

MBA Pioneer 2024

Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

DPP: 2

How to Read the Passage

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

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The On brand is a Swiss-based running shoe company known to have disrupted the sneaker industry in early 2010s. It presented an evolutionary design and technology which sought to limit the ground impact during activity while simultaneously providing an explosive push, innovative at the time when shoes usually had to sacrifice one for the other. The company is international but based in Zurich, Switzerland as its main office with company staff of approximately 500. Its products sell in over 50 countries and 5,000 retailers, reaching a peak in 2019. Overall, it is a relatively small company that has been able to achieve an extraordinarily high-profile success in one of the most competitive and difficult to enter markets due to its brand and technology. One of the primary strengths of On is its innovation, which typically goes beyond competitors and can be seen both in its products (the cloud technology) and its business practices (rapid digitization of sales). However, that fits in with their values to disrupt the market to create the best possible product for the consumer. Notably, upon founding the company, the founders did not put a product right away but worked on a prototype until they were satisfied with the quality and it had undergone rigorous testing in order to actually fulfill its marketing claims. This shows commitment to their values of being straightforward and customer-oriented. The company values quality over quantity. Unlike

competitors which can put out tens of various types of running shoes per year, On only has several, and sometimes waiting to release new technology. Their customer-centric approach to sales is also a significant strength, even as the dedicate resources to it across thousands of retailers, fitting in with their values of a small company at its roots where every customer matters. As mentioned, while their product offerings are slim allowing them to focus on quality, it is also a weakness. Due to this approach, On despite phenomenal products, it became a niche company. The brand name is not recognizable outside the athletic and running communities by everyday consumers, and most would not spend the amount of money on a premium-level shoe. It would have been wise to potentially adopt some form their cloud technology in more everyday streetwear. Another weakness is the company's reliance on external organizations for operations, ranging from retail sales to logistics and warehousing, production, and even marketing. Even with careful auditing and control, there is potential for things to go wrong, and it could damage the brand's reputation. However, at the same time it is the only realistic way that a small company could operate at the international level, and because On chose to pursue this strategy of expansive international sales growth, it has to rely on these networks of suppliers. Looking at the founding team of On, it is a great combination of people, both from a personal and professional perspective. The three men are friends, and each contributed their part and expertise to eventually launch the company and brand known today. Olivier



Bernhard is an ex-professional competitor which created the prototype of the original cloud technology shoe. He offers the insight of what athletes may need in On products and oversees the research and development of the technical performance footwear at the company. David Alleman is the marketing genius behind the company, helping to drive this small unknown brand into international markets and both b2b and direct-to-consumer sales. He is the CFO of the company, also overseeing some supply chains, financing, and digitization of the marketing and sales, a space where On was also one of the first in the industry. Finally, Caspar Coppetti has an expertise in management, and joined in with his friends to found On which he saw as a visionary product not just for running but active footwear as well. He aids with day-to-day operations as well as elements of leadership, brand development, and communication strategies for the firm.

- Q1** What can be the style of the passage?
- (A) Contemplative
(B) Informal
(C) Analytical
(D) Descriptive
- Q2** What is the tone of the passage?
- (A) Critical (B) Enthusiastic
(C) Neutral (D) Negative
- Q3** Which one of the following, if true, would best follow the passage's findings?
- (A) On footwear has not been adopted in everyday streetwear.
(B) On is one of the largest companies in the sneaker industry.
(C) On has adopted a mass-market approach to sales.
(D) On is the only company to use cloud technology in its shoes.

Q4

From the passage, we can infer that the author is in favour of:

- (A) On becoming a large company.
(B) On relying on external organizations for operations.
(C) On's commitment to quality over quantity.
(D) On's customer-centric approach to sales.

- Q5** We can infer all of the following about On, a Swiss based running shoe company, from the passage EXCEPT that:
- (A) The company values innovation in both its products and business practices.
(B) The company is based in Zurich, Switzerland with a staff of approximately 500.
(C) The company has a large product offering and releases new technology frequently.
(D) The company's founders carefully tested and refined their product before releasing it to the market.

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

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Some individual causes can be ignoring boundaries, failure to use self-control, feelings of entitlement, warped personal values, crowd following or even lack of a moral compass. Organizational causes can be a lack of clarity, no ethical leadership or standards, oversimplified rules, lack of positive role models, lack of training, a lack of accountability, no performance incorporation, or even scapegoating. The examples provided are some good points, however, they are just examples, and there can be, and often are combinations of factors that can create a ripple effect for ethical failures within a corporate culture. When there is no ethical



leadership standard, and no positive role models, it creates an environment where people aren't sure what to do. Leaders who have an entitlement view and lack clarity about what ethical leadership provides an atmosphere of justification of entitlement in the organization, often stemmed from unclear expectations from leadership. When a leader lacks a moral direction, and the organization lacks ethical leadership standards, you can end up with a leader whose personal ethics are the basis for ethical conduct, which may be biased for self-gain. When leaders have trouble with ethical boundaries, or lack accountability for ethical behavior it increases the chances of ethical problems for the leader and organization. Why do some managers accused of white-collar crimes know the right thing to do, yet choose otherwise? First it is important to distinguish what white collar crimes are. White collar crimes are generally nonviolent crimes such as fraud, bribery, Ponzi schemes, insider trading, labor racketeering, embezzlement, cybercrime, copyright infringement, money laundering, identity theft, and forgery. We see many leaders that have had ethical misconduct have a combination of issues from individual or personal to organizationally. According to the FBI, white collar crimes cost over \$500 billion annually, this by contrast exceeds personal property crimes estimated annual cost of \$15 billion. Research indicates environmental indicators and cues can push people to behave contrary when faced with ethical choices. White collar misconducts happen when environmental signals and cues are vague. Poorly planned job motivations can be a determinant for white collar crimes, such as offering rewards for short-term profits. To exploit their performance-based compensations, some will evade existing laws. One example was Bradley Birkenfeld, a federal co-operator in the UBS tax fraud case, stating "I was incentivized to do this." Another case

involved Enron, Executive Stock Options Plans (ESOP) which were projected to 'maximize shareholder wealth,' in fact inspired employees to produce immense accounting fraud. It appears depending on how the incentives are created and managed, you can be inviting ethical misconduct, it is important to have incentives that are clear and specific to help drive responsible behavior. Management indifference towards ethics can create an environment that condones legitimizing unethical behavior. One of the biggest accounting scandals, MCI-WorldCom management provided orders to its accountants, to "make the debt go away.", employees modified the books proceeding after those comments. Another example is Siemens management, they used accounting methods to help from \$20 to \$50 million as bribe payments, with one spokesperson stating 'bribery was Siemen's business model. Unethical behavior perceived as harmless is another, such as many stock traders involved in insider trading. To justify the behavior, many tout it is a "victimless crime". A lot of people will also justify actions such as embezzlement as a "one-time event". Salespeople bribing clients feel they're doing their job to put a deal together, while not harming anyone. Aggressive goals without goalposts is another cue for unethical behavior in an organization. Aggressive goals are part of most merit-based environments. It is the directives of management that can have them take on unethical behavior, such as "do what it takes" instructions. The problem begins there, but when management also overlooks questionable or unethical behaviors for the bottom line, it produces an environment of unethical behavior. Goals should be defined with clear limitations to help define what is acceptable and what is not.

