Option C offers a stark contrast, emphasizing negative omens.

• **Option D:**

- The passage does not provide any documented evidence that refutes the tales of travelers. Thus, this option contradicts the quote.
- Some candidates might lean towards Option D due to the mention of "documented historical evidence," thinking it provides a solid counterpoint.
- Option B aligns with the quote's suggestion of an incidental relationship, whereas Option D introduces a refutation not found in the passage.

Q11. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Human and Culture

Correct Option: A

What the Question Asks:

- The question aims to identify the outcome that is least likely to occur due to the subtle presence of felines in ancient societies, as described in the passage. It assesses the understanding of the passage's portrayal of the felines' influence on socio-economic frameworks.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Option A suggests that the subtle integration of felines into societal structures leads to an "unnoticeable" shift in economic dynamics. This option is correct because the passage highlights the significant yet discreet impact of felines on societal and economic structures. While their influence may not be explicitly documented, it is perceptible, contradicting the notion of an "unnoticeable" shift.

Incorrect Options:

• **Option B:**

- This option correctly reflects the passage's depiction of felines discreetly impacting societal and economic structures by marking territories amidst human activities.

• **Option C:**

- This option aligns with the passage, which discusses the formation of unspoken agreements and alliances between humans and felines, contributing to interspecies coexistence.

• **Option D:**

- This option accurately reflects the passage's portrayal of felines contributing to an alternative historical narrative with their silent presence, observing human civilization unfold.

Q12. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Human & Culture

Correct Option: D

What the Question Asks:

- The primary objective of this question is to assess students' capacity to discern the subtle implications and inferences that can be derived from the passage, focusing specifically on how non-verbal communication and socio-cultural contexts are interpreted by Joe Navarro. It mandates using a blend of analytical and comprehension skills to filter through the seemingly correct assertions to identify the one that doesn't align with the embedded narrative.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Upon meticulous perusal, it's observable that Option D is the only statement that misaligns with the inferred narrative. The passage elucidates Navarro's stance as one that harmonizes psychological and neurological interpretations with non-verbal cues, but it doesn't explicitly negate or dismiss the



relevance of socio-cultural context. The careful extraction of this understanding comes from not just the literal statements made by the author but also a comprehensive grasp of the author's ideological leaning. Consequently, Option D stands out as the exception – it doesn't merely state a fact from the passage but rather insinuates a perspective that is not necessarily supported or denoted by the author.

Incorrect Options:

- **Option A:**
 - A is accurate as it precisely reflects Navarro's approach towards interpreting non-verbal cues, aligning seamlessly with the conceptual underpinning presented in the passage.
 - A might be deemed too direct or straightforward, potentially misleading students into seeking a more complex answer.
 - Unlike D, A doesn't introduce an unverified perspective but stays true to the documented insights within the passage.
- **Option B:**
 - B is meticulously embedded within the passage's framework, depicting non-verbal cues as revelations of hidden emotional and cognitive states, in harmony with Navarro's beliefs.
 - B's precision might be misleading if candidates erroneously recall details or fail to relate non-verbal cues to emotional states.
 - B maintains fidelity to the passage's narrative, unlike D, which adds an unexplored layer to the author's ideology.
- **Option C:**
 - C, while somewhat convoluted, accurately echoes the passage's implication of non-verbal cues being multi-dimensional and subject to various interpretative variables.

- The complexity of C might divert attention, potentially misconstruing it as a candidate for the misaligned statement.
- C, unlike D, doesn't stray into uncharted ideological territories but resonates with the intricacies explored by the author regarding non-verbal communication.

Q13. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Human & Culture

Correct Option: C

What the Question Asks:

- The question seeks to ascertain the student's adeptness in juxtaposing provided statements against a quoted text, ensuring that the chosen statement not only aligns factually but also harmonizes with the intrinsic narrative encapsulated within the quote from the passage. The imperative here is the congruence in ideological standpoint and factual representation between the chosen statement and the quoted text.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- C reflects the synergy between observable non-verbal behavior and the underlying psychological spectrums, staying true to the quoted text. The assertion that "Non-verbal cues transform from mere reactionary gestures to a gateway, unveiling realms of understanding human thought and emotion" is embodied in C's recognition of these cues as "pivotal connectors" between observable and latent dimensions of human psychological expression.