Q6 What is the style of the passage?
(A) Descriptive



- (B) Narrative
- (C) Informative
- (D) Expository

Q7 What is the tone of the passage?

- (A) Condemning
- (B) Approving
- (C) Optimistic
- (D) Reverential

Q8 What is the main theme of the passage?

- (A) White collar crimes are always the result of individual factors
- (B) Environmental indicators and cues can contribute to white collar crime
- (C) Unethical behavior in organizations is often a result of a combination of individual and organizational factors
- (D) Management indifference is the main cause of unethical behavior in organizations

Q9 According to the passage, which of the following statements about a lack of ethical leadership standards cannot be inferred?

- (A) It can cause people to be unsure of how to act.
- (B) It can lead to a culture of entitlement in the organization.
- (C) It can result in employees avoiding existing laws.
- (D) It can lead to a greater number of ethical problems.

Q10 Which of the following, if true, would strengthen the argument that white-collar crimes are the result of a combination of individual and organizational factors?

- (A) White-collar crimes are more common in organizations with a weak ethical culture.
- (B) Employees who engage in white-collar crimes usually have a personal moral

code that allows such behavior.

(C) Employees who engage in white-collar crimes are motivated purely by financial gain.

(D) The nature of white-collar crimes makes it difficult to detect and prosecute.

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

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One of the most significant forms of American folklore, which laid the foundation for such musical genres as gospel, blues, and jazz, was the spiritual chants of African Americans. The ancestors of African Americans were forcibly separated from their homes and brought to the United States to work on the plantations of the Old South. Descendants of hundreds of different tribes in Africa brought distinctive musical traditions that were destined to have a global impact on world culture. Spirituals were generally considered religious music, but they carried a much deeper meaning to the people who composed and performed them. African Americans faced severe restrictions even in arts and music. White planters tried to split the communities to prevent riots, and sometimes slaves were forbidden to speak their native language. Music has become a primary way of expressing inner feelings, grief, sorrow, and a sense of oneness with brothers and sisters in distress. It is a story about the strength of the human spirit, pure reverence for ancestors, and faith in the future. Frederick Douglas was born in 1818 in the US state of Maryland into a family of slaves. He despised American slave laws and actively tried to shed light on the terrifying events taking place in the country. Frederick Douglas's lifelong goal was to fight slavery in all its forms, advocate total emancipation, and raise the moral standards of society. He perceived musical creativity as a way of raising



spirits, prosperous fighting for a hopeful future, and a manifestation of cultural pride. Slave owners often did not understand the true meaning of this art and demanded the slaves sing for entertainment. Frederick Douglass documented in his autobiography how compulsory singing oppressed him in childhood and how different it was from singing from the heart. In an endless sense of homesickness and grief over the cruel perspective of the planters, music became an origin of the declaration of Blacks' beliefs and transmissions into the world. Exploring Douglass' work and the history of African American culture requires saving these ideas in mind to better understand the origins of the music and its message to the world. William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was a prominent American historian, sociologist, and public figure. He was born into an impoverished family of farmers, but his extraordinary talents helped him lift himself out of poverty and become the first black graduate of Harvard University. He was the author of numerous books and articles on the history of peoples of African descent and their struggle against racism, slavery, and the slave trade. His works include visions for independence and the development of the prosperous traditions of African culture, stories, and plays about the life of African Americans. In the music, he saw the true feelings of his ancestors, but precisely through the prism of the Christian religion. A serious analysis of spirituals began primarily with the works of Du Bois, his final chapter of *The Souls of the Black Folk*, named *The Sorrow Songs*. He viewed spirituals as anthems of self-determination and an expression of divine religious faith, messaged to God. It is a slightly different approach to the perception of African slave music, more revealing the religious aspect and its background. It is important to comprehend that one of the reasons people voluntarily converted to Christianity was the uncovered parallel in biblical stories with their

real lives. The words were biblical, but the implications and meanings in songs were deeply personal. People could express their inner pain, protests, and the urging sense of the lack of justice. Gradually the Christian faith became the spiritual support of the slaves, which can be traced in the writer's works regarding African American culture. The music of African slaves can be perceived from different angles, focusing on religion or, on the contrary, considering it solely a way to veil the true meaning from tyrants. The principal idea is unshakable: this is a monumental cultural heritage and the commencement of the prosperous crusade for freedom and equality.

- Q11** In the context of the passage, all of the following statements are true EXCEPT:
- (A) African American music has had a global impact on world culture.
 - (B) African American slaves were completely forbidden to speak their native languages.
 - (C) The Christian faith became the spiritual support of the slaves.
 - (D) Music helped African Americans express their inner pain and protests against injustice.
- Q12** Which one of the following scenarios, if false, could be seen as supporting the passage?
- (A) White planters tried to prevent slaves from speaking their native language.
 - (B) African Americans converted to Christianity voluntarily.
 - (C) The music of African slaves was primarily used to veil the true meaning from tyrants.
 - (D) Slave owners understood the true meaning of art and music created by slaves.
- Q13** Which one of the following statements could not be inferred as supporting the



arguments of the passage?

- (A) African Americans embraced Christianity as a way to express their inner pain and feelings.
- (B) Frederick Douglass's lifelong goal was to fight slavery in all its forms.
- (C) The music of African slaves was primarily influenced by European classical music traditions.
- (D) African Americans were able to use music to create a sense of community and solidarity.

Q14 The author of this passage is LEAST likely to support the view that:

- (A) African American spiritual chants were an expression of religious faith.
- (B) Music was used to express innermost thoughts and feelings.
- (C) Music was used as a form of rebellion against oppressive laws.
- (D) African American culture has a deep and significant history.

Q15 Had the passage continued, what the author would have logically discussed next?

- (A) The role of spirituals in the civil rights movement.
- (B) The impact of African American music on modern popular culture.
- (C) The legacy of the African American spirituals.
- (D) The effects of racial segregation on African American music production.

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

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Food security is a developing arena in combating potential terrorism. Governmental authorities are preparing protocols for food and agriculture emergency responders to better manage food contamination incidents. In

2002–3, a disgruntled worker at a Michigan food processing plant contaminated ground beef with potentially lethal amounts of a nicotine containing pesticide. In this incident 124 persons were sickened. The CDC MMWR indicates that the concentration of nicotine in the market ground beef was 300 mg/kg. Nicotine is a dangerous drug. A lethal dose of nicotine is 60 mg to a 150-pound woman. By dividing the 300 mg dosage between the 148 people who were affected, this rate is much lower than the lethal dose, at 2.02 mg. Regardless, this is an estimate based upon these individuals eating the same amount of ground beef, who weigh approximately 150 pounds (NicotineVictims, n.d.). In the Michigan case of nicotine poisoning, if a child was one of the victims, the outcome could definitely have been more severe (CDC, 2003). In a child, a lethal dose is 10 mg (InChem, n.d.). Although 2.03 mg of nicotine is lower than the 10 mg, severe problems will still exist in a child. Symptoms to look for in a nicotine overdose include burning of mouth, lips and throat; nausea; vomiting; dizziness; insomnia; anxiety; fatigue; abdominal pain; excessive salivation tachypnea (rapid breathing); dyspnea (shortness of breath); tachycardia (rapid heartbeat); bradycardia (slow heartbeat); tachyarrhythmia (rapid heartbeat followed by irregular heartbeat); seizures, and death (EPA, n.d.). Although there is no known antidote, there are certain medications that can be administered to counteract the symptoms, such as pain relievers, anti-nausea medications, and eye drops. Additionally, a hospital may oversee respiratory therapy, cardiac observation, and prescribed medication to make the patient feel more comfortable (InChem, n.d.). Furthermore, the doctor may also administer activated charcoal, and pump the patient's stomach in the case of accidental ingestion. For dermal exposure, washing the skin will help deactivate the poisoning (Duldner, 2009). Although the



actual risk of serious ailments with this poisoning were small, it still did make people very ill. However, medical attention should be sought for any overdose. Although nicotine poisoning can be deadly, by seeking immediate medical intervention the patient has a less likely chance of permanent, long-term problems, and death (Duldner, 2009). Nicotine absorbed through skin, lungs, digestive tract, eyes (EPA, n.d.). Lethal dose for adults is 60 mg. and for a child is 10 mg. (InChem, n.d.). Non-life-threatening side effects include burning of mouth, lips and throat; nausea; vomiting; dizziness; insomnia; anxiety; fatigue; abdominal pain; excessive salivation (EPA, n.d.). Life threatening side effects include tachypnea; dyspnea; tachycardia; bradycardia; tachyarrhythmia; death (EPA, n.d.). Chronic conditions include seizures; hypertension; refractory hypotension (EAP, n.d.). Treatment includes pulmonary respiration; digestive decontamination with activated charcoal; cardiac care and monitoring; atropine sulfate to help combat over-salivation and diarrhea; prescription treatments to control cardiac and seizure disorders (EPA, n.d.)

- Q16** Which one of the following sets of words/phrases best serves as keywords to the passage?
- (A) Ground beef, nicotine poisoning, child, antidote
 - (B) Michigan, lethal dose, emergency responders, food contamination
 - (C) Symptoms, antidote, medical intervention, permanent problems
 - (D) Food security, nicotine overdose, medical attention, side effects
- Q17** We can infer all of the following about nicotine poisoning from the passage EXCEPT that:
- (A) Nicotine is a dangerous drug.
 - (B)

Symptoms of a nicotine overdose include burning of mouth, lips and throat, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, insomnia, anxiety, fatigue, abdominal pain, excessive salivation, tachypnea, dyspnea, tachycardia, bradycardia, tachyarrhythmia, seizures, and death.

- (C) Nicotine poisoning can be treated with activated charcoal and pumping the patient's stomach in the case of accidental ingestion.
- (D) Nicotine poisoning incidents are more common than other forms of food contamination.

- Q18** What is the source of the information presented in the passage about nicotine poisoning?
- (A) A government report
 - (B) A peer-reviewed journal article
 - (C) A personal blog
 - (D) A medical website
- Q19** Which one of the following statements best expresses the point being made by the author?
- (A) The symptoms of nicotine poisoning are limited to the digestive tract.
 - (B) The nicotine contamination in Michigan made people seriously ill but not deadly.
 - (C) The risks of serious conditions from nicotine poisoning can be prevented by seeking medical attention.
 - (D) The symptoms of nicotine poisoning can be cured by administering activated charcoal.
- Q20** What is the best title of the passage?
- (A) The dangers of nicotine poisoning and its effects
 - (B) Food security in relation to terrorism
 - (C) The side effects of nicotine exposure
 - (D) The response to a nicotine contamination incident



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

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What if I told you that there's no such thing as an individual action? That every time you eat, walk up the stairs or read a book, you are not the sole agent behind what you are doing, but are engaged in a process of co-creation – as much acted upon as acting? To grasp what I mean here, imagine riding a horse. While I can effortlessly distinguish between myself and a horse, I'm aware that neither I nor the horse alone can produce the action of riding. Riding emerges as a kind of co-action between myself and others, and these others are not limited to the horse: they extend towards the particularities of the terrain, the open space that affords movement, the training that the horse and I have undertaken together, the bridle and saddle, and even the food we have ingested to give us energy. All these agencies and many more collaborate to produce the event of riding. I'm going to suggest that, just like riding, all actions are collective. While this would be close to common sense for a Chinese philosopher of the 'classical period' (roughly 6th to 2nd century BCE), it might seem counterintuitive to those of us raised in Western contexts. There's currently a dominant tendency in what we call 'the West' (the Anglosphere and some parts of Europe) to buy into the myth of individualism: the notion that individuals alone are responsible for their failure or success, that we are self-reliant and independent from each other and the natural world. Basically, that we can do things by ourselves. A prominent manifestation of individualism is the American Dream – which in her book *Cruel Optimism* (2011) Lauren Berlant called a desire that becomes 'an obstacle to your own flourishing'. Individualism promises prosperity and success based on individual effort and merit, but it delivers ideas and conditions that make those

things unattainable for all but a privileged few. Under this ideology, drug addicts are blamed for their weakness, pregnant women who choose not to become mothers are shamed for their recklessness, and the unemployed are condemned for their laziness. Yet in a world where corporations manipulate doctors to overprescribe drugs, where reproductive rights are in retreat, and where jobs are often humiliating, exhausting and poorly paid, individualism has become a cover for those very entities responsible for these grave injustices and inequalities. The performance of an ideology that supposedly benefits the person but brings about the opposite of what was intended – that's the notion of cruel optimism. What happens, though, if we dispense with the individualistic way of framing reality? In parts of contemporary academia, the countervailing notion of relationality has become a prism to rethink both the humanities and the sciences. There is the actor-network theory; Donna Haraway's posthumanism; and Karen Barad's entanglement, among many others. And this is just in the West. Asia has more resources to think through relationality simply because it's been doing it for a longer time. Along with classical Chinese philosophers, I support a form of relational and process metaphysics, which favours flowing interrelations, interconnectedness and interdependence. These concepts can help us think differently about issues that affect our daily lives, reframing agency in terms of our relations and dependencies with others. Much as we can't ride a horse by ourselves, there's nothing in our social and political life that's entirely up to us as individuals. We are co-constituted, co-acted and co-dependent on others – from the air we breathe to the ground that affords our walking. If we start seeing the world like this, it has the potential to make things much better for the many life forms that inhabit this planet.