Incorrect Options:

- **Option A:**
 - A misaligns as it posits non-verbal cues as inhibitory, which contradicts the affirmative and enabling perspective presented in the quote.
 - A might appear valid if misinterpreted as a nuanced or deeper understanding of non-verbal cues, which is not the case.



- A restricts and negates, while C enables and connects, aligning with the quoted statement.
- **Option B:**
 - B negates the capability of non-verbal cues to reliably unveil emotional states, which is in stark contrast to the author's viewpoint.
 - B might seem viable if one fails to discern the inclusive and affirmative undertone of the quoted text regarding non-verbal cues.
 - B's skeptical outlook on the effectiveness of interpreting physical gestures starkly contrasts C's acknowledgment of their pivotal role.
- **Option D:**
 - D, while somewhat aligned, might subtly introduce the notion of non-verbal cues being more deterministic and less reactionary, which is not explicitly asserted in the quote.
 - The apparent alignment of D with the quote might overlook the nuanced difference in depicting non-verbal cues.
 - D amplifies the concept, possibly inferring more certainty in the interpretation of cues compared to C, which harmoniously aligns with the quote.

Q14. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Human & Culture

Correct Option: B

What the Question Asks:

- The question probes the student's adeptness in discerning which statement is at odds with the author's discourse concerning "pacifying behaviors." It seeks to check the student's ability to parse through closely-related viewpoints to identify the one that contests the overarching theme presented.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Option B portrays "pacifying behaviors" as mere random physiological movements that lack any anchoring in the psychological realm. This perspective directly challenges Navarro's delineation of these behaviors as being reflective of, and intrinsically connected to, underlying emotional and psychological states, particularly when triggered by stress.

Incorrect Options:

- **Option A:**
 - A aligns with the passage's premise, emphasizing the limbic system's role in directing physical responses to emotional turmoil.
 - One might mistakenly equate the role of the limbic system in generating a physical response to stress with the description in B, but A upholds the passage's narrative.
 - While B negates the connection between physical gestures and emotional states, A affirms it, mirroring the passage's stance.
- **Option C:**
 - C, in highlighting the neurological orchestration of a somatic response to stress, concurs with Navarro's assertions.
 - A superficial reading might equate "somatic reaction" to the detached physiological movements in B, but C buttresses Navarro's framework.
 - B presents a disjointed view, whereas C echoes Navarro's interlinked representation of physiological and psychological phenomena.
- **Option D:**
 - D emphasizes the reflective nature of pacifying behaviors, serving as indicators of underlying emotional states, thus concurring with the passage.
 - One might misconstrue "reflecting" as a detached observation, but D remains in lockstep with the passage.
 - D champions the same viewpoint as the passage, deeming pacifying behaviors as



indicative, while B opposes this notion.

Q15. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Human & Culture

Correct Option: B

What the Question Asks:

- The question invites students to scrutinize potential outcomes related to "pacifying behaviors" during stress, based on the provided passage. The challenge lies in identifying which outcome deviates from Navarro's observations and understanding.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Option B asserts that the limbic system remains inactive during stress, which fundamentally contradicts the passage. Navarro's perspective positions the limbic system as an active participant, initiating pacifying behaviors in response to stress.

Incorrect Options:

- **Option A:**
 - A is in alignment with Navarro's findings that specific physical gestures such as neck touching manifest during stress.
 - One could mistakenly view such behaviors as typical or random, but within Navarro's framework, they are consequential.
 - A upholds the view of the limbic system as a driving force, unlike B which denies its involvement.
- **Option C:**
 - C acknowledges the manifestation of physical gestures as a reflection of emotional and psychological states, aligning with Navarro's stance.
 - Misinterpreting "response" could lead one to see these gestures as detached reactions, but C roots them in the emotional landscape.
 - While C supports the perspective of gestures as a resultant of underlying emotions, B negates the very mechanism leading to these gestures.

Option D:

- D echoes Navarro's assertion that pacifying behaviors convey underlying emotions, resonating with the passage's viewpoint.
- "Communicative tool" could be construed as a mere channel, but D showcases it as a revelatory instrument.
- D portrays pacifying behaviors as indicators of emotional experiences, whereas B denies the foundational premise.

Q16. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Psychology and Philosophy

Correct Option: b) Dr. Elridge disregards the potential societal benefits of data.