- Q21** Why cannot we link individual actions to solely individuals?
- (A) Because of the co-dependency of every action every individual take
- (B) Because we always follow the west
- (C) Because it is the most propagated thinking
- (D) Because by this way we connect to something greater than ourselves
- Q22** What is the notion of cruel optimism according to the passage?
- (A) The irony where the worst is wanted but the best is delivered.
- (B) The notion of providing everyone with the best of the resources
- (C) The irony where the best is wanted but the worst is delivered.
- (D) The theory where individualism is considered inferior to collectivism
- Q23** What is the reason for drug addiction according to the author?
- (A) The inability of people to control themselves
- (B) Easily available drugs nowadays
- (C) The popular culture of making drugs as an escape
- (D) The increase in the prescription done by doctors to profit.
- Q24** What is the tone of the passage?
- (A) Sarcastic
- (B) Satirical
- (C) Ironic
- (D) Pessimistic
- Q25** Which of the following statements will strengthen the author's view?
- (A) Individualism has proven to improve performance
- (B) Individualism has been the best strategy for developing countries
- (C) Individualism has led to a few mental diseases as well.

(D) Individualism is the root cause of prosperity.

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

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As parents, we are assailed by injunctions to protect our children, to engage with them creatively, athletically and intellectually, to feed them nutritious food and make them floss their teeth. Even when not being given direct advice, we listen out, comparing ourselves with others, wondering what we're getting right or wrong. Usually, I mind the interference, but during the first COVID-19 lockdown I minded it even more when the voices of teachers and other parents stopped. I found that I didn't want to be left to look after my children without the input of others, so I listened even harder to guides and authorities online, and on the airwaves, all of whom seemed to be doubling down on their sense that they alone had the right vision of childcare ready to dispense. And so, a few weeks into 'home schooling' – a wildly optimistic description of the 10-minute chunks of learning I could persuade my son to do without formal, primary school education structures to aid us – I found myself turning to the search engine instead. Looking for companionship more than advice, I typed 'How to make my child...' I ignored the more extravagant options eagerly thrown my way – 'How to make my child a genius', 'How to make my child successful in life' – in favour of a simple request: 'How to make my child do homework'. I was sceptical about internet advice – surely, we all are – but glad to feel that others had confronted this recalcitrance too. Here were the voices I had missed, just waiting for me to dismiss them and continue to fail in my own way: 'In this article, I will share the secret on motivating your child to not only do homework but also love homework.' The secret, according



to that particular website, is to 'intervene early, like in kindergarten or even before kindergarten.' Don't stand back and let them get on with it. Do the homework with the child! – 'parental involvement is associated with better school performance.' This wasn't going to sustain me for long. But as one day followed another, bringing a soundscape of the Oxfordshire countryside – birdsong, lawnmowers, occasional bursts of shouting from within our house – I was still listening intently for the absent voices. And then one came crashing in, insouciant, peppy, completely different in tone from the other childcare advisors I had read, yet determined to give me childcare advice. I was researching a book about D H Lawrence, and it had turned out that, as well as seeing himself as a religious prophet and a priest of sex, he saw himself as a guide to child-rearing. 'Oh, parents,' Lawrence exhorts us in his short, consciously provocative polemic *Fantasia of the Unconscious* (1922), 'see that your children get their dinners and clean sheets, but don't love them. Don't love them one single grain, and don't let anybody else love them. Give them their dinners and leave them alone. You've already loved them to perdition. Now leave them alone, to find their own way out.' The book I was writing put Lawrence in urgent dialogue with my own life and times, though I wasn't using him as a guru, and I was certainly not here for self-help. Lawrence is too turbulent, too meteoric for that. Instead, Lawrence was both stimulus and provocation. There was an emancipatory quality in reading him, because he never thought about what was expected of him, but examined his own thoughts by a bright, exacting light and took seriously what it might mean to think the opposite. Through all this was his deep immersion in the lives of others: his novelistic ability to observe everyone, from children to animals, closely and vividly, and to see the world as they might.

- Q26** What was the solution the protagonist sought when all other sources did not work well for him?
- (A) He turned to his parents for advice.
 - (B) He went on to search engines and seek advice from there
 - (C) He went on to coaching classes to learn
 - (D) He went ahead with his instincts only.
- Q27** What was the result that the author arrived at by scouring the internet?
- (A) To avoid any contacts with children making them independent.
 - (B) To have very early intervention in the child's life.
 - (C) To try and get in the adolescent part of the kid's life.
 - (D) To engage as less as possible with the child
- Q28** What statement will weaken the view of Lawrence the most?
- (A) Staying away from your kids makes them independent and strong.
 - (B) Estranged kids are seen to have a higher IQ and EQ.
 - (C) Kids with emotionally unavailable parents have shown mental disorders.
 - (D) Children with less interaction with their parents tends to focus on learning skills.
- Q29** What is the meaning of 'emancipatory' in the passage?
- (A) Giving people social or political freedom or rights.
 - (B) Allowing people to have rights
 - (C) Denying people social or political freedom or rights.
 - (D) Granting people rights
- Q30** What is the central idea of the passage?
- (A) Different walks of parenting cultures
 - (B) Rigid Parenting cultures



(C) How much a pandemic changes your parenting?

(D) How to raise a child?



Answer Key

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

Q16 (D)
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Q20 (A)
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Q23 (D)
Q24 (C)
Q25 (C)
Q26 (B)
Q27 (B)
Q28 (C)
Q29 (A)
Q30 (A)



Hints & Solutions

Q1. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks for style of the passage. We need to check in which way the author has presented information and his views in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: Style of the passage is descriptive. The passage provides a detailed description of the On brand and its founders, as well as its strengths and weaknesses. It does not present any specific arguments or make any judgments on the company, but instead focuses on providing an objective overview of the brand, which is why the style of the passage is descriptive.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The author does not contemplate anything through this passage. It just describes about the brand.

Option b: The author is not informal while presenting his writing in the passage. He has not used any informal word, so option b is not correct.

Option c: We do not find any analysis given by the author in the passage. Thus, this is incorrect.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q2. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is tone based question. Here we need to find out what is the attitude or feeling of the author while writing this passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: This option is correct because the passage provides a neutral and objective

description of the On brand. The passage describes the company's history, strengths, and weaknesses in a balanced and unbiased manner, without expressing any particularly positive or negative opinions. The author also describes the company's strengths, such as its focus on innovation and customer-centric approach to sales. However, the author also mentions some weaknesses of the company, such as its slim product offerings and reliance on external organizations for operations. Overall, the passage provides a neutral and informative description of the On brand and its history, without expressing any particularly positive or negative opinions.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This option is not correct because the passage does not express any critical or negative opinions of the On brand. Instead, it provides an overall positive and informative description of the company's history, strengths, and weaknesses.

Option b: This option is not correct because the passage does not express any particular enthusiasm or excitement about the On brand. Instead, it provides a neutral and objective description of the company's history, strengths, and weaknesses.

Option d: This option is not correct because the passage does not express any negative opinions of the On brand. Instead, it provides an overall positive and informative description of the company's history, strengths, and weaknesses. In the passage, the author describes the On brand as a company that has disrupted the sneaker industry with its innovative design and technology.

Trap of the Question:

The trap lies in the elimination of incorrect options. An incorrect elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify



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

Q3. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

We shall search which option if true, would follow the findings or information given in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: On footwear has been not adopted in everyday streetwear. The passage suggests that the company has not yet adopted the everyday streetwear segment, hence the option is true.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: Although it is said that On had disrupted the market, we do not know if it is one of the largest. Rather the passage had also suggested that it has become a niche brand.

Option c: On has not opted for mass-market sales and is perceived as a niche brand. It is only known among athletes.

Option d: Although it is given that On has innovated the cloud technology, we have no information if any other brand uses the technology or not. It may be the case that it has sold the technology to another brand as well. The option is a bit extreme and beyond the scope of the passage, thus option d is not correct.

Trap of the Question:

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Q4. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is inference based question. We need to search out an option which the author supports in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: On's customer-centric approach to sales. This is indicated in the passage in multiple ways, including that their product offerings are slim and that they dedicate resources to their customer-centric approach across thousands of retailers, fitting in with their values of a small company at its roots where every customer matters. In addition, the founding team of On is a great combination of people, both from a personal and professional perspective, which shows a commitment to being customer-centric when launching the company and brand.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: This is not supported by the author as the passage does mention that the company is international and has grown to 5,000 retailers and does not indicate that the author is in favour of them becoming any larger.

Option b: The passage does discuss the company's reliance on external organizations for operations, but does not indicate that the author views this favourably. The author also believes that the company should start the everyday streetwear segment to increase sales. Thus option b is not the answer.

Option c: The passage does discuss the company's commitment to quality over quantity, but does not indicate that the author views this in a favourable light. Thus, it is incorrect.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q5. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is 'except' category question. Here we have to find an option which does not reflect true



information about On, a Swiss based running shoe company.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The company has a large product offering and releases new technology frequently. This is not the case, as stated in the passage, where it says "Unlike competitors which can put out tens of various types of running shoes per year, On only has several, and sometimes waiting to release new technology." Option c is the correct answer because it is the only one that is not mentioned in the passage.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The company values innovation in both its products and business practices. This is stated in the passage, where it says "One of the primary strengths of On is its innovation, which typically goes beyond competitors and can be seen both in its products (the cloud technology) and its business practices (rapid digitization of sales)." This option is not the correct answer as it states that On values innovation in both its products and business practices, which is true according to the passage.

Option b: The company is based in Zurich, Switzerland with a staff of approximately 500. This is also stated in the passage, where it says "The On brand is a Swiss-based running shoe company known to have disrupted the sneaker industry in early 2010s...The company is international but based in Zurich, Switzerland as its main office with company staff of approximately 500." This option is not the correct answer because it states that On is based in Zurich, Switzerland with a staff of approximately 500, which is also true according to the passage.

Option d: The company's founders carefully tested and refined their product before releasing it to the market. This is stated in the passage where it says "upon founding the company, the founders did not put a product right away but worked on a prototype until they

were satisfied with the quality and it had undergone rigorous testing in order to actually fulfill its marketing claims. This shows commitment to their values of being straightforward and customer-oriented." This option is not the correct answer because it states that On's founders carefully tested and refined their product before releasing it to the market, which is also true according to the passage.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q6. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

It asks the style of the author in the passage. The way in which the author has presented information and his views to the readers.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The style of the passage is primarily expository. Expository writing is used to explain and analyze a topic in a clear and organized way. The passage is written in an objective manner and does not contain any narrative elements.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The passage does not include any descriptions of events or characters, or vivid details about a setting, which would indicate a more descriptive style.

Option b: The passage is not written in an informal or conversational tone, as it is not composed of anecdotes or personal stories, which would indicate a narrative style.

Option c: The passage is not written in informative style as the approach of the author is not only providing information.

Trap of the Question:



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

Q7. Text Solution:

Essence of the question :

It is a tone based question. We shall see the attitude or feeling of the author while writing this passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The tone of the passage is predominantly condemning, as it provides examples of ethical misconduct, such as bribery, embezzlement, and insider trading, and details the environmental indicators, managerial indifference, and aggressive goals that lead to unethical behavior. The language used reflects a negative sentiment, such as "lack of accountability", "warped personal values", and "unethical behavior perceived as harmless", and conveys the idea that unethical behavior should not be tolerated. Hence, option a is correct.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: It is incorrect, as the passage does not express approval for any of the unethical behaviors discussed.

Option c: It is not correct, as the passage does not present any optimism, instead it is focused on the consequences of unethical behavior and how to prevent it.

Option d: It is incorrect, as the passage does not present reverence for any of the unethical behaviors discussed.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q8. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us the main topic or subject discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The main theme of the passage is that unethical behavior in organizations is not just caused by individual factors such as ignoring boundaries, lack of self-control, or a lack of moral compass, but is also a result of a combination of organizational factors such as a lack of ethical leadership, oversimplified rules, lack of positive role models, lack of accountability, and lack of clear goals. The passage also mentions how environmental indicators and cues, such as poorly planned job motivations or aggressive goals, can contribute to white collar crime. Hence, option c is correct.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: White collar crimes are always the result of individual factors is not correct because the passage mentions that individual factors and organizational factors both contribute to unethical behavior in organizations.

Option b: Environmental indicators and cues can contribute to white collar crime is only partially correct because while it acknowledges the role of environmental cues, it doesn't mention the combined impact of both individual and organizational factors on unethical behavior.

Option d: Management indifference is the main cause of unethical behavior in organizations is not correct because the passage mentions that management indifference is just one of the many organizational factors that contribute to unethical behavior, and not the main cause.

Trap of the Question:

The trap lies in the elimination of incorrect options. An incorrect elimination may result in selecting an option that either does not justify the given question or is partially or completely



incorrect or contextually beyond the scope of the passage or the question.

Q9. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is an inference based question. We need to check which option does not provide true information on lack of ethical leadership standards, discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The passage mentions that a lack of ethical leadership standards can lead to a leader whose personal ethics are the basis for ethical conduct, which may be biased for self-gain, and that it can increase the chances of ethical problems for the leader and organization. However, there is no mention in the passage that a lack of ethical leadership standards can lead to employees avoiding existing laws. Hence, option c is correct.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: It can be inferred as the passage states that when there is no ethical leadership standard, and no positive role models, "it creates an environment where people aren't sure what to do."

Option b: It can be inferred, as the passage states that when leaders have an entitlement view and lack clarity about what ethical leadership provide an atmosphere of justification of entitlement in the organization.

Option d: This can be inferred, as the passage states that when leaders have trouble with ethical boundaries, or lack accountability for ethical behavior, it increases the chances of ethical problems for the leader and organization.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q10. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a strengthening question. We have to search for an option which will support the argument that white-collar crimes are the result of a combination of individual and organizational factors.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: It is the correct answer because it strengthens the argument that white-collar crimes are the result of a combination of individual and organizational factors. The passage mentions that organizational causes, such as lack of clarity, no ethical leadership or standards, oversimplified rules, lack of positive role models, lack of training, a lack of accountability, no performance incorporation, or even scapegoating, can contribute to ethical failures within a corporate culture. If white-collar crimes are more common in organizations with a weak ethical culture, this further supports the idea that both individual and organizational factors contribute to these crimes.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: It is incorrect because the passage indicates that the combination of individual and organizational factors can lead to ethical misconduct, including white-collar crimes. The passage mentions that leaders who have an entitlement view and lack clarity about what ethical leadership provide an atmosphere of justification of entitlement in the organization, often stemmed from unclear expectations from leadership. It also mentions that when a leader lacks a moral direction, and the organization lacks ethical leadership standards, the leader's personal ethics may be the basis for ethical conduct, which may be biased for self-gain. These examples demonstrate that individual factors, such as ignoring boundaries, lack of self-control, and personal values, can play a role in white-collar crimes.