What the Question Asks:

- The question solicits an understanding of what might NOT be a probable interpretation by an audience member, based on the conversational nuances between Amelia and Dr. Elridge regarding data ethics and usage. It demands discerning insights from the aspirants into what was implicitly and explicitly discussed, requiring them to sift through the explicit meanings and interpretive undertones present in the dialogue.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- While both Amelia and Dr. Elridge delve into the ethical complexities of data usage, neither demonstrates complete disregard for its societal benefits. On the contrary, their discourse suggests an acknowledgment of data's potential, albeit coupled with ethical concerns. Dr. Elridge, while expressing reservations, doesn't outright deny the possible benefits. Thus, option (b) stands out as it contradicts the implicit acknowledgment of the utility of data portrayed in the dialogue.

Incorrect Options:



• **a) The ethical implications of data usage require meticulous attention.**

- The entire dialogue subtly echoes this sentiment. Both speakers emphasize the need for ethical considerations, The directness of the statement might appear too straightforward, potentially throwing off aspirants.
- Unlike option (b), this option aligns harmoniously with the speakers' apparent beliefs and presented discussions.

• **c) Data, being neutral, is subject to ethical and unethical applications by users.**

- This reflects Amelia's explicit viewpoint that "data itself, being neutral, merely offers a perspective."
- Students may disregard this option assuming it to be overtly obvious.
- It contrasts with option (b) as it mirrors a direct quote from the dialogue, whereas (b) goes against the grain of the presented discussion.

• **d) Technology can shape and potentially manipulate user behavior and choices.**

- Both speakers exhibit concern about data's potential to shape user choices, which aligns with this statement.
- The negative connotation might mislead some into thinking it's a discordant point.
- While it parallels the apprehensions voiced in the dialogue, option (b) presents a negation of an implicitly accepted viewpoint, setting it apart.

Q17. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Psychology and Philosophy

Correct Option: a) A data algorithm autonomously filters out crucial information.

What the Question Asks:

- The question endeavors to evaluate the comprehension of Amelia's viewpoint regarding the neutrality of data, urging candidates to locate an occurrence that

challenges this perspective. An aspirant needs to dissect Amelia's assertion and juxtapose it against the given options to discern which event inherently counters the proclaimed neutrality of data.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Amelia propounds that data is intrinsically neutral and does not proactively adopt a stance or perspective. The occurrence of a data algorithm autonomously filtering out vital information starkly refutes this because it implies an inherent bias or directional tendency in the data or its handling, without human intervention, directly contesting Amelia's viewpoint.

Incorrect Options:

- **b) A user makes a purchase based on recommended items.**
 - This action implicates user choice rather than data autonomy, and doesn't inherently contradict data's neutrality.
 - The connection between data and user action may mislead some into thinking it contradicts Amelia's viewpoint.
 - Unlike (a), it doesn't showcase data exhibiting an inherent stance or influence.
- **c) Data accurately predicting a consumer's next purchase.**
 - Predictive accuracy does not imply non-neutrality but showcases effective analysis and application.
 - The efficiency of data may be misconstrued as non-neutrality.
 - It does not illustrate data taking an autonomous stance as (a) does, thereby not contradicting Amelia directly.
- **d) A tech firm uses data to enhance user experience.**
 - The tech firm's utilization of data for enhancement doesn't inherently undermine data's neutrality.
 - The proactive use of data by the firm might be wrongly interpreted as data's non-neutrality.



- It doesn't illustrate data with inherent bias or a directional tendency like (a) and thus doesn't strongly refute Amelia's viewpoint.

Q18. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Psychology and Philosophy

Correct Option: b) "Yet, data can provide seamless and personalized online experiences for users, don't you think?"

What the Question Asks:

- This question demands an assessment of which statement, if made by Amelia, would appear most incongruent following Dr. Elridge's concern regarding data's ability to influence decisions and sculpt a predestined sphere of choices. It challenges the aspirant to discern which remark diverges starkly in tone and stance from the preceding concern expressed by Dr. Elridge.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Option (b) showcases a positive, albeit somewhat dismissive, lens towards data, highlighting its capacity to enhance user experiences online, which is in stark contrast to Dr. Elridge's apprehensive and cautionary stance towards data's potential to manipulate choices. Amelia, with this statement, does not acknowledge or engage with the concern expressed, instead, shifts the focus towards a positive attribute of data, making it incongruent.

Incorrect Options:

- **a) "But the question still remains, how does one distinguish between enhancement and manipulation in data application?"**
 - It engages with Dr. Elridge's concern and forwards the conversation in a relevant direction.
 - Viewing it as a counter might be tempting, but it actively engages with the concern.
 - Unlike (b), it displays an acknowledgment and further exploration of Dr. Elridge's concern.