Option c: This is not correct because the passage suggests that financial gain may be one of the motivators for white-collar crimes, but it is not the only motivator. The passage mentions that poorly planned job motivations, such as offering rewards for short term profits, can be a determinant for white-collar crimes, as some employees may evade existing laws to exploit their performance-based compensations. The passage also mentions that unethical behavior perceived as harmless, such as insider trading, and aggressive goals without goalposts can lead to unethical behavior in an organization.

Option d: It is incorrect because the passage does not mention that the nature of white-collar crimes makes it difficult to detect and prosecute. The passage focuses on the factors that contribute to white-collar crimes and why some managers engage in these crimes, rather than the difficulty of detecting and prosecuting these crimes.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q11. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is 'except' category question. We need to choose an option which will not provide true information about the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The slaves were 'sometimes' forbidden as per the passage. This is an extreme option as it suggests they were 'completely' forbidden to speak in their native language which is not the case.

Explanation for incorrect passages:

Option a: "African American music has had a global impact on world culture", is an inference,

as this is stated in the passage, which reveals that descendants of hundreds of different tribes in Africa brought distinctive musical traditions that were destined to have a global impact on world culture.

Option c: "The Christian faith became the spiritual support of the slaves", is an inference as this is discussed in the passage and it is revealed that one of the reasons people voluntarily converted to Christianity was the uncovered parallel in biblical stories with their real lives, and that gradually the Christian faith became the spiritual support of the slaves, which can be traced in the writer's works regarding African American culture.

Option d: "Music helped African Americans express their inner pain and protests against injustice", is an inference, as this is also discussed in the passage and it is revealed that people could express their inner pain, protests, and the urging sense of the lack of justice, and that music became an origin of the declaration of Blacks' beliefs and transmissions into the world.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q12. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question says that if we falsify given options, which one will support the passage. That means when the given is false, it will support the passage and that will be our answer.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The passage discusses the spiritual chants of African Americans and how they were perceived by Frederick Douglas, William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, and the African



American slaves. It is stated that the slave owners often did not understand the true meaning of this art and demanded the slaves sing for entertainment. Furthermore, Du Bois viewed spirituals as anthems of self-determination and an expression of divine religious faith, messaged to God. It suggests that slave owners understood the true meaning of the art and music created by slaves, which is contrary to the information presented in the passage. As such, this option, if false, would be in support of the passage.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: "White planters tried to prevent slaves from speaking their native language", is not the correct answer, as this is mentioned in the passage and is in support of the passage.

Option b: "African Americans converted to Christianity voluntarily", is not the correct answer, as this is mentioned in the passage and is in support of the passage.

Option (c): "The music of African slaves was primarily used to veil the true meaning from tyrants", is not the correct answer, as this is not mentioned anywhere in the passage.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q13. Text Solution:

Correct answer: C

Essence of the Question:

The question asks which statement cannot be inferred as supporting the arguments presented in the passage about the role and significance of African American music, particularly spirituals, during the time of slavery.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

Option C states that "The music of African slaves was primarily influenced by European

classical music traditions." However, the passage does not mention European classical music as a primary influence on African American music during slavery. Instead, it highlights how African Americans brought distinctive musical traditions from Africa, which evolved into spirituals and other forms of music that were used as expressions of culture, resistance, and community.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

A. This statement can be inferred as supporting the arguments of the passage, as it discusses how African Americans embraced Christianity as a means to express their inner emotions and experiences through music.

B. Frederick Douglas's lifelong goal of fighting slavery aligns with the passage's discussion of African Americans using music as a form of resistance and cultural preservation in the face of oppression.

D. The passage discusses how African American music, including spirituals, fostered a sense of community and solidarity among enslaved individuals, making this statement consistent with the arguments presented.

Trap of the Question:

The candidate might be led to choose option C if they assume that European classical music had a significant influence on African American music during slavery. However, the passage primarily emphasizes the African roots and cultural expressions of African American music during this period, making option C incorrect.

Q14. Text Solution:

Correct answer: C

Essence of the Question:

The question seeks to identify the statement that the author of the passage is least likely to support based on the information provided in the text.

Explanation for the Correct Answer:

Option C suggests that music was primarily used as a form of rebellion against oppressive



laws. While the passage discusses the role of music in expressing inner feelings, grief, sorrow, and solidarity, it does not explicitly emphasize music as a form of rebellion against laws. The passage mainly focuses on the cultural significance and emotional expression of African American music rather than its role in rebellion.

Explanation for Incorrect Answers:

Option A: The passage discusses African American spiritual chants as carrying a deeper meaning beyond religious music, suggesting that the author is likely to support the view that they were an expression of religious faith.

Option B: The passage highlights the role of music in expressing inner feelings and emotions, indicating that the author is likely to support the view that music was used to express innermost thoughts and feelings.

Option D: The passage emphasizes the profound impact of African American culture and music on world culture, indicating that the author is likely to support the view that African American culture has a deep and significant history.

Trap of the Question:

Option C may seem plausible because the passage discusses the challenges faced by African Americans, including severe restrictions even in arts and music. However, the primary focus of the passage is on the cultural and emotional significance of African American music rather than its role as a form of rebellion against laws.

Q15. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us extension of the passage. If the passage is extended, what will be the next lines of the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The passage discusses the spiritual chants of African Americans and how they were perceived by Frederick Douglas, William

Edward Burghardt Du Bois, and the African American slaves. It is also revealed that music has become a primary way of expressing inner feelings, grief, sorrow, and a sense of oneness with brothers and sisters in distress. It is a story about the strength of the human spirit, pure reverence for ancestors, and faith in the future. Therefore, if the passage continued, the author would have logically discussed the role of spirituals in the civil rights movement, as this was a key part of the African American experience and of the spirituals themselves. So, the option a, "The role of spirituals in the civil rights movement." is correct.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: "The impact of African American music on modern popular culture", is not the correct answer, as this is not directly mentioned in the passage and it does not necessarily follow from the discussion.

Option c: "The legacy of the African American spirituals", is not the correct answer, as the author has already discussed this theme in the passage.

Option d: "The effects of racial segregation on African American music production", is not the correct answer, as this is not directly mentioned in the passage and it does not necessarily follow from the discussion.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q16. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

There are some important words mentioned in the passage. We need to find out the most prominent keywords from the given passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:



Option d: Food security, nicotine overdose, medical attention, side effects is the best set of keywords that serves as keywords to the passage. Food security is the main topic of the passage and is discussed in the context of developing protocols for food and agriculture emergency responders to manage food contamination incidents. This refers to the importance of ensuring the safety and security of food supplies to prevent any potential terrorism. The passage then goes on to discuss nicotine overdose, which is a specific type of food contamination incident that was discussed in a case in Michigan. The key aspect of this case is the contamination of ground beef with nicotine, which made many people ill. Medical attention is discussed as being necessary for any overdose and the importance of seeking immediate medical intervention to reduce the likelihood of permanent problems and death. Side effects are also discussed in the passage, including both non-life-threatening and life threatening symptoms, as well as chronic conditions that may result from nicotine poisoning.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Ground beef, nicotine poisoning, child, antidote is not the correct option because although ground beef and nicotine poisoning are mentioned, the child and antidote are not the main focus of the passage. The child is only mentioned in passing as an example of how a nicotine poisoning incident could be more severe and the antidote is not mentioned at all.

Option b: Michigan, lethal dose, emergency responders, food contamination is not the correct option because although Michigan and food contamination are mentioned, lethal dose and emergency responders are not the main focus of the passage. The lethal dose is only mentioned as a reference for the potential severity of the nicotine poisoning incident, and emergency responders are only mentioned in

the context of developing protocols for food and agriculture emergency responders to better manage food contamination incidents.

Option c: Symptoms, antidote, medical intervention, permanent problems is not the correct option because although symptoms and medical intervention are discussed, antidote and permanent problems are not the main focus of the passage. Antidote is not mentioned at all and permanent problems are only discussed in the context of seeking immediate medical intervention to reduce the likelihood of permanent problems and death.

Trap of the Question:

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Q17. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is 'except' category question. We need to search an option which will not show true information about nicotine poisoning discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: It is correct, as the passage does mention anything about how common nicotine poisoning incidents are compared to other forms of food contamination.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Nicotine is indeed a dangerous drug, as stated in the passage. So, it cannot be the answer.

Option b: The passage states that symptoms of a nicotine overdose include burning of mouth, lips and throat, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, insomnia, anxiety, fatigue, abdominal pain, excessive salivation, tachypnea, dyspnea, tachycardia, bradycardia, tachyarrhythmia, seizures, and death. Thus, this is incorrect.



Option c: The passage also states that nicotine poisoning can be treated with activated charcoal and pumping the patient's stomach in the case of accidental ingestion. The passage states that Nicotine poisoning can cause hypertension and refractory hypotension as chronic conditions. It is not correct.

Trap of the Question:

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Q18. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here we need to find out which option reflects the source of the passage or from where this passage has been extracted.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: A medical website – is the correct answer as the information in the passage appears to be from a medical website, as it cites "InChem," "EPA," and "Duldner" as sources of information, all of which are medical or scientific organizations. In conclusion, the information in the passage is from a medical website, as it cites "InChem," "EPA," and "Duldner" as sources of information. The author has gathered information from multiple credible sources and has synthesized it to present a comprehensive overview of nicotine poisoning, its symptoms, causes, treatments, and risks. It is the correct answer.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: A government report – is not correct because there is no mention in the passage of a government report as the source of the information. The author only mentions that "Governmental authorities are preparing protocols for food and agriculture emergency responders to better manage food

contamination incidents." which does not specify the source of information presented.

Option b: A peer-reviewed journal article – is also not correct because there is no mention of a peer-reviewed journal article as the source of information in the passage. The author cites multiple sources throughout the passage including "CDC MMWR," "NicotineVictims," "CDC," "InChem," "EPA," "Duldner," and "EAP." None of these sources are peer-reviewed journal articles, but rather different types of sources, such as websites and government agencies.

Option c: A personal blog – is not correct because the information in the passage appears to be well researched and cites multiple sources, indicating that the information is not from a personal blog but from multiple credible sources.

Trap of the Question:

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Q19. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

Here we need to find out the main point or matter mentioned by the author in the passage. For this we shall analyze the author's views.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: "The nicotine contamination in Michigan made people seriously ill but not deadly." best expresses the point being made by the author. The author mentions that the actual risk of serious ailments with the nicotine poisoning was small, but it still made people very ill. The author also mentions that nicotine can be deadly, but by seeking immediate medical intervention, the patient has a less



likely chance of permanent long-term problems and death. It is the right answer.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: "The symptoms of nicotine poisoning are limited to the digestive tract." is not correct as the author mentions that nicotine can be absorbed through skin, lungs, digestive tract, and eyes. The symptoms mentioned include burning of mouth, lips, and throat, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and so on, which are not limited to the digestive tract.

Option c: "The risks of serious conditions from nicotine poisoning can be prevented by seeking medical attention." is correct but does not fully express the point being made by the author. The author mentions that seeking immediate medical attention can reduce the chances of permanent long term problems and death, but the author does not mention that the risks of serious conditions can be prevented by seeking medical attention.

Option d: "The symptoms of nicotine poisoning can be cured by administering activated charcoal." is not correct as the author mentions that activated charcoal can be used in case of accidental ingestion, but the author does not mention that it can cure the symptoms of nicotine poisoning. The author mentions that there are certain medications that can be administered to counteract the symptoms and a hospital may oversee respiratory therapy, cardiac observation, and prescribed medication to make the patient feel more comfortable, but not cure the symptoms.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q20. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

On the basis of the information, mentioned in the passage, we have to choose an appropriate title for the passage. The name which will reflect what could be the content of the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The dangers of nicotine poisoning and its effects. The passage primarily focuses on the dangers of nicotine exposure and the symptoms and effects of nicotine poisoning. The introduction mentions that food security is a developing area in relation to terrorism, but the majority of the passage is dedicated to the dangers of nicotine exposure, lethal doses, and symptoms to look for in a nicotine overdose. The treatments and response to a nicotine contamination incident are also discussed, but they are secondary to the focus on the dangers of nicotine exposure.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: Food security in relation to terrorism is not correct because while the introduction mentions food security in relation to terrorism, it is not the main focus of the passage and only serves as a background for the discussion on nicotine exposure.

Option c: The side effects of nicotine exposure is not correct because the passage mentions not only the side effects, but also the dangers and symptoms of nicotine poisoning, lethal doses, and the response to a nicotine contamination incident. The title does not accurately capture the breadth of the information presented in the passage.

Option d: The response to a nicotine contamination incident is not correct because while the response to a nicotine contamination incident is discussed, it is not the main focus of the passage and is secondary to the discussion on the dangers and symptoms of nicotine exposure and poisoning. Additionally, the response is discussed in the context of the dangers and effects of nicotine exposure,



making it a smaller part of the overall discussion on nicotine exposure.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q21. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a topic based question. We shall analyze the content of the passage and then select an option which shows reason why we cannot link individual actions to solely individuals.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: Because of the co-dependency of every action every individual take. This option is correct because the passage argues that every action we take is a result of a process of co-creation and co-dependency. The author uses the example of riding a horse to illustrate this point and suggests that all actions are collective.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: Because we always follow the west
This option is incorrect because the passage does not suggest that we cannot link individual actions to solely individuals because we always follow the West. While the passage does mention that there is a dominant tendency in Western contexts to buy into the myth of individualism, this is not the reason why individual actions cannot be linked solely to individuals.

Option c: Because it is the most propagated thinking
This option is incorrect because the passage does not suggest that individual actions cannot be linked solely to individuals because it is the most propagated thinking. While the passage does mention that individualism is a dominant ideology in Western

contexts, this is not the reason why individual actions cannot be linked solely to individuals.