- **c) "I completely agree, and this is why I propose a full halt on predictive data analytics."**
 - It aligns with Dr. Elridge's concern and proposes an action in response.
 - The drastic solution might seem incongruent, but it directly addresses the expressed concern.
 - It, contrary to (b), aligns with and validates Dr. Elridge's concern, making it congruent.
- **d) "Certainly, there's a genuine risk of diluting autonomous decision-making, which we must guard against assiduously."**
 - This statement concurs with and further emphasizes Dr. Elridge's concern.
 - The acknowledgment might be seen as a mere agreement and not engaging, which is not the case.
 - It substantiates Dr. Elridge's concern, unlike (b) which veers away, presenting a contrasting perspective.

Q19. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Psychology and Philosophy

Correct Option: a) "Then we must be unyielding in defining and adhering to these ethical boundaries, mustn't we?"

What the Question Asks:

- This question seeks to explore an understanding of the implications of Amelia's acknowledgment of ethical dilemmas, requiring a candidate to discern which response from Dr. Elridge fully embraces and echoes the depth and sincerity of her admission.

Explanation for the Correct Option:

- Option (a) mirrors a profound recognition and acceptance of the ethical dilemmas acknowledged by Amelia, further suggesting an action-oriented approach towards addressing them, hence fully embracing the depth and gravity of her acknowledgment.



Incorrect Options:

- **b) "Isn't this a minor inconvenience in the larger scheme of technological development?"**
 - It trivializes the ethical dilemmas and hence does not fully embrace Amelia's acknowledgment.
 - Perceiving the 'larger scheme' perspective as depth might mislead.
 - Unlike (a), this response fails to embody the sincerity and gravity present in Amelia's admission.
- **c) "Nevertheless, ethical dilemmas have always existed, haven't they?"**
 - It does not propose a solution or a stance towards the dilemmas and rather normalizes them.
 - The acknowledgment of the existence of dilemmas might be misconstrued as embracing them.
 - It lacks the proactive and solution-oriented nature that (a) possesses, making it a lesser fit.
- **d) "But don't these dilemmas also provide us with numerous opportunities?"**
 - This leans towards viewing dilemmas as beneficial, which doesn't echo the depth of Amelia's concern.
 - Seeing dilemmas as opportunities might seem as delving deep, but it misaligns with the initial acknowledgment.
 - It fails to reflect the seriousness and concern embedded in Amelia's admission, unlike (a).

Q20. Text Solution:**Topic: Reading Comprehension****Subtopic: Literature****Essence of the Question:**

- The question is of a challenging nature, asking to identify a statement that does not contradict the author's intention behind "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

- The main concern here is to understand the purpose and emotional impact intended by the novel.

Approach to Solve:

- The passage clearly indicates that Stowe's novel aimed to evoke emotional responses to garner empathy towards the slaves. We need to identify the option that aligns with this emotional and empathetic appeal.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option B:** This option correctly captures the essence of Stowe's work as it mentions the intention to evoke emotional responses, which is in line with the passage. It doesn't contradict the author's purpose but rather reinforces it.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option A:** This option presents a rational, educational perspective, which while important, isn't the primary focus of Stowe's novel. The novel's primary aim was to touch hearts, not just educate minds.
- **Option C:** This option misrepresents the novel's intent by suggesting an unemotional account, which is contrary to the passage's emphasis on emotional impact.
- **Option D:** It implies a direct push towards political activism. While the novel did have a significant impact, its primary aim, as per the passage, was emotional resonance.

Trap of the Question:

- Many aspirants might lean towards Option A or D, lured by the familiar context of education and activism. However, the passage specifically emphasizes emotional impact, which is best captured in Option B.

Q21. Text Solution:**Topic: Reading Comprehension****Subtopic: Literature****Essence of the Question:**

- This question tests the understanding of the evolving role of white women's sentiments in social reform.



Approach to Solve:

- Understand that the passage discusses a shift from political force to private displays of sympathy in the context of white women's sentiments – then, look for an option that diverges from this shift.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option C:** This is the correct choice because it accurately reflects the passage's description of the initial role of white women's sentiments as a political force, later becoming more private and sympathetic.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option A:** This one incorrectly limits the role of women's sentiments to the domestic sphere, overlooking their initial broader social impact.
- **Option B:** It falsely suggests that the role of women's sentiments did not change over time, contradicting the passage's narrative of transformation.
- **Option D:** It unjustly generalizes the sentiments as always being superficial, which is not supported by the passage.