Option d: Because by this way we connect to something greater than ourselves. This option is incorrect because the passage does not suggest that we cannot link individual actions to solely individuals because by doing so we connect to something greater than ourselves. While the passage does suggest that thinking in terms of co-dependency and interconnectedness can help us connect to others and the world around us, this is not the reason why individual actions cannot be linked solely to individuals.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q22. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

We shall search for an option which will represent cruel optimism discussed in the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The irony where the best is wanted but the worst is delivered. – Correct. According to the passage, cruel optimism is a desire that becomes "an obstacle to your own flourishing." It promises prosperity and success based on individual effort and merit, but instead delivers ideas and conditions that make those things unattainable for all but a privileged few.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The irony where the worst is wanted but the best is delivered. – Incorrect. The passage describes cruel optimism as a notion that promises prosperity and success based on individual effort and merit, but delivers ideas and conditions that make those things unattainable for all but a privileged few.



Option b: The notion of providing everyone with the best of the resources. – Incorrect. The passage does not mention anything about providing everyone with the best resources.

Option d: The theory where individualism is considered inferior to collectivism. – Incorrect. The passage discusses the dominant tendency in the West to buy into the myth of individualism, but it does not say that individualism is inferior to collectivism.

Trap of the Question:

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

Q23. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This asks the reason for drug addiction according to the author. For this we need to analyze the information discussed in the passage about drug addiction.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option d: The increase in the prescription done by doctors to profit – This option is supported by the passage. The author suggests that corporations manipulate doctors to overprescribe drugs, which contributes to the grave injustices and inequalities in society. Therefore, this is the correct answer.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The inability of people to control themselves – This option is not supported by the passage. The author does not suggest that drug addiction is solely caused by an individual's lack of self-control.

Option b: Easily available drugs nowadays – This option is not supported by the passage. The author does not mention the availability of drugs as a reason for drug addiction.

Option c: The popular culture of making drugs as an escape – This option is not supported by

the passage. The author does not suggest that drug addiction is a result of popular culture promoting drug use as an escape.

Trap of the Question:

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Q24. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a tone based question. We shall find out what is the attitude or feeling of the author while writing this passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The tone of the passage is ironic. The author is pointing out the irony in the Western ideology of individualism, which promises success and prosperity based on individual effort but delivers the opposite for most people. Therefore, the correct answer is: Ironic.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Author does not want to hurt someone's feelings or want to say opposite of what is written. Thus this option is not correct.

Option b: Author does not seem to negative throughout the passage. So, it is incorrect.

Option d: We do not find any criticism in the passage mentioned by the author. Thus, this is not correct.

Trap of the Question:

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Q25. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is strengthening question. We need to choose an option which will support the author's views in the given passage.



Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: The option "Individualism has led to a few mental diseases as well" is correct, as the author suggests that individualism has become a cover for entities responsible for social injustices and inequalities that can harm mental health.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: The passage argues against individualism and emphasizes the importance of relationality, interconnectedness, and interdependence. The author criticizes the dominant tendency in the West to buy into the myth of individualism, which is believed to be responsible for many social injustices and inequalities. Therefore, the option "a" is incorrect,

Option b: It is also incorrect, as the author does not discuss the impact of individualism on the development of countries.

Option d: It is incorrect, as the author does not claim that individualism is the cause of prosperity.

Trap of the Question:

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Q26. Text Solution:**Essence of the question:**

Here we need to find out the solution the protagonist sought when all other sources did not work well for him. For this proper understanding of the passage is required.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The solution the protagonist sought when all other sources did not work well for him was to turn to search engines and seek advice from there. This is supported by the following sentence from the passage: "I found myself

turning to the search engine instead." Thus this is the correct answer.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: It is incorrect because there is no mention in the passage of the protagonist seeking advice from their parents.

Option c: This is incorrect because there is no mention in the passage of the protagonist attending coaching classes.

Option d: It is incorrect because the passage suggests that the protagonist was actively seeking advice and guidance from various sources, including online guides and D H Lawrence's writing.

Trap of the Question:

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Q27. Text Solution:**Essence of the question:**

This is a topic based question. It asks the result on which the author has arrived, by scouring the internet. For this analysis of the given content on the internet is required.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option b: The result that the author arrived at by scouring the internet was to have very early intervention in the child's life. This is evident from the following excerpt: "The secret, according to that particular website, is to 'intervene early, like in kindergarten or even before kindergarten."

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a: Don't stand back and let them get on with it. Do the homework with the child!" The passage does not suggest avoiding any contact with children or engaging as little as possible with the child. So it is incorrect.

Option b: "To try and get in the adolescent part of the kid's life" is also incorrect as the passage does not mention anything about adolescence.



Option d: Author does not mention that we should engage less with children. So, it is not correct.

Trap of the Question:

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Q28. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a weakening question. We need to select an option which does not support the view of Lawrence.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option c: It weakens Lawrence's view by presenting evidence that contradicts his claim. The passage does not describe Lawrence presenting any evidence or research to support his view on child rearing. In fact, the author seems to be critical of Lawrence's view, describing it as provocative and not something she would follow herself. Therefore, option (c) weakens Lawrence's view the most.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option a & b: The passage describes how the author turned to the internet for guidance on parenting during the COVID-19 lockdown and eventually found the writings of D.H. Lawrence, who advised parents not to love their children and to let them find their own way out. The passage does not mention anything about staying away from children making them independent and strong or estranged children having a higher IQ and EQ, so options (a) and (b) can be eliminated.

Option d: that children with less interaction with their parents tend to focus on learning skills, is not supported by the passage. The author's search for guidance on how to motivate her child to do homework suggests that the child was not focusing on learning skills.

Trap of the Question:

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Q29. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This is a simple question, where we have to search the meaning of the given word, in the context of the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:

Option a: The passage mentions that reading D.H. Lawrence had an "emancipatory quality" because he examined his own thoughts and took seriously what it might mean to think the opposite. Based on this context, it can be inferred that the term "emancipatory" means giving people social or political freedom or rights.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

The other options can be rejected because they are not supported by the passage. The passage does not mention anything about allowing or granting people rights or denying them social or political freedom. They are not related to emancipatory in context of the passage.

Trap of the Question:

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Q30. Text Solution:

Essence of the question:

This question asks us the main or core idea of the passage, which the author wants to discuss through the passage.

Explanation for the correct answer:



Option a: The central idea of the passage is "Different walks of parenting cultures". The passage discusses the various pressures and expectations that parents face in raising their children, particularly during the COVID-19 lockdown. It also explores the different approaches and advice available online, including the contradictory views of D.H. Lawrence on child - rearing. Thus, it is the correct answer.

Explanation for incorrect answers:

Option b: The passage does not focus on "rigid parenting cultures" and we need to the main focus of the author, so this cannot be the answer.

Option c: The impact of the pandemic on parenting is mentioned, but it is not the main focus of the passage. Thus, it is incorrect.

Option d: Author has discussed "how to raise a child" in general, and also discussed the diversity of opinions and influences on parenting. It is not the main point.

Trap of the Question:

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