Trap of the Question:

- Aspirants may be tempted by Options A and B, which present plausible scenarios but don't align with the specific shift described in the passage. Option C, although less direct, is the accurate reflection of this shift.

Q22. Text Solution:**Topic:** Reading Comprehension**Subtopic:** Literature**Essence of the Question:**

- The focus here is on understanding the contrast between unregulated capitalism and the values upheld in the domestic sphere.

Approach to Solve:

- The passage contrasts the materialistic ethos of unregulated capitalism with all the virtuous values of the domestic sphere. The

correct option should strengthen this contrast.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option A:** This option is correct as it reinforces the idea of the domestic sphere being a moral counterweight to the capitalist marketplace, aligning with the passage's narrative.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option B:** Misleadingly suggests an equivalence in values between the two spheres, which is contrary to the passage.
- **Option C:** Incorrectly implies that the domestic sphere adopted capitalist values, which goes against the passage's delineation of the domestic sphere as a moral haven.
- **Option D:** Incorrectly suggests a moral superiority of capitalism, which is the exact opposite of the passage's viewpoint.

Trap of the Question:

- The potential pitfall here is in Options B and C, which present distorted views of the relationship between the two spheres. A careful reading of the passage is needed to avoid these traps.

Q23. Text Solution:**Topic:** Reading Comprehension**Subtopic:** Human & Culture**Essence of the Question:**

- The question challenges the aspirants to identify an inference not supported by the passage regarding the Flex advertisement's impact on public perception of home birth.

Approach to Solve:

- The passage mainly discusses the Flex advertisement's impact on changing public opinion and perceptions about home birth. Methodically examine each option in relation to the passage's content.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option B:** This is the correct answer because the passage does not explicitly state or



imply that the Flex ad led to swift legislative changes in Spain. It mentions the ad influenced public opinion and discussion but stops short of claiming direct legislative impact.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option A:** This option is misleadingly accurate. The passage indeed implies the ad was more effective than activism, but this is supported by the passage.
- **Option C:** It seems correct because the passage does discuss how emotional appeals can override cognitive biases, which is a central theme.
- **Option D:** This option aligns with the passage's message that the ad successfully altered public perception about home birth safety.

Trap of the Question:

- Aspirants might mistakenly choose Option B, considering the government's reaction to the ad as a direct legislative change. However, the passage does not confirm this as an immediate legislative response, making B the correct answer.

Q24. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Human & Culture

Essence of the Question:

- The question's focus is on identifying the least likely outcome from the Flex advertisement regarding positive propaganda.

Approach to Solve:

- Recognize the passage's emphasis on positive propaganda's impact and carefully analyze each option and its alignment with this narrative.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option B:** This is the right choice because the passage describes the positive impact of the Flex ad and does not suggest an increase in negative perceptions of home birth.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option A:** Misleading but incorrect, as the passage confirms heightened awareness.
- **Option C:** It's plausible, given the positive portrayal of propaganda in the passage, but not the least likely outcome.
- **Option D:** Aligns with the passage's emphasis on increased dialogue.

Trap of the Question:

- Option B might appear counterintuitive, as propaganda typically has a negative connotation. However, in the context of the passage, B is the least likely outcome.

Q25. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Human & Culture

Essence of the Question:

- To determine which ideology regarding positive propaganda is not encapsulated in the passage.

Approach to Solve:

- Understand the passage's stance on propaganda. Scrutinize each option against the passage's ideology to find the option that doesn't gel with the stance.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option A:** This is correct. The passage talks about positive uses of propaganda and does not support the notion that all propaganda is deceitful.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option B:** In line with the passage, but not the correct answer.
- **Option C:** Seems plausible, given the emphasis on emotional appeal in the ad.
- **Option D:** Reflects a positive view of propaganda, aligning with the passage.

Trap of the Question:

- Aspirants may be misled by Option C due to the use of the word 'universal', but in this context, it is not too broad and is correct.

Q26. Text Solution:



Topic: Reading Comprehension**Subtopic: Human & Culture****Essence of the Question:**

- The focus here is on how a change in public cognitive biases might alter the implications of the passage about the Flex ad.

Approach to Solve:

- Grasp how cognitive biases are discussed in the passage. Assess each option in light of the passage's discussion on cognitive biases.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option A:** Correct. If the public had a stronger resistance to emotional appeals, it would fundamentally change the ad's impact, which relied on emotional resonance.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option B:** This sounds plausible but doesn't fundamentally shift the implications as the ad already overcame these biases.
- **Option C:** Misleading but not fundamentally altering the ad's impact as it still could appeal emotionally.
- **Option D:** Although tricky, it doesn't fundamentally shift the ad's effectiveness as it's already positively oriented.

Trap of the Question:

- Options B and C might appear correct by addressing cognitive biases. However, A is the key, as it directly challenges the ad's reliance on emotional appeals.

Q27. Text Solution:**Topic: Reading Comprehension****Subtopic: Science****Essence of the Question:**

- This question tests understanding of the kiwi bird's egg-laying process as described in the passage.

Approach to Solve:

- Note the specifics about the kiwi's egg-laying process. Evaluate each option against the passage's description of the kiwi bird.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option B:** It is accurate according to the passage, which describes the physical strain of laying a large egg.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option A:** Incorrect as the passage does not mention the kiwi laying multiple eggs, but it focuses on the single, large egg laid.
- **Option C:** This option is misleading as it is told that kiwis are exceptions to regular birds and their embryos are well developed in the egg before hatching (like mammals).
- **Option D:** This option inaccurately represents the kiwi's egg-laying process. The passage clearly states that the kiwi lays an egg that is quite large compared to its body size, not smaller as suggested by this option.

Trap of the Question:

- Students might choose Option C, assuming it to be incorrect due to its simplicity. However, a close reading reveals that Option D is the only one that inaccurately represents the kiwi's egg-laying process.

Q28. Text Solution:**Topic: Reading Comprehension****Subtopic: Science****Essence of the Question:**

- The question asks which option, if true, would challenge the assertion about the evolutionary advantages of mammalian pregnancy.

Approach to Solve:

- Focus on the passage's claim about the advantages of mammalian pregnancy. Determine which option contradicts this claim.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option A:** Correct. The passage asserts that longer pregnancies in mammals, like elephants, result in more developed offspring. Therefore, a shorter pregnancy leading to less developed offspring directly challenges this assertion.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option B:** This aligns with the passage's assertion and hence doesn't challenge it.
- **Option C:** The passage explicitly states "The elephant calf, though huge by human standards, is smaller compared with the mother than our human infants – and even more importantly, is much smaller compared with the mother's hips..", making this a supporting statement rather than a challenge.
- **Option D:** While it introduces the concept of postnatal care, it does not directly challenge the assertion about pregnancy advantages.

Trap of the Question:

- Aspirants might overlook Option A due to its subtle contradiction to the passage's assertion, instead focusing on more direct statements like Option D.

Q29. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Science

Essence of the Question:

- The question explores which fact aligns most closely with the author's assumptions regarding gestation length and evolutionary incentives.

Approach to Solve:

- Understand the author's perspective on gestation length and evolutionary benefits. Align each option with the author's assumptions.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option B:** Correct. The passage implies that longer gestation periods lead to more independent offspring at birth, aligning with this option.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option A:** Contradicts the passage, which states kiwi birds have long incubation periods.
- **Option C:** The passage does not compare the efficiency of egg-laying and mammalian

pregnancy.

- **Option D:** The passage doesn't discuss the relative age of these evolutionary adaptations.

Trap of the Question:

- Option C might seem tempting due to its logical construction, but it doesn't align with the author's assumptions as closely as Option B.

Q30. Text Solution:

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Subtopic: Science

Essence of the Question:

- The question seeks additional evidence that would reinforce the author's position on the placenta in mammalian pregnancy.

Approach to Solve:

- Recognize the importance of the placenta in the passage. Determine which piece of evidence best supports this position.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

- **Option A:** This is the correct answer. The passage emphasizes the role of the placenta in nourishing the baby, and showing its uniqueness in mammals reinforces this idea.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

- **Option B:** While related to pregnancy, it doesn't specifically reinforce the role of the placenta.
- **Option C:** This talks about the evolution of the placenta, not its role in nourishment.
- **Option D:** Lifespan isn't relevant to the discussion of the placenta's role in pregnancy.

Trap of the Question:

- Students might be misled by Option C, which seems relevant but doesn't directly reinforce the author's position on the placenta's nourishing role.